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'The Lord will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.'

*Do not fear,
for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name,
you are mine.*

*'My steadfast love
shall not depart
from you.'*

*'God loved the world
so much that he gave
his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him
shall not perish but have
eternal life.'*

*For everyone who asks
will receive, and everyone
who searches will find,
and for everyone
who knocks, the door
will be opened*

*And
remember,
I am with you
always, to the
end of the
age.'*

October 2023

St George's Church Stalybridge

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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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Hello! I'm your new vicar Revd Denise Owen. I'm sure you all know that I was licensed on September 14th in a really beautiful service. So first of all, a big 'Thank You' to everyone who organised the licensing, took part, provided the refreshments and did anything else to make the evening so special. Another 'Thank You' to everyone who has given a welcome card or gift. I'm so grateful to you all.

I've had such a warm welcome into the churches and met so many lovely people already, I feel very blessed to be ministering to and with you.

Now, you may notice that I wrote *with* as well as *to* in that last sentence, because that's incredibly important for us all to remember. As Christians and disciples of Christ we all have a vocation and ministry, even if we may be a little bit wary of saying, or even acknowledging those words. I happen to have a vocation which means I'm ordained, and can wear the clerical collar and vestments. I have the huge privilege of presiding at the Eucharist, and leading the churches in various ways. This is a great joy to me, but the other great joy is, of course, to know that I don't do those things alone. You are also part of what God is calling our churches to do, and I think what God is calling us to do is fairly simple, to share God's love with the people around us. We do this through service, through caring for others, and by telling people that God loves them. Easy to write, perhaps less easy to do in our everyday lives! You'll be hearing more about this in the months to come...

For now, I'm trying to visit the groups that meet in the churches so that people get to know me, and I get to know them and you. I'm also trying to set a pattern of praying Morning Prayer in the churches, but at the moment there's no settled pattern for this. I hope eventually there will be, and that you may want to join me to pray for the Church and the world and those in need. Prayer is fundamental to all we do as Christians and the church.

In the meantime, if you see me walking around please do say 'Hello' and have a chat, I won't bite... unlike my cat Larry who may also be writing to you in this magazine.

Please ignore his pleas for Dreamies!

Yours in Christ,
Revd Denise

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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

Tuesdays - recommencing 10th October 2023

10.30am Holy Communion

**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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Thanks to technology, replacing the worn-out hymn books didn't cost a penny

A NEW MINISTRY

Our new vicar's come to stay,
(Churchwardens shout a loud 'hooray!').
A time to build upon the past,
Which things should go and what should last?
She will have charge of churches - three,
(So say those earthly 'powers that be!').
A task to daunt the strongest soul,
(How do you cope with such a role?).
But God has called her to this place,
Will give her strength each day to face
The challenges - that round us dwell,
(This ministry is ours as well!).
Terrain itself is tough enough,
(These hills can leave you short of puff!).
Schools and souls to tend and teach,
Parish tasks plus wide outreach.
The Diocese – it's forms galore,
Synods, Chapters and lots more!
PCCs - times three - oh my!!
(The patience of a saint would try!!!).
There's much to learn - it will take time,
(Like everything which is sublime!).
But we from t'Bridge - and Mossley, too
Will help with what she needs to do.
And so, Denise, we want to say
Be happy here - and may each day
Bring joy - as well as mundane stuff,
(Of that - we know there'll be enough!).
We're glad you're here - that's oh so true!
With love and prayers - we welcome you.

Irene Brierley
September 2023

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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 October 2023

- Sun 1st** **17th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 **Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-end; Psalm 25.1-8; Philippians 2.1**
- Tues 5th 10.30 No service
- Sun 8th** **18th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 **Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.9-17; Philippians 3.4b-14;**
- Tues 10th 10.30 Jonah 3; Psalm 130; Luke 10.38-end
- Sun 15th** **19th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 **Isaiah 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14**
- Tues 17th 10.30 Romans 1.16-25; Psalm 19.1-4; Luke 11.37-41
- Sun 22nd** **20th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 **Isaiah 45.1-7; Matthew 22.15-22**
Worship For All
- Tues 24th 10.30 Romans 5.12,15,17-end; Psalm 40.7-12; Luke 12.35-38
- Sun 29th** **Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday**
10.30 **Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12; Psalm 119.9-16; Colossians 3.12-17; Matthew 24.30-35**
- Tues 31st 10.30 Romans 8.18-25; Psalm 126; Luke 13.18-21

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Some dates for your diary - October 2023

Sun 1st	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon 2nd	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Wed 4th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
	7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs 5th	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
Fri 6th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sat 7th	11.00 am - 2 pm	Table -Top Sale
Sun 8th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon 9th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues 10th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed 11th	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 12th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
Fri 13th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun 15th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon 16th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues 17th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed 18th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
	7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs 19th	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
Fri 20th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun 22nd	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Tues 24th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs 26th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
Sat 28th	7.30 p.m.,	Race Night
Sun 29th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon 30th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues 31st	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

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

Please welcome our newest contributor—Larry!



Dear Everyfur,

Hello! It's me Larry! This photo shows me with my favourite toy, a feather on a string. I live in the vicarage with my mummy, Revd Denise. I think she's your vicar and I think that means she helps you love Jesus and learn more about him. I love Jesus too! Did you know God made all of us creatures? Even dogs! I like to come and sit on my mummy's knee when she is praying (praying means she is talking to Jesus), and I like to join in with my own

meows of praise. Mummy says that all creation praises God and reflects God's beauty and goodness. I definitely reflect God's beauty because I am the handsomest cat ever! (Other cat carers may have a different opinion). I love God, I love my mummy and I love Dreamies. Dreamies are a special cat treat. Mummy is very mean with them and I can only really have them on a Sunday, because mummy says Sunday is the most special day of the week, so we can celebrate.

Do you celebrate sometimes? Mummy says God's love and forgiveness is worth celebrating every day. Do you say 'Thank You' to God every day? I have lots of things to say thank you for. Do you? I say 'Thank you' for my cosy home and for my food and for my toys and for my mummy and especially for those delicious Dreamies...

That's all from me for now.

Larry T Catte

Sunday 29th October - Bible Sunday

At the recent coronation the King was given a Bible with the words *'the most valuable thing that this world affords'*. As Bible Sunday is celebrated this month, let's ask why we should read the Bible?

The Bible isn't a single book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over 1500 years in a range of styles including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking the end times). Despite having a number of different writers, it claims one authority - God Himself! *'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work'* (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is inspired (*'the word of God in the words of men'*) and equips us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us when we read: *'when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth'* (John 16:13).

How should we read the Bible? Let's consider the following guidelines:

Right time: We need a regular routine, which will meet our needs. This will vary according to our circumstances e.g. a mum at home with young children, somebody with a demanding job or a retired person.

Right Place: We need to find a space where we can be undisturbed (e.g. lounge, bedroom, train or kitchen).

Right Version: We need a version of the Bible which we can readily understand and use. A number of versions are available (e.g. NIV, The Message), as well as Bible apps we can access on our phone.

Right Help: Reading notes also help us to understand a passage and apply it to our lives.

Let's get reading!!

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St George's News

200 Club

September winners

1st prize £25 no 21 Tim Hayward; 2nd prize £15 no 32 Karen Watkins;
3rd prize £10 no 74 Janet Fielding

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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There's still time

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 Jean McManus on 0161 339 1394

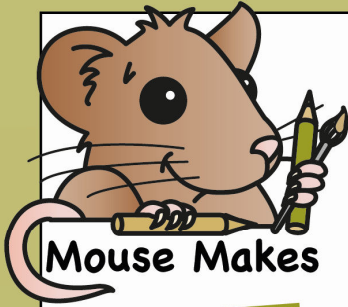
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Just a reminder that we are still accepting donations for The Swan Project at Tameside Hospital. The project is looking for charitable donations of hotel toiletries for families who are having to stay with their loved ones and for patients themselves, 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.

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Mouse Makes

CONNECT THE BIBLE FOOD PAIRS

MANNA	HONEY
OIL	WINE
WATER	FISH
LOCUSTS	QUAIL
LOAVES	FLOUR



1 Kings 17:14



What food did the ravens feed Elijah?

_____ and _____

1 Kings 17:6



What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?

_____ and _____
Matthew 3:4

What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?

Five _____ and two _____
John 6:9

What drink ran out at the wedding?

_____ and what did Jesus use to make more?

John 2:3 and 7

FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

NBO TIBMM OPU
MJWF PO CSFBE
BMPOF, CVU PO
FWFSZ XPSE UIBU
DPNFT GSPN UIF
NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4

DID YOU KNOW?

As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.

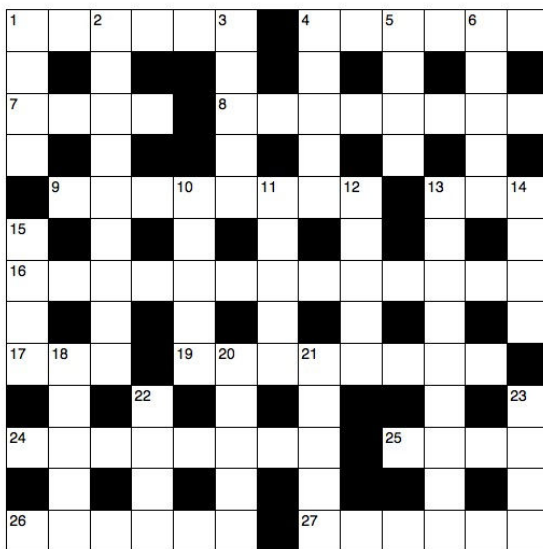
READ Genesis 19 v15-26

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M U S T A R D E I H D A T E S
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Find the words below and the answers to the questions all in the word search

OLIVES • CHEESE
FIGS • DATES
MUSTARD
RAISINS • WHEAT
SALT • GRAIN
FRUIT • GRAPES
VEGETABLES

October Crossword



Across

1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6), 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6), 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Ps 107:27) (4), 8 See 19 Across, 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8), 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3), 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7) 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3), 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8), 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8), 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4), 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6), 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4), 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9), 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5), 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5), 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4), 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2), 10 Ruses (anag.) (5), 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5), 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5), 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9), 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4), 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4), 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5), 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5), 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5), 22 Bats (anag.) (4), 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)



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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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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

August 20th

Nico Ncube, George Murray, Noah Nicholson

September 3

George Paul Wells

September 17th

Lily-Mae Robinson; Nola-Rae Andi Watkins



Interment of Ashes

August 13th

Jason Neville Kershaw

September 10th

Keith Dean Trudgeon

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September Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Oct	William Reynolds	1951	16 Oct	William Parkinson	1899
	Walter Meadowcroft	1980		Gillian Checkley	2007
2 Oct	Joseph Parkinson	1966		Mary Podmore	2020
	Minnie Duffin	2004	17 Oct	Albert Wood	1972
3 Oct	Harry Shaw	1986		Eveline Travis	2013
	Paul Thomas Sykes	1992	19 Oct	Harry Hamilton	1982
	Gladys Spencer	2018		Dorothy Turner	2006
4 Oct	Harry Lees	1984	20 Oct	Joan Brooker	1990
	Barbara Robinson	2007	21 Oct	Joan Vickers	2016
	Vera Redfern	2008		Katie Marie Mellor	2017
5 Oct	Gladys Worsnip	2002	22 Oct	Stuart Priestley	1968
6 Oct	Esther Wheal	1983	23 Oct	Sidney Moorcroft	1989
	James William Bailey	2014	25 Oct	Myfanwy Spencer	1985
8 Oct	Rev Eddie Fallows	2021		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
	Olivia Haigh	1988		Wendy Jane Brooker	1990
9 Oct	Ethel Stokes	1981	26 Oct	Dennis Selby	1981
	Alfred Benjamin Street	2007		Alice Kershaw Wood	1983
10 Oct	George Harry Garnett	1993	27 Oct	Paul Quarmby	2004
	Paulette Davenport	2009		Norrie Stewart	2007
11 Oct	Margaret Bates	1980	28 Oct	Ethel May Nuttall	2007
12 Oct	Alice Brierley	1985		Lily Burgess	2010
	Ellen Ridgway	2001	29 Oct	John McKee	1986
	Joan Pilling	2012		Kyle Richard Turner	1987
13 Oct	Doreen Kay	2004		Eric Lister Jones	1995
14 Oct	George Alan Wilson	2010		Edna Smyth	2004
15 Oct	Kenneth Stevenson	1994			
	Herbert Battersby	2009			

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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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IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

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