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*Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,



Can you believe it's May? It's incredible how quickly time flies. We're almost half way through the year! May sees the Church celebrating two major feasts, Ascension Day and Pentecost or Whit. These two festivals mark the end of the season of Easter, and they're both a reminder of the strangeness and joy of the faith.

Ascension Day is often overlooked these days but it celebrates the last time Jesus was seen in bodily form by his disciples. It's a strange and miraculous story in that the Apostles reported seeing Jesus withdrawing from them and being taken into heaven. You may have seen images of Jesus in which he is hovering above the ground with his hand in a gesture of blessing. He is being taken up to be seated in glory at the right hand of his Father. He is seated in glory, and yet he is close to us. He walks with us, knows us, and loves us. What an amazing image! Christ seated in glory, but still concerned for his disciples.

Pentecost is equally amazing. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in power on those first disciples and on all of us who choose to follow Christ. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to live as disciples, to follow Christ more closely and to live according to God's will. In the Old Testament we read that God's Spirit descended on certain people for a special purpose for a limited amount of time, after Pentecost God's Spirit is given to all God's people.

Pentecost is also often seen as the birthday of the Church, as after receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples and many others were able to speak in different languages, and went on to proclaim the Gospel to people from many nations. This is a task we are still involved with. We know that people still need to hear the Good News, and we can only speak of God with confidence if we have the Holy Spirit.

Both these wonderful festivals tell us something incredible about the mission of God in the world. Jesus left, but sent his own Spirit to be with us. We give thanks for this powerful gift.

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

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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
or 0145732193

Or speak to one of the wardens, Val or Gillian

SPRING FAIR

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**Saturday 11th May
11 am - 2 pm**

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Readings and Psalms for May 2024

Sun 5th	6th Sunday of Easter
10.30	Acts 10.44-end; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17
Tues 7 th	10.30 Acts 16.22-34; Psalm 138; John 16.5-11
Thurs 9th	Ascension Day
20.00	Daniel 7.9-14; Psalm 47; Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.44-end
Sun 12th	7th Sunday of Easter - Sunday after Ascension Day
10.30	Acts 1.15-17,21-end; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19
Tues 14 th	10.30 Isaiah 22.15-end; Psalm 15; Acts 1.15-end
Sun 19th	Pentecost - Whit Sunday
10.30	Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 104.26-36,37b; Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26-27;16.4b-15
Tues 21 st	10.30 James 4.1-10; Psalm 55.7-9,24; Mark 9.30-37
Sun 26th	Trinity Sunday
10.30	Isaiah 6.1-8; John 3.1-17 <i>Worship for All</i>
Tues 28 th	10.30 1 Peter 1.10-16; Psalm 98.1-5; Mark 10.28-31

The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Now go into the world and tell them it's true
That the love I have shown is not just for U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.

Some dates for your diary - May 2024

Wed	1st	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	2nd	7 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Voting in local elections
Fri	3rd	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	5th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	6th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
			Sponsored Walk to Hartshead Pike
Tues	7th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	8th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Informal prayer at St John the Baptist, Roughtown
Thurs	9th	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.	Ascension Day Service
Sat	11th	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Spring Fare
Sun	12th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	13th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	14th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	15th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	16th	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	17th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	19th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		2.00 p.m.	Open Air Pentecost Service with Greenfield Brass
Mon	20th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	21st	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	22nd	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	23rd	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	26th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns

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

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PENTECOST CELEBRATION WHIT SUNDAY

Saint George's Church
Church Walk, Stalybridge SK15 1 DL

You are invited to our
Open Air Service
which will be held outside
Saint George's Church on
Sunday 19th May 2024 at 2pm

The service will be led by Revd Denise Owen
Accompanied by Greenfield Brass Band

This will be a joyful service where
we come together to celebrate
The Birthday of the Church

Please come and join us for a
Pentecost Celebration as we celebrate and sing.

Walk to Hartshead Pike



We are having a social walk
to Hartshead Pike for a picnic
on Bank Holiday Monday
6th May

We will meet at church at 11am
aiming to get to Hartshead Pike at 12.30pm

Our friends from Mossley Saint George's and
Saint John's, Roughtown will be joining us.

Please join us if you can.
Bring a friend (or friends)
Bring a picnic

Dogs welcome



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A note from Larry

Dear Everyfurr,



It's me Larry! Here I am taking good care of my beautiful claws. I tend to them regularly and I like to use mummy's furniture as scratching posts. This also means that I can help mummy to redecorate! All the little bits of foam on the floor are fantastic to play with. Her furniture looks so much better after I've torn it a bit. I can't understand why she shouts at me and calls me 'a naughty boy.' Everyfurr knows I'm a good boy and

a joy to live with. Mummy says Jesus doesn't want us to do things that might hurt other people or damage their property, but that's not what I'm doing! I love Jesus very much and I'm sure he wants me to have the best claws I can have. Mummy says Jesus does want us to have the best lives we can, but she says that means following him and knowing he loves us and forgives us. I think that's true, but I think the best life also includes having Dreamies. Jesus definitely lets us have things we enjoy and do things we enjoy too. I enjoy scratching, and I'm going to go on doing it! I can always say sorry to Jesus! (Mummy says this isn't really how forgiveness works.)

Yours purfully,
Larry T Catte

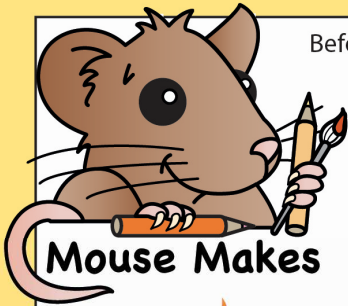
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200 Club

April winners

1st prize: £25 no 98 Cathy Seymour; 2nd prize £15 no 24 Helen Kershaw;
3rd prize £10 no 88 Beth McManus.

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.



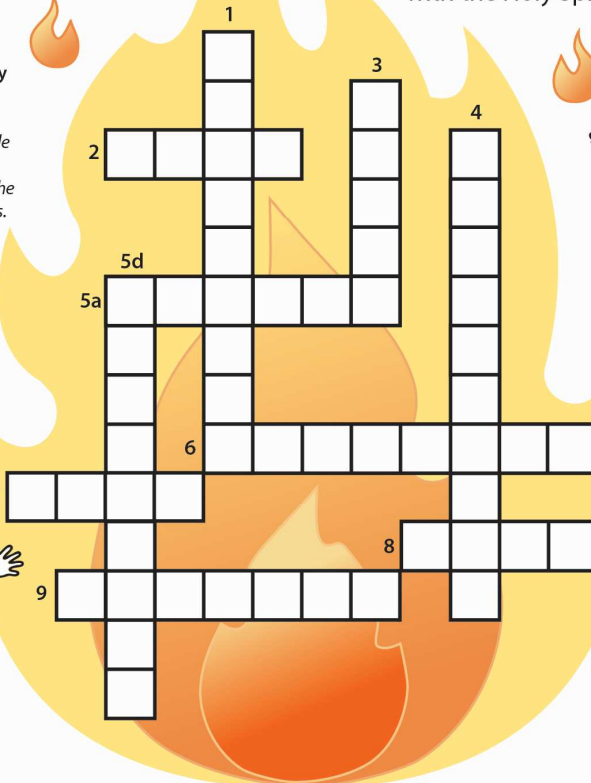
READ the story of Pentecost in Acts 1-2
Look up the Bible verses to find the answers to the crossword clues.

How many words can you make from the letters of:
DAY OF PENTECOST



Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples
"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...

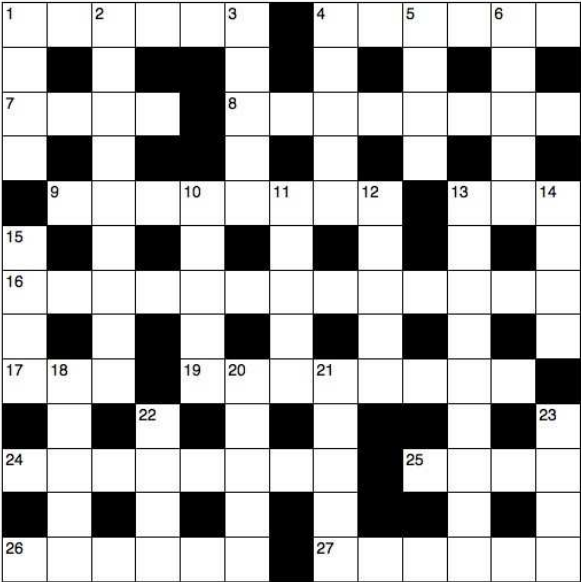
...When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."



- 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? Acts 1:12
- 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? Acts 1:14
- 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? Acts 1:26
- 5d Which special day was it? Acts 2:1

- 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? Acts 2:2
- 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? Acts 2:3
- 4 What were the disciples filled with? Acts 2:4
- 9 What did they start speaking in? Acts 2:4
- 3 Who spoke to the crowd? Acts 2:14
- 7 Who had prophesied this? Acts 2:16

May Crossword



Across

1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6), 4 ‘A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over’ (Luke 6:38) (6), 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4), 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8), 9 ‘But take heart! I have — the world’ (John 16:33) (8), 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3), 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest’s lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13), 17 Rap (anag.) (3), 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8), 24 ‘For where your — is, there your heart will be also’ (Luke 12:34) (8), 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar’s great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4), 26 ‘We all, like sheep, have gone — ’ (Isaiah 53:6) (6), 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

Down

1 ‘The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised’ (Luke 7:22) (4), 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9), 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5), 4 ‘Like a — of locusts men pounce on it’ (Isaiah 33:4) (5), 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4), 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5), 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5), 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5), 12 ‘I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever’ (Psalm 145:1) (5), 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9), 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4), 15 ‘Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit’ (Galatians 5:25) (4), 18 Cares (anag.) (5), 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5), 21 ‘So God said to Noah, “I am going to put — — to all people”’ (Genesis 6:13) (2,3), 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4), 23 ‘The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge’ (Proverbs 1:7) (4)



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Why your television is like the Trinity

Here is a trick question: How many colours does your television set use?



Answer: Just three: red, green and blue. And in that order, just like a rainbow (where reds are at one side, blues at the opposite side, green in the middle). This is known as "RGB".

These are TV's three primary colours which, when their luminescence is fired at your eyes, give all the colours of the visible spectrum. These are all 'additive' colours. In fact, mix these three together in different proportions, and your screen can offer you 16 million colours.

You thought the sequence was red/yellow/blue? No, that's for painted or printed colours. A TV set positively gives out light in three different colours, whereas paint daubed on paper absorbs and removes some colours, to reflect back merely a small part of the light falling on it the colour that you see.

You'll soon call out the repair man if your television loses one of its three colours and all the presenters look as though they came from Mars. But change the intensity of any one colour (red, green or blue) even slightly and you change the overall colour.

Switch them all off, and you are left with black. Let all three of them shine at full brightness, at the same point – and then as if by magic you have a totally different colour: WHITE!

It's a parable which illustrates the Holy Trinity. Three completely distinct persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), just as your TV set has three quite separate colours: red, green, blue.

Take away any One member of the Trinity, and you slip into theological error; take away any one of the three colours, and you call out the TV repair engineer!

So -

It DOES matter that God is our Creator and Father - otherwise our whole life is merely a meaningless illusion.
It DOES matter that Jesus is God the Son, for otherwise His death is simply a human tragedy, with no promise of salvation or eternal life.
It DOES matter that the Holy Spirit is with us here and now, otherwise we are disconnected from God.

Yes it really does matter! Just as it is essential that a TV set can produce white by the equal intensity of all of its three colours. In fact, the more you think about it, the more it seems that the doctrine of the Trinity is far from being a complicated bit of theological nonsense, but is a sort of theological test-card, to make sure that we've got the right picture of God, without distortion.

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

7th April

Maximus Bernard Gregory



Weddings

27th April

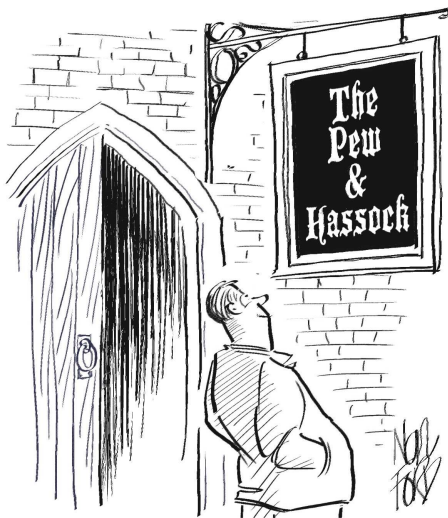
Julie Manifold and Graham Pearce

Funerals

15th April

Phoebe Chanel Ariella Kirkham

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Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

April Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

From Our Book of Remembrance

May 1	Stephen Mark Young	2009	May 18	Abel Ollerenshaw	1967
	Kenneth Doggett	2013	May 19	Clarice Barber	1976
May 2	Annie Selby	1975		William Dale	1967
	Derek Kay	2009	May 21	Gladys Lowe	1996
May 4	Harry Wright	1981	May 22	James Geoffrey Brayshaw	1970
	Martha Keatting	1996		George Henry Cope	1970
May 6	Evelyn Parkinson	1902		David Alan Swift	2019
	William Cooper	1970	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
	Martha Kinder	1987		Agnes Waddington	2007
May 8	Agnes Winifred Barker	1979		Myrtle Constance Prescott	2016
May 9	Alice Day	1966	May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988		Albert Hopwood	2012
	Redeyoff		May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
	Mary Miller(nee Higgins)	2010	May 26	Ian Peter Blake	2009
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986		Christopher Allan Shaw	2022
	Wendy Rosemary Miles	2016	May 28	Margaret Theodora Roberts	2017
May 15	May Blease	1999		David John Partington	2022
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
	Mary Woolley	2008	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
	Charles Swainson	2012		Raymond Herbert Russell	2013
May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010
	William Hamnett Tonge	2006			
May 17	William Henry Priestley	1950			
	Bessie Travis	1991			
	Richard Barratt	2006			

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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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