

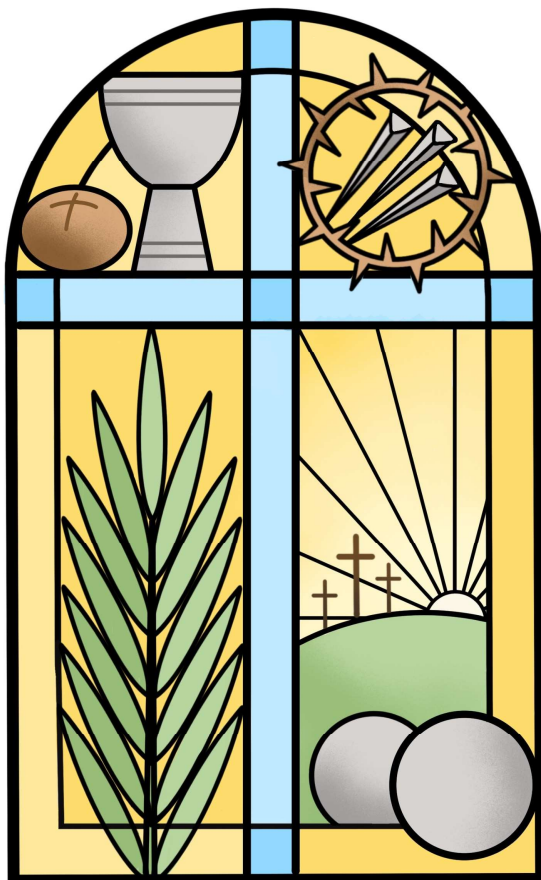
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March 2024

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*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 the Vicar on 07741 269102 or Therevd.dowen@yahoo.co.uk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



The last time I wrote we were preparing for Ash Wednesday and Lent. We are still in the holy season of Lent of course, but now we are looking forward to Easter. As you know, Easter is the greatest festival in the Church's year and in a way it's the foundation of our faith. If Christ hadn't

risen from the dead, there would be no Church and no Christianity. Jesus might have been remembered as a teacher and healer who lived and worked in Israel two thousand years ago when it was under Roman Occupation, but nothing more.

How different would the world look? How different would our society be? How different would attitudes to the needy, sick or poor be, if Christianity hadn't taken hold and spread? I'd argue that the world and our lives would be very different, and what we understand to be our values would be equally different. It's possible that instead of feeling compassion and empathy with others, the expected attitude would be 'It's nothing to do with us. Society has no responsibility to help you however difficult the situation you find yourself in is.'

The teaching, life, death and resurrection of Christ show us that care for others is at the centre of God's heart and is the way God wants us to live. More than that, we should care for others, even if it means an inconvenience for ourselves. That's part of what taking up our cross means. During Lent which is the time of preparation, and especially at Easter, which is the time of celebration, we hear what taking up his cross meant for Jesus. In a much less demanding way, we can consider what our own taking up of the cross might mean in our own lives. And always remember for Christ the cross led to resurrection, our great hope for eternal life. Taking up our own cross will mean the same for us: resurrection and joyful life which never ends.

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

10.30am Holy Communion

**For baptisms, weddings, funerals and all other enquiries please contact
the Vicar on 07741 269102 or Therevd.downen@yahoo.co.uk**

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**We would love it if
you could join us for
our service on**

**Mothering Sunday
Sunday 10th March
At 10.30am**

Followed by refreshments



**We look forward to
welcoming you**

Important information about Junior Church

Junior Church has met together every Sunday over the past number of years, making a big contribution to the morning service, sharing worship and activities with the congregation while sharing God's word, and, on the 4th Sunday in the month, sharing in the morning service Worship for All, which has been a great success, enabling our young people to participate fully in the worship on that particular Sunday.

Along with prizegiving day and our Christmas Nativity, Junior Church continues to be a big part of St George's, however, we now find ourselves with hardly any young people regularly attending Junior Church, only one leader and a handful of helpers, so, in order to try and continue, we need to make some changes.

After much discussion with our vicar Denise we have reached the mutual agreement that Junior Church will meet up on the 1st Sunday of every month and we will continue with our Worship for All service every 4th Sunday. These arrangements will be reviewed if the number of children attending increases.

As the only Junior Church Leader is away there will be **no Junior Church until the first Sunday in May.**

These have not been easy decisions to make and we are extremely grateful to all those, past and present, who have been, and still are, fully committed to involving our young people in the worship at St George's and we wish them well in the future.



Welcome to Saint George's

It doesn't matter if children wriggle about or move around
or make a noise.

It's ok for your child to have a snack in Church,
we really don't mind.

If we can help in any way, please let us know.

You can speak to Revd Denise after the service,
or contact her on:

therevd.dowen@yahoo.co.uk



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 March 2024

Sun 3rd **3rd Sunday of Lent**

10.30 **Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25;
John 2.13-22**

Tues 5th 10.30 Daniel 2.20-23; Psalm 25.3-10; Matthew 18.21-end

Sun 10th **4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday**

10.30 **Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27
*Worship For All***

Tues 12th 10.30 Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; Psalm 46.1-8; John 5.1-3,5-16

Sun 17th **5th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins**

10.30 **Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-10;
John 12.20-33**

Tues 19th 10.30 2 Samuel 7.4-16; Psalm 89.26-36; Matthew 1.18-end

HOLY WEEK

Sun 24th **Palm Sunday**

10.30 **Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.1-9a; Psalm 31.9-16;
Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-end of 15**

Tues 26th 10.30 Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-14; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31;
John 12.20-36

Thurs 28th **Maundy Thursday**

18.00 **Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-end,
1 Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13.1-17,31b-35**

Fri 29th **Good Friday**

10.30 **Isaiah 52.13 - end of 53; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4.14-16;
5.7-9; John 18.1-end of 19**

Sun 31st **Easter Day**

10.30 **Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; 1 Corinthians
15.1-11; John 20.1-18**

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**Are you wondering what to do on Easter Monday?
What about a football match in style?**

Stalybridge versus Mossley

Do you fancy a bit of friendly rivalry?

Stalybridge Celtic are playing Mossley AFC in the local derby

On Easter Monday 1st April

3pm kick-off

At Bower Fold Stadium, Mottram Road

We are able to get a hospitality deal for £25.20 which includes:

2 course meal, Match entry (grandstand seating,
Programme, Cash bar

We have invited the Mossley churches to join us.

Even if you are not into football, it could be a great social event – as well as a chance to make connections with our friends in Mossley.

If you fancy it – please speak to Val

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A Coin a Day for Leap Year! (It's not too late!)



A recent idea at the Fundraising Group meeting was to use 2024, which is a leap year, to raise money for the church and its ministry. Very few of us use cash on a daily basis anymore, but if you do have few spare coins could you put them aside this year? We're challenging you to saving 366 coins for St

George's!

We don't want to add to your burden but 2024 is a special year and we'd like to mark it in some way.

We are continuing with Jars of Grace so this would be in addition, and we are asking for coins of small denominations.

From Revd Denise Owen, Church wardens, PCC and Fundraising Committee.

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Some dates for your diary - March 2024

Fri	1st	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	3rd	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	4th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	5th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	6th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows and 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
Sun	10th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	11th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	12th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	13th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows and Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Informal prayer at St John the Baptist, Roughtown
Thurs	14th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
Fri	15th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sat	16th	5.00 p.m.	Murder Mystery Dinner Party at St George's Mossley
Sun	17th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	18th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	19th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	20th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows and 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
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	24th	10.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Holy Communion with hymns
Mon	25th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		10.30 a.m.	Chrism Mass at Manchester Cathedral
		7.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Tues	26th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	27th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows and 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
		6.00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
Fri	29th	10.30 a.m.	Good Friday - The Liturgy of The Cross
Sun	31st	10.30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Holy Communion with hymns

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



GUIDING SUCCESS

Our congratulations go to Mrs Julia Davies who recently received her 50-year award for being a brownie leader here at St. George's. Julia became a trainee Leader with 5th Stalybridge St George's Pack in 1973, gaining her Guider's Warrant in 1974 whilst acting as an Assistant Guider with 5th Pack, and as time went on Julia became the Leader (Brown Owl).

In 1985 our Brownie waiting list was so large that we were able to open a second Pack, which is our current Pack, 11th Stalybridge St George's. As Julia was now District Commissioner for Stalybridge the leadership of 11th Pack was passed on to her daughter, Heather. Sadly, a couple of years later, 5th Pack had close (lack of Leaders) but Julia still remained as Assistant Leader of 11th Pack.

After nine years as District Commissioner for Stalybridge, Julia was made Division Commissioner for the Ashton area in 2002. As Guiders had to retire at 65 years of age Julia was then made President for Tame Valley Division (Stalybridge, Dukinfield and Mossley), a position she still holds.

Our congratulations also go to Mrs Caroline Collis, who received her 20-year award. Caroline has worked as a non-uniformed Unit Helper with 11th Pack since 2003, turning up every week to help run the Pack. Well done Caroline!!

Sadly, all our Units at St George's after COVID lockdown. Brownies and Guides are slowly recovering, but unfortunately, our Rainbow Unit will close at Easter having no Leaders, and only 2 Rainbows who will be moving up to Brownies after Easter. Our grateful thanks go to all the Leaders of St George's Units who give so much of their time to weekly meetings and activities.

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A Candle Prayer



Do you sometimes light a candle as a sign of your prayers?
I found this very simple prayer recently which helps me focus
my mind and prayers:

A candle for (*name*).
A candle for my friends
and family (*names*).
A candle for my hopes and dreams...

I light a candle.

As it burns
may my prayers
be heard
by God.

Amen

(This is could be used at home or in church.)

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Cleaning

Painting

Plumbing

Are you able to help with the upkeep of our lovely building?

There are many jobs that need to be done to help with the maintenance –
sweeping leaves, cleaning gravestones, cutting the grass, painting, holding
the ladder for someone – there is lots that can be done to help, for all
capabilities.

We also have loads of cleaning jobs – vacuuming, dusting, cleaning the
carpets, cleaning the toilets, polishing the brass vases, etc, etc, etc – there is
enough for everybody!

Dusting

Vacuuming

If you are able to help with maintenance,
please speak to Ian or Andrew.

If you are able to help with cleaning,
please speak with Rose.

Thank you

Sweeping leaves

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A note from Larry

Dear Everyfurr,



It's me Larry! Look at this picture. Can you tell I am not speaking to mummy? Did I tell you I'm not allowed Dreamies at the moment? It's something called Lent (which seems to be a very bad idea if it means no Dreamies), which leads to Easter when I can have Dreamies again. I am showing mummy my displeasure by ignoring her and pointing my end bit to her face. I've even hidden my tail. That'll teach her!!

Mummy says I'll enjoy my Dreamies even more when I have them again and that I am 'fasting' from them. It's supposed to do me good! I am a deprived kitty. Mummy says it will only last a 'few weeks', but for a kitty that's nearly forever. I hope Jesus notices how much I am suffering and that he makes the Dreamies cupboard open when mummy isn't looking. Mummy says Jesus has more important things to do than provide special treats, but if Jesus loves me doesn't he want me to be happy? Mummy says that's not what following Jesus is about. I get very confused sometimes. I thought following Jesus was joyful! I am crossing off the days on my calendar until it's Easter Day and I can have my favourite snack again.

Yours purrfully,
Larry T Catte

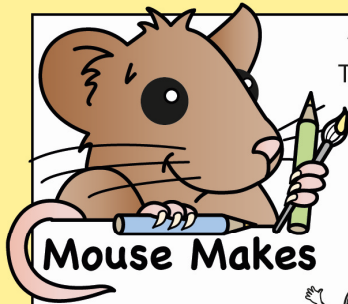
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200 Club

February winners

1st prize £25 no 63 Joyce Vernon; 2nd prize £15 no 22 Michael Davies;
3rd prize £10 Ann Hanson

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



Mouse Makes

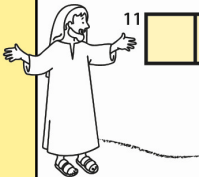
Matthew 21:1-11

1. Which city did Jesus ride into?
2. What did he ride on?
3. What did the crowd shout?
4. What did clothes did they put down?
7. What did they cut down to spread on the road?



Matthew 26:17-29

15. What feast did Jesus celebrate?
12. Who did he celebrate it with?
11. What did Jesus break to eat?



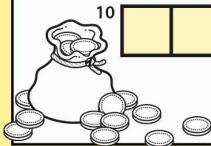
Matthew 26:36-75

6. What did Jesus go to do at Gethsemane?
18. Who denied Jesus?



Matthew 26:14-16

- 8d. Who betrayed Jesus?
10. How many silver pieces was he paid?



"I am the **resurrection** and the life.
The one who believes in me will live
even though they die."

John 1:25



READ the Bible
passages to find
the answers to the
crossword clues

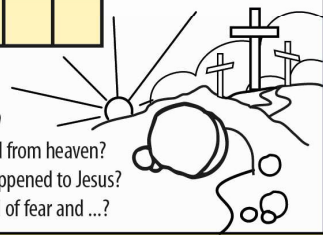


Matthew 27:27-61

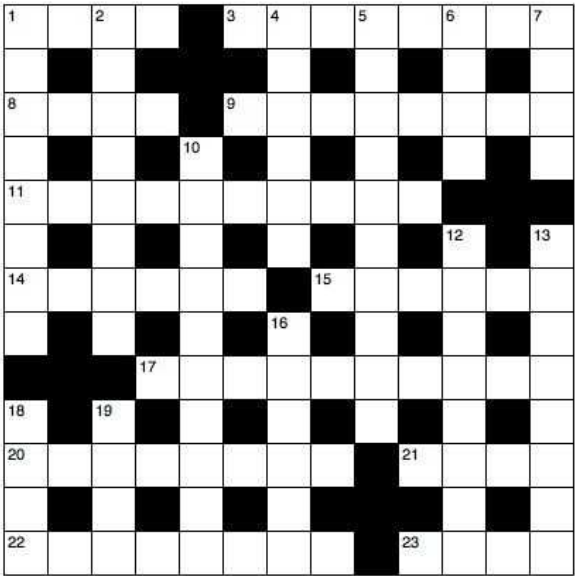
17. What was Jesus' crown made of?
9. What was Jesus crucified on?
14. Who's tomb was Jesus buried in?
13. What did they wrap Jesus' body in?
16. What did they roll in front of the tomb?

Matthew 28:1-10

5. Who descended from heaven?
19. What had happened to Jesus?
- 8a. Mary was full of fear and ...?



Easter Crossword



Across

1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4), 3 ‘You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don’t go very far from it. All of you be on — — ’ (Joshua 8:4) (3,5), 8 Seep (4), 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8), 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ’s burial place in Jerusalem (6,4), 14 ‘A city on a hill — be hidden’ (Matthew 5:14) (6), 15 He inherited Elijah’s mantle (2 Kings 2:12–13) (6), 17 Where Jesus prayed ‘Not as I will, but as you will’ (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10), 20 ‘Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour’ (Matthew 13:57) (3,5), 21 Sail (anag.) (4), 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8), 23 Eye sore (4)

Down

1 Can’t grow (anag.) (5,3), 2 A servant girl to Peter, ‘You also were with that — , Jesus’ (Mark 14:67) (8), 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6), 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10), 6 One of the ‘obvious’ acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4), 7 ‘I preached that they should repent and — to God’ (Acts 26:20) (4), 10 ‘ — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me’ (John 14:19) (6,4), 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8), 13 Jesus to Peter: ‘ — — of my sheep’ (John 21:16) (4,4), 16 The centurion said, ‘Surely this man was — — of God’ (Mark 15:39) (3,3), 18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4), 19 ‘Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him’ (Handel’s Messiah) (4)



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Did you know that God emailed the Ten
Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

February Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Prosperity. 7, Raisins. 8, Admit. 10, View. 11, Confetti. 13, Distil. 15, Groyne. 17, Navigate. 18, Whit. 21, Enoch. 22, Trodden. 23, Prophetess.

DOWN: 1, Pride. 2, Ovid. 3, Pastor. 4, Reaffirm. 5, Timothy. 6, Providence. 9, Tridentine. 12, Kingship. 14, Saviour. 16, Statue. 19, Hades. 20, Rome.

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

11 February 2024

Teddy Christopher Slack

Weddings

10 February 2024

Rachel Marie Booth and Scott James Hollingworth

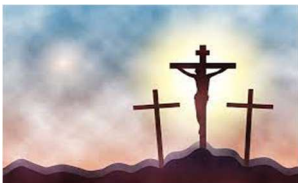
Funerals

28 February 2024

John Schofield



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Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday 10.30am – Holy Communion with the Blessing of Palms

Monday 25th March 10.30am - Chrism Mass at Manchester Cathedral
7pm - *St George Stalybridge* – Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 26th March 10.30am - *St George, Stalybridge* - Holy Communion
7pm - St George, Mossley – Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th March 7pm – St John the Baptist, Roughtown -Prayers and Meditations for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 6pm– *St George, Stalybridge* - Holy Communion and Vigil
(with washing of feet and stripping of the altar)
8pm – St John the Baptist, Roughtown - Holy Communion and Vigil (with washing of feet and stripping of the altar)

Good Friday 10.30am – *St George, Stalybridge* – Good Friday Liturgy
St George, Mossley 3pm – Meditations before the Cross: Readings and Prayers

Holy Saturday - *St George, Stalybridge* 10.30am – Church Cleaning and altar dressing

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Mar	Mary Bailey	1969	13 Mar	Donald Feetham	1997
	Tom Bowden	1972		Christine Higgins	2010
	Joan Wheatley	1972	14 Mar	Frank Stones	1990
	Thomas Cowman	1984	16 Mar	Daniel James Greenhalgh	2020
	George Harry Hobson	1984	18 Mar	Thomas Williamson Thom- son	1983
	Allen Marsden	1995		Alma Nuttall	1991
	Betty Curtis	2014		Roberto Luigi Pravisani	2005
	Kenneth John Dodd	2017		David Rawsterne	2009
2 Mar	George Jubb	1978	19 Mar	Thomas Green	1966
	Gerard Postings	1996	20 Mar	Ernest Sidebottom	1988
3 Mar	Tom Broadbent	1989	21 Mar	James Shenton	1964
4 Mar	Jean Boyle (nee Smith)	2011		John Duxbury	1985
5 Mar	Dennis Harrison	1985		Regan Joseph Michael Tetlow	1988
	Rose Ann Quest	1991		Frank Cooke Jackson	1993
6 Mar	James Wilkinson	1985		Emmeline Elizabeth Heap	1997
	Albert Barber	1987	23 Mar	James Johnson	1984
	James Eric Hinchliffe	1999		Harold Moore	1996
	Barry Mutch	2008		James Wright	2001
	Ellen Johnson	2018		George James Crossland	2002
7 Mar	Henry Saxon	1977		Ian Stuart Wharton	2014
	Sadie Shaw	1984	24 Mar	Alice Hardon	1989
	Jessie Mary Daly	1986	26 Mar	Denis Patrick Daly	1984
8 Mar	Jane Norris	1969		Samantha Jane Dunlop	1984
	Margaret Cawley	1985		Edward Noah Clayton	1989
9 Mar	Gordon Wheatley	1998		Hilda Graham	2009
	Joseph Sharpe	2000	27 Mar	Herbert Battersby	1965
	Norman Nield	2005		Mary Bardsley	1994
10 Mar	Lewis Dain Gudger	2014		Theresa Aldred	1999
	Rosemary Andrew	2017	28 Mar	Patricia Carter	2014
11 Mar	Sarah Ann Allsop	1986	29 Mar	Olive Stephenson	1985
	Brian Jones	2008		William Spencer	2000
	Enid Longden	2014		Bernard Joseph Walsh	2012
12 Mar	Herbert Bardsley	1981	30 Mar	Norman Stokes	1970
	James Turner	1987		William Forde Clarke	2005
	Harold Webster	1987		John William Arthur Dale	2008
	Basil Kirk	1989		Maureen Bebbington	2016
	Mabel Sweeney	1991	31 Mar	Tom Grimes	1980
	Mary Bailey	2014		Mark Press	1981
13 Mar	William Bateman	1978		Irene Jones	2021
	Beatrice Kelsall	1981			

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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

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