

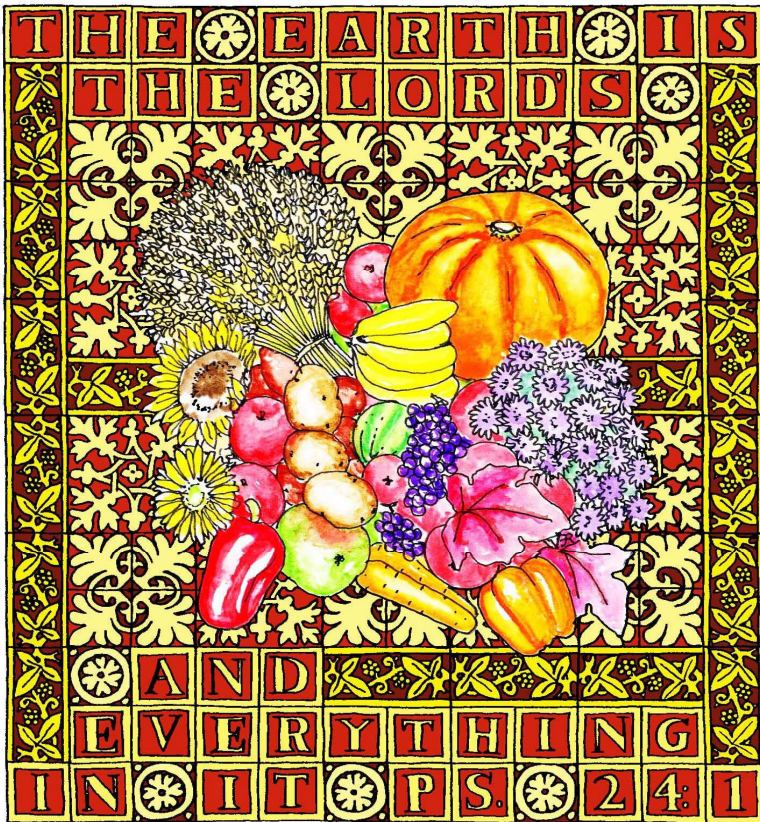
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September 2023

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For baptisms, marriages or funerals or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact the Wardens on 07553 258674 or stgeorge.wardens@yahoo.com.

Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, please contact Chris Crabtree on 07714235736 or

Friends

The divine Gardener

This is the time of year for many churches, including ours, to hold their Harvest Festival services. No doubt, there will be displays of food, some grown in local gardens. While gardeners have pleasure growing fruit and vegetables, it can be hard work tending to them.

Jesus knew about the care given to vines. In John 15:1-8 Jesus compared Himself to a vine and referred to God as the gardener. In this parable, God is responsible for pruning the vine. He sees what parts are useful, and what parts useless. The unproductive parts are cut away, so that growth is encouraged. Jesus is telling us that God will prune our lives, not to harm us, but to encourage our spiritual growth.

God's pruning cuts away wrong attitudes and wasteful behaviour, all of which serve no useful purpose in our lives. This pruning is required so that we become more fruitful. And the fruit God wants is love, joy, patience etc. (see Galatians 5:22-23) These holy qualities are intended to influence the world to change it from the bad to all that is good.

To encourage its growth, a vine has regularly to be cut back. The effect looks drastic, but it is still essential. When God cuts away the dead wood in our lives, He does it because He knows how our lives can grow. The pruning knives are in the hands of our Father God who only desires the best for us. This pruning process can be painful, but Jesus says that it is vital if the Holy Spirit is to flow through us to produce the fruit that God wants.

Also in this parable, Jesus said He was the Vine, and we are the branches. We have no existence apart from Jesus. We can do nothing for God on our own and must be joined to Jesus. In the same way a vine utilises the life-giving sap to flow into the branches, so we need the Holy Spirit to flow His life into us. It is only by us remaining in Jesus, that He can give us the inner resources for an effective fruit-producing life.

Jesus said, '*Abide in Me*' (John 15:4 King James Version). Abiding speaks of sustenance, being upheld and supported, enduring and withstanding. So, if we are to reap a harvest of holiness, may we be prepared for God's pruning, and continue to abide in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

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Service Details

Sundays

10.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns and Junior Church
every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday in the month.

10.30am Worship for All - a simple Sunday service for everyone
of all ages, including Holy Communion,
every 4th Sunday in the month

**For baptisms, weddings, funerals and all other enquiries please contact
the Wardens, Gillian and Val on email: stgeorge.wardens@yahoo.com**

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Reversion to pre Covid 19 Measures

**A reminder that we have reverted to pre covid measures and returned
to passing round the offertory plate and kneeling at the altar rail
during communion. There is still no obligation to take the wine, please
feel free to refuse—the eucharistic assistants will take your lead.**

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Prayer for September 2023

Dear Father in heaven,

September is a time of change, a change of season, changes in many areas of our lives
as a new term begins and new opportunities present themselves. It can be a time of
challenge and uncertainty for many of us as well as excitement.

Thank you Lord, that You never change, Your promises never change, Your Holy-Spirit
inspired Word never changes. You are constant and rock-solid, always.

Help us to remember that You make all things new when we put our trust in Jesus, You
give us new life and new ways of understanding, but help us also to remember that You
never contradict Your revealed self. Help us always to check out our thinking with what
You say in Your Word. Help us to be faithful to You as we take each step forward, each
new day.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

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“ A Grateful Thanks”

So, the ex-vicar’s wife has been at it again
Putting pen to paper - no need to explain.
Writing down words so they can be seen
In our very own Church magazine.

Words ... thought provoking, funny and true,
Stirring up memories, some old and some new,
Posing those questions we think but don’t ask
Because finding the answer is a difficult task!

Slipping in ‘nuggets’ that just make us smile,
And others that make us ponder a while.
How on earth does she do it, time after time
Making reading so easy by writing in rhyme?

Please keep on jotting all those words down
To help us all keep that upside down frown,
And so, IRENE BRIERLEY, just one thing to do,
That’s to send you good wishes and a
“BIG THANK YOU!!”

A. Nonny-Muss
August 2023

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Love is the only force capable of transforming an
enemy into a friend.

Martin Luther King



PARISH EMAIL NEWSLETTER

To help us keep in touch we have a weekly email parish newsletter with bible readings and prayers for Sundays, information, updates, activities for Junior Church and announcements

If you don't already receive the e-newsletter and would like to, please email the wardens on stgeorge.wardens@yahoo.com send your email address by text or WhatsApp to the wardens or sign up via our church Facebook page or website.



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Readings and Psalms for September 2023

Sun 3rd	13th Sunday after Trinity	10.30	Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8; Romans 12.9-end;
Tues 5 th	10.30	No service	
Sun 10th	14th Sunday after Trinity	10.30	Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-
Tues 12 th	10.30	No service	
Sun 17th	15th Sunday after Trinity	10.30	Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.1-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35
Tues 19 th	10.30	No service	
Sun 24th	16th Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Thanksgiving	10.30	Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Luke 12.16-30 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 26 th	10.30	No service	



"Er... vicar – does the church have a position on the donation of GM vegetables for the Harvest Festival?"

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Some dates for your diary - September 2023

Fri	1st	11.30 a.m - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	3rd	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	4th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Wed	6th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
		6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	7th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	9th	Heritage Open Weekend, St George's Church, Mossley	
Sun	10th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		Heritage Open Weekend, St George's Church, Mossley	
Mon	11th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Wed	13th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
		6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m, - 9 p.m.	Informal prayer, meditation and praise at St John the Baptist, Roughtown, Mossley
Thurs	14th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Welcome Service for Rev Denise Owen
Fri	15th	11.30 a.m - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	17th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	18th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Wed	20th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
		6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	21st	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.	Charity Music Event in aid of Alzheimer's Society at Albion Church—see advert
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	24th	10.30 a.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving Parish Eucharist
		12.00 p.m.	Harvest Bring and Share Lunch
Mon	25th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Wed	27th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
		6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	28th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	30th	7.30 p.m.	Quiz Night

For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk



CHARITY MUSIC Event

'Musical Memories'

Supporting World Alzheimer's Day



21ST SEPT 2023

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2pm start until 4.30

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Come and join us for a fabulous afternoon making
memories and having a good old singalong

In Aid of the



Welcome Service for Revd Denise Owen

The welcome service for our new vicar, Revd Denise Owen, will take place on **Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**

We will be joined by parishioners from St George's Mossley and St John's Roughtown as Denise is being appointed to all three churches.

This promises to be a joyous occasion after our long wait for a new vicar and we hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend to support Denise as she embarks on this next step in her ministry.



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Feel the tug

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is? One Christian put it this way: "I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. "I'm flying my kite," he replied.

The man replied: "What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can't see a thing."

The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, "but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!"

When it comes to God, you don't need to take anyone else's word for it. You can find Him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know, by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings, that though you can't see Him, He is up there, and that He lives in you. You are connected!

St George's News

200 Club

August winners

1st prize £25 no39 Val Fallows; 2nd prize £15 no54 Alicia Harris;
3rd prize £10 no66 Ivan Foster

Thank you for your continued support of the 200 Club. If you would like to join the 200 Club please speak to Rose. There are still some numbers available and the cost is £12 per number you hold for the full year.

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Table Top Sale

We will be holding a Table-top Sale on Saturday 7th October from 11am until 2 pm and we are now taking bookings. The cost is £10 per table or £15 for 2 tables together. Please note that we will not be providing table cloths, however you are welcome to bring your own. If you would like to book, please contact Chris Crabtree at chrisdave@live.co.uk.

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Did you know

... that you can hire the Church Lounge and the Upstairs Hall? The cost is £50 per session, morning, afternoon or evening per area. Downstairs includes the lounge, creche and kitchen or upstairs which includes the large hall and kitchenette.

If you would like more information please contact Janet Vidler on 0776 358 3278

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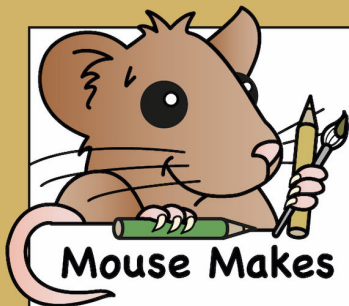


Just a reminder that we are still accepting donations for The Swan Project at Tameside Hospital. The project is looking for charitable donations of hotel toiletries for families who are having to stay with their loved ones and for patients themselves, drawstring toiletry bags, crocheted blankets, items for memory boxes, Small knitted hearts, Small crocheted blankets, Balsa wood angels, holding crosses and hearts. Any donations can be brought to church and given to either Rose or Alicia.

We are also collecting used postage stamps for Willow Wood Hospice. Please bring these to church and give to Rose.

Thank you

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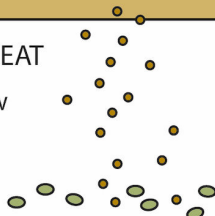


Mouse Makes

THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

What did the enemy sow amongst the wheat?

Matthew 13:25



READ

the parable in

Matthew 13 v24-30, and v36-43

At harvest time the weeds are gathered, bundled then

but the wheat is stored in the

Matthew 13:30

Who sows the good seed?

Matthew 13:37

What does the field represent?

the _____ and who is the good seed?

The people of the

Matthew 13:38

Who sows the weeds?

The _____

Who are the harvesters?

The _____
Matthew 13:39

"He who has ears, let him

_____ "

Matthew 13:43

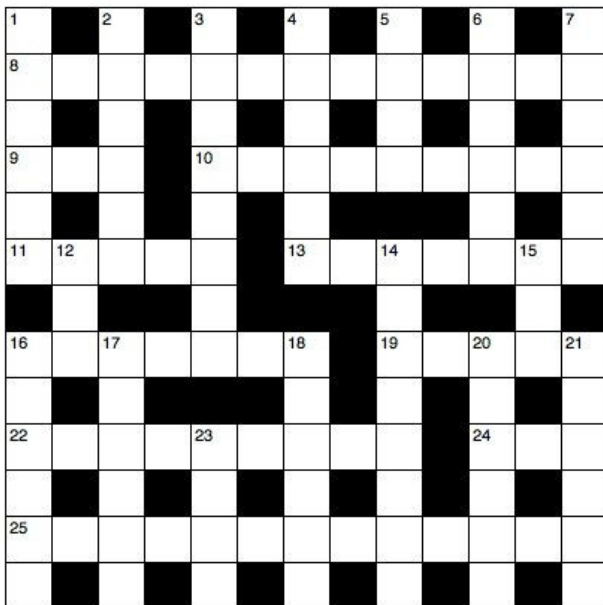


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Find the words from the questions too!

September Crossword



Across

8. Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6),
 9. One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3), 10. Uncomfortable (3,2,4), 11. 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5), 13. Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7), 16. 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7), 19. Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5), 22. Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9), 24 and 2 Down. 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6), 25. There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

1. Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6), 2. See 24 Across, 3. Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8), 4. Lo, mash (anag.) (6), 5. The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4), 6. 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6), 7. Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6), 12. 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3), 14. Second city of Cyprus (8), 15. United Nations Association (1,1,1), 16. One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6), 17. Braved (anag.) (6), 18. — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6), 20. 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6), 21. 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6), 23. What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)



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New members always welcome

Contact manager for further info on
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What's going on at St George's?

Cleaning Team

We desperately need more volunteers for the cleaning team - you don't have to commit to every week, every bit of help will be welcomed. Please speak to Rose for details.



If your group or organisation needs storage space, please have a chat with Rose.



Maintenance Team

If you would like to be a part of the maintenance team please have a chat with either Ted or Ian, or simply call into Church on a Tuesday morning. It doesn't matter if you are a long-standing member, or a newbie, your help is valued. Likewise if you are not able to help on a regular basis, any time you can give will be appreciated.



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Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn	. . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn	. . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn	. . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn	. . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn	. . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn	. . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn	. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn	. . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn	. . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn	. . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn	. . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn	. . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn	. . .	He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph	. . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	. . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph	. . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	. . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph	. . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

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August Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 8, Prince of Peace. 9, INF. 10, Unmarried. 11, Gulag. 13, Treason. 16, In aid of. 19, Arena. 22, Calvinist. 24, Pad. 25, Moses and Aaron.

DOWN: 1, Spring. 2, Sinful. 3, Scourged. 4, Commit. 5, Spur. 6, Matins. 7, Feed on. 12, Urn. 14, Erastian, 15, Own. 16, Income. 17, At last. 18, Friend. 20, Empire. 21, Adding. 23, Inst.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Sep	Thomas Martin	1974	22 Sep	Graham Brown	1936
	Freda Butler	2010	23 Sep	Harold Barnfield	1992
2 Sep	Ida Mawdsley	1998		Mary Louise Harris	1975
	Mabel Ethel Shaw	1988		Edith Jubb	1992
4 Sep	Eric Clegg	1993		Peter Barratt	2011
5 Sep	Betty Denby	1963	24 Sep	Harry Mitchell Lister	1929
	Ruth Sutton	1997		George Ronald Scott	1979
	Norman Dawson	1985	26 Sep	Mary Williams	2012
7 Sep	George Sayce	1985	28 Sep	Alma Cuttle	1985
	Mary Sidebottom	1987		Mary Jane Higgins	2005
8 Sep	Harold Thwaites	1957		Raymond Peter Redfern	2007
9 Sep	William Grimshaw	1974		Janet MacKenzie	2014
10 Sep	Boris Buckley	2006	29 Sep	Harry Rawsterne	2009
12 Sep	Graham Brown	2021	30 Sep	Reginald Aldred	1998
19 Sep	Joseph Alun Davies	2012			
21 Sep	Joseph Wynne Bithell	2013			
	Arthur Shaw Castle	1995			

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Interment of Ashes

13th August

Jason Neville Kershaw



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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens.

The cost for the inscription is £10 per entry

TAMESIDE (S.A.S) GROUP

Stroke Awareness Support Group

Affiliated to the Stroke Association

We are a social group for all who have survived a stroke,
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We meet on:

Wednesday

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at The Pavilion, Dukinfield Park

Our aim is to enjoy life, no matter what and have fun and socialise.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

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