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Dear Brother and Sisters,



We are now in the liturgical season of Trinity. We have observed Lent, celebrated Easter and Pentecost and now we enter the long season of Trinity. This season is also known as Ordinary Time and the colour you'll see in church is green.

Ordinary Time always seems to me to be an interesting name for a Church season. It makes me wonder how any time can be 'Ordinary' for followers of Jesus. That word 'ordinary' implies that there's nothing special or new or exciting about the months ahead in our worship of God, and our walk with the Lord. This is of course far from the truth because God is always calling us closer to Him and, I hope, we as God's people are always looking to follow Him more closely. In other words, we should be growing in our faith and opening our hearts, spirits and minds to Him. We do this through prayer, Bible reading, worshipping together and by looking for God's actions in the world.

You'll notice that I said the colour of the season is green. Green is associated with growth in the natural world, and this reflects the growth we hope to see in our relationship with God. So, when you see green altar frontals and vestments in church remember that God is calling you. Each person's call will be different, because each one of us is different, but be assured God loves you and wants you to know Him more fully.

So, having said all that, I ask the same question, 'How can any time with God be called 'ordinary'?' God makes each moment sacred and we praise Him that time and our lives are full of His presence and care.

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

**Please note the above service times will change to 9.30am
from Sunday 4th August 2024**

Tuesdays

10.30am Holy Communion

**For baptisms, weddings, funerals and all other enquiries please contact
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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 the warden, Val

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Change of Service Times

You may be aware that the times of our services will be changing in the coming months. I intend to introduce the change in August. So, the first Sunday with the new service times will be 4th August.

The pattern of services on Sundays will be 9.30am at St George, Stalybridge and 11.30am at St George, Mossley. The pattern of worship at St John the Baptist, Roughtown is still to be confirmed, but there will be a service of Holy Communion at 8am once a month on the first Sunday.

I know these are big changes and some of you may be unhappy with the new arrangements, but, I'm afraid they have to be made.

I hope over time as we settle in to the new worship pattern we will get used to worshipping together at these different times, and find that God continues to bless us and, we pray, calls more people to join us.

You'll notice that I'm using the word *worship*. This is, of course, deliberate because this is what we do and are as the Church.

We worship God and we seek to serve God. This is not changing!

Please pray for our churches as we look to the future and to what God is asking of us.

Revd Denise

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Readings and Psalms for June 2024

Sun 2nd		1st Sunday after Trinity
	10.30	Deuteronomy 5.12-15; Psalm 81.1-10; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.26-3.6
Tues 4 th	10.30	2 Peter 3.11-15a,17-end; Psalm 90.1-4,10,14,16; Mark 12.13-17
Sun 9th		2nd Sunday after Trinity
	10.30	Genesis 3.8-15, Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-end
Tues 11 th	10.30	Job 29.11-16; Psalm 112; Acts 11.19-end; John 15.12-17
Sun 16th		3rd Sunday after Trinity
	10.30	Ezekiel 17.22-end; Psalm 92.1-4,12-end; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17; Mark 4.26-34
Tues 18 th	10.30	1 Kings 21.17-end; Psalm 51.1-9; Matthew 5.43-end
Sun 23rd		4th Sunday after Trinity - Feast of Dedication
	10.30	Genesis 28.11-18; John 10.22-29 <i>Worship for All</i>
Tues 25 th	10.30	2 Kings 19.9b-11,14-21,31-36; Psalm 48.1-2,8-end; Matthew 7.6,12-14
Sun 30th		5th Sunday after Trinity
	10.30	Lamentations 3.23-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8.7-end; Mark 5.21-end

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200 Club

May winners

1st prize £25 no 21 Timothy Hayward; 2nd prize £15 no 105 Michael Davies;
3rd prize £10 no 95 Margaret Castle -Brooker

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.

Saint George's Virtual Balloon Race

This exciting race begins at 1pm on 16th June and ends at 2pm on Sunday 30th June – as part of our anniversary celebrations.

Whose balloon will be first past the post on
Sunday 30th June?
It could be yours!

Once the race starts, you will be able to watch it online.

Click the link below to purchase your balloon (or buy at church if you prefer).

1st prize £30 Amazon voucher
2nd prize £15 Amazon voucher
3rd prize £5 Amazon voucher

Balloons are priced at just £3 each and you can buy balloons up to 2 days before the race starts.

Please note that you are buying 'Virtual Balloons' and the race takes place online.

You will not be able to watch the race until 1pm on Sunday 16th June.

More information on how the race works can be found at:

<https://www.balloonrace.net/sgcs>



Some dates for your diary - June 2024

Sun	2nd	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns Junior Church
Tues	4th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	5th	7.30 p.m.	Archdeacon's Visitation, Christ Church, Ashton
		7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Informal prayer at St John the Baptist, Roughtown
Thurs	6th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
Fri	7th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	9th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	10th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	11th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	12th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m.	Informal Meditation and Prayers, St John's, Roughtown
Thurs	13th	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	16th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		1.00 p.m.	Virtual Balloon Race starts
Mon	17th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	18th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	19th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	20th	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	21st	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	23rd	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	24th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	25th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	26th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	27th	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	28th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	30th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns - Feast of Dedication
		2.00 p.m.	Virtual Balloon Race ends

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

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I've been looking at the stained-glass windows in church, again. This window really caught my eye. It's a lovely image of Christ as the Good Shepherd, with words from John's Gospel at the bottom, 'Feed My Sheep' and 'Feed My Lambs'.

I'm also intrigued by the Greek letters at the top. The first is Alpha and the second, Omega. These are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet, and are often to be seen in church decorations. They refer to the words of the glorified Christ that we read in Revelation. They appear towards the end of Revelation in Chapter 22, when Christ says, 'I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End', and

as such reinforce our belief that Christ is supreme over all things. He is Lord of all creation, and creation includes the universe and time. For two small letters they represent an amazing truth of our faith, that we follow and worship a King whose power and reach we can barely imagine... and yet he loves each of us dearly, and died on the cross for us. Sometimes I just have to worship Him with awe, and express my gratitude for all that He's done for me, for you and for all of humankind.

Rev'd Denise

The D-Day Normandy Landings

Eighty years ago, on 6th June 1944, the D-Day Normandy Landings took place. More than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. The Battle of Normandy ended on 25th August with an Allied victory.

The question of what the *D* stood for has never been absolutely determined: some say it just stood for Day; others maintain it was Disembarkation, because it was an amphibious operation. What is sure is that there was a spiritual dimension. General Eisenhower, the commander of Operation Overlord, urged those taking part to “beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking”, and President Roosevelt broadcast a prayer to the nation – the United States, that is.

Before June 5 – the original date for D-Day, before bad weather forced a rethink – a massive and successful series of deceptions were put in place to make the Nazis think the invasion would come elsewhere. The Germans were certainly confused. Hitler, thinking the attack was a feint, refused to send reinforcements, and their strategy was hampered by the absence of their brilliant Commander Erwin Rommel, who was on leave.

Nevertheless, the Americans suffered over 2,000 casualties at Omaha Beach, which was the most heavily defended. Altogether it was reckoned that over 4000 Allied troops were killed, but about 156,000 successfully stormed the beaches, and many landed behind the lines, including American paratrooper Private John Steele, who descended on to the pinnacle of the church tower in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first village to be liberated by the U S Army. Lit up by searchlights, he survived by pretending to be dead, was captured and then escaped, joining the invading soldiers.

This year handmade silhouettes of almost 1,500 servicemen were transported to Normandy for an art installation, *Standing with Giants*, to mark the anniversary.



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A note from Larry



Dear Everyfurr,

It's me Larry! Look at my photos! I am enjoying the outside. It is green and beautiful, with lots of free snacks! (Not Dreamies, this time, but flappy wingy, food! Yum!) Mummy says I'm not allowed to eat them, though, so I am trying to be good. But, look! I have found another delicious food to eat. I think mummy calls it grass, and I like to nibble it. It really clears out my tubes and makes me clean inside, because I like to bring it back as a present for mummy and leave it on her carpet! I don't know why she

shouts when I do that.

Do you think the outside is beautiful? There are so many colours and sounds and smells and warm sunshine and places to climb and exciting things to explore. Mummy says I should thank God for making it so lovely. I know God loves what God has made and that means God loves me and you, although I'm definitely His favourite. (Mummy says this isn't true, because God has no favourites and loves everybody.)

Do you like to spend time outside and say 'Thank You' to God? Or look out of the window and say 'Thank You'?



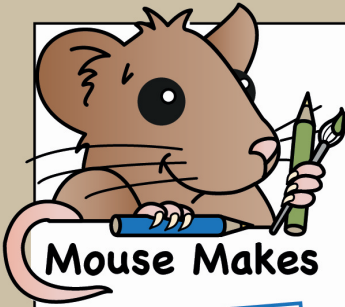
P.S. I want to say a big 'Thank You' for my lovely card! I am definitely COOL and it is EXHAUSTING! And 'Thank You' to Bob and Missy for writing to me. It is so lovely to have kittie friends.

That's all from me.

Yours purfully,

Larry T Catte

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Mouse Makes

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

TFF XIBU LJOE PG
MPWF UIF GBUIFS
IBT HJWFO UP VT
UIBU XF TIPVME
CF DBMMFE
DIJMESFO PG HPE
POF KPJO UISFF: POF

Solomon's father defeated a giant and became a King. Who was he?

1 Samuel 48-50

Whose daughter was healed by Jesus?

Mark 5:21

A G A D A U G H T E R E G
V A S E Z E C H A R I A H
J M O S E S A J A C O B O
A Z L I B O F A T H E R P
I J O S E P H J A N O A H
R O M A D A V I D G E H N
U B O A E I D A S O N A O
S V N C E E Z E A D A M A

WHO IS MY FATHER?

Who was created by God and became the first father?

Genesis 2:20

Who had a son when he was very old?

Genesis 21:5

Shem Ham and Japheth's father built a huge boat, who was he?

Genesis 6:10-14

Who gave his son Joseph a robe of many colours?

Genesis 37:2-3



This Roman puzzle square reads the same from the top, bottom and sides and translates: "Arepo the sower guides the wheel with skill."

ROTAS
OPERA
TENET
AREPO
SATOR

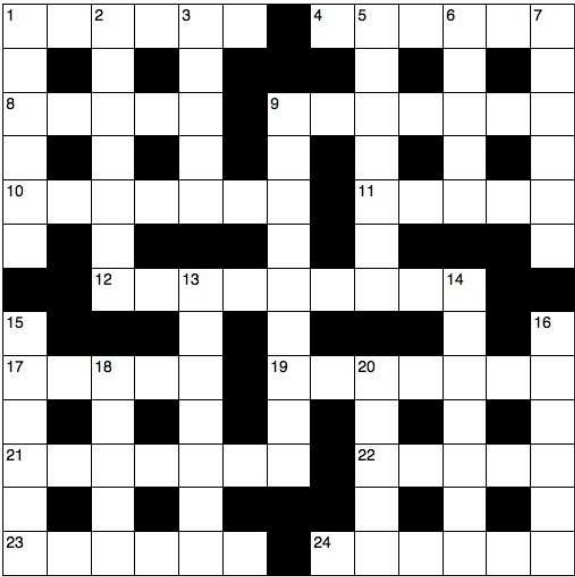
If you rearrange the letters it can spell **PATER NOSTER** which means "Our Father".

A
P
A
T
E
R
N
O
S
T
E
R
O

Look up the Bible verses to find the fathers then look for them and the words below in the word search.

FATHER • GOD
SON • DAUGHTER
JOSEPH • ISAAC
MOSES • JOB
SOLOMON
ZECHARIAH
ZEBEDEE

June Crossword



Across

1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6), 4 Place of learning (6), 8 ‘When Moses’ hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it’ (Exodus 17:12) (5), 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7), 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes’ harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7), 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5), 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9), 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5), 19 So clear (anag.) (7), 21 ‘I have just got — , so I can’t come’: one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7), 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5), 23 Musical beat (6), 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

Down

1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6), 2 Art bite (anag.) (7), 3 ‘The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles’ (Acts 14:4) (5), 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7), 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5), 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6), 9 ‘You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth’ (Psalm 52:3) (9), 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7), 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7), 15 ‘A — went out to sow his seed’ (Matthew 13:3) (6), 16 How Jesus described Jairus’s daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6), 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5), 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)



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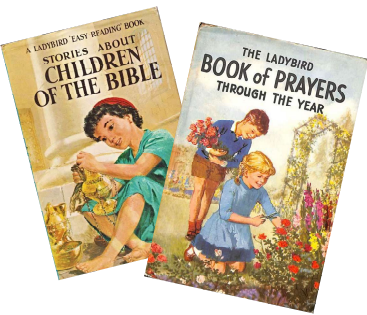
These donations really mount up and since joining two years ago a large amount has been raised JUST by people using easyfundraising when they shop online!!

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The wonderful world of Ladybird Books...

An exhibition is currently touring the country and has already been staged in cities from Canterbury to Northumberland and is at the St Albans Museum until 8th September. It’s a fascinating exhibition that has prompted joyful memories of childhood for many older people – and maybe remind them of when they first learnt about Jesus.



‘The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Artists’ aims to “uncover the story of the talented artists who illustrated Ladybird books for more than 30 years.” The organisers say: “This colourful, family-friendly exhibition includes rare books, original artwork and artefacts, and reveals how illustrators played such an enormous role in Ladybird’s extraordinary success.”

Ladybird Books also played a vital role in thousands of Sunday Schools and churches in the UK and many other English-speaking countries from the 1940s until well into the 1970s. For many children and young people, these books were their first introduction to the Bible, with numerous parents, grandparents and carers reading them as bedtime stories. ‘Easy Reading’ versions helped many children read about Jesus for themselves.

Some of the Bible-based copies of the Ladybird books are available from local charity shops, with titles such as ‘Stories about Jesus the Helper,’ ‘Children of the Bible’ and ‘Two Stories Jesus Told,’ featuring the classic parables, the Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son. These books feature faithful retelling of the Bible stories, with lovely illustrations. These colourful books were a staple of many Scripture classes and Sunday School prize-giving and helped form the Biblical understanding of a generation of children. Today, the books have become very collectible, with prices on the rise.

Ladybird books were, naturally, a product of their times with, for example, the skin tones of Jesus and the apostles often lighter than what reality might have been. The books were produced for a time when Bible stories were more widely known, and families were routinely depicted as mum, dad, a son and a daughter.

In recent years, more bizarre incarnations of Ladybird Books – such as ‘The Ladybird Book of the Zombie Apocalypse’ – have introduced new audiences to the Ladybird style, with an ironic, comic twist— but the originals are still the best!

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Funerals

7th May

Joan Spencer

20th May

Christine Ramsden

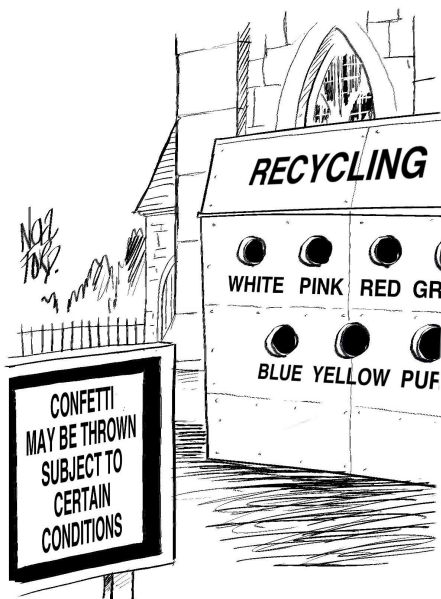


Interment of Ashes

21st May

John Schofield

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May Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Debtor. 4, Shaken. 7, Ache. 8, Leavened. 9, Overcome. 13, Etc. 16, Troublemaking. 17, Par. 19, Ignatius. 24, Treasure. 25, Mene. 26, Astray. 27, Dinner.

DOWN: 1, Deaf. 2, Behaviour. 3, Relic. 4, Swarm. 5, Aged. 6, Elect. 10, Rabbi. 11, Ocean. 12, Exalt. 13, Epicurean. 14, Cage. 15, Step. 18, Acres. 20, Gaudy. 21, An end. 22, Fair. 23, Fear.

From Our Book of Remembrance

Jun 2	Hilda Beswick	1977	Jun 15	Lily Hardy Cooke	1979
	Pauline Margaret Turnbull	1995		Eva Jones	1996
	Mollie Dorothy Darbyshire	2011		Tessa Ruth Louise Meldrum	2006
Jun 3	Marjorie Lofthouse	2015		O'Reagan	
Jun 4	Leonard Broadbent	1969		John Edwin Ratcliffe	2007
	Mary Alice Priestley	1985	Jun 17	Sidney Cooper	1970
	Harry Bullock	2009	Jun 18	Margaret Parkinson	1897
	Linda Barbara Nuttall	2023		Renee Birch Hawley	2002
Jun 6	Alfred Christian	1966		Monica Ann Press	2005
	John Ambrose Stephens	1979		Christopher Robert Pierce	2012
	Thomas Smith	1987	Jun 19	Colin Wilson	2016
Jun 7	Dinah Hannah Dale	1984	Jun 20	Linty James	1975
	Minnie Jones	1987		Hilda Wilson	1984
	William Webster	2002		Mary Tonge	1989
Jun 8	Norman Ratcliffe	1984		Dorothy Horner	2007
	Thomas Booth	2000	Jun 23	Edward Cooper	1983
	Leslie Adnett	2012	Jun 24	Hilda Holt	1979
Jun 9	John Ollerenshaw	2013		Edith Spencer	1995
	Judith Dalton	2014	Jun 25	Dennis Greenwood	1982
	Florence Diamond	2019		Louise Pulm	2010
Jun 11	Gladney Swift	1950	Jun 26	Jack Williams	1998
	Edward Jones	1985	Jun 27	Edith Olive Hughes	1980
Jun 12	Frank Prescott	1987		Andrew Christopher Taylor	1990
	Mona Coogan	1992		Charlotte Molly Ingham	2008
Jun 14	Gordon Alfred Trudgeon	2002	Jun 28	Mary Stephens Carter	1983
	David John Stevenson	2018	Jun 30	Ann Humphries	1963

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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.
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