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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,

As I write this, I've just returned from a school harvest celebration service. There were songs, poems and prayers. There was a message about caring for others and caring for the earth, and there was a message about being thankful. The children sang beautifully and the young people who led the worship were incredibly confident. I really enjoyed it. It was a joyful celebration full of enthusiasm and hope. This is a reminder to me of how important it is to welcome children into church. It was a school harvest service so there were almost two hundred children plus teachers and families in church. The pews were full and even though the church wasn't very warm everyone had fun and went home or back to school blessed. What a wonderful vision for our churches. Imagine if in all our churches on a Sunday morning we had children, young people and families coming together to worship God and giving thanks for what Jesus has done.

I'm sure this is something we all hope and pray for, and it's something we're working towards. Welcoming new people, families with young children as well as older people is something we can all do. When new people come to church, especially parents or carers with children, it can be quite intimidating. It can feel as though there's a right way to behave or sit or stand or kneel or whatever it might be. Parents and carers may feel they've got to keep their children quiet or make them sit still. It can be hard. As churches we need to make sure our focus is on making people feel welcome and as though they belong with us. We should be thanking God that people want to give church a try and not worry too much about what is right or wrong in church. If there's sometimes noise or children are moving around the church, that's something we have to accept. We can certainly be examples of what to do in church, but only if we are examples which are full of love and compassion. Jesus welcomed children and blessed them, and we must do the same.

I wish everyone could have experienced the harvest service as I have just done. It filled my heart with joy and hope and taught me once again to be thankful for all the wonderful things God has given us and especially for children and young people who are so enthusiastic about singing hymns and songs of worship.

Yours in Christ,
Revd Denise

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Service Details

Sundays

9.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns - every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday in the month.

9.30am 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.dowen@yahoo.co.uk

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Welcome to Saint George's

It's wonderful seeing the number of children attending church increasing.

It doesn't matter if your 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



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Readings and Psalms for November 2025

Sun 2nd	All Saints Day
9.30	Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11-end; Luke 6.20-31
18.30	Wisdom 3.1-9; Psalm 27.1-6,16-end; John 6.37-40
Tues 4th	10.30 Romans 12.5-16; Psalm 131; Luke 14.15-24
Sun 9th	3rd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday
10.30	Job 19.23-27a; Psalm 17.1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-end; Luke 20.27-38
Tues 11th	10.30 Titus 2.1-8,11-14; Psalm 34.1-6; Luke 17 7-10
Sun 16th	2nd Sunday before Advent
9.30	Malachi 4.1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21 5-19
Tues 18th	10.30 Revelations 3.1-6,14-31; Psalm 15; Luke 19.1-10
Sun 23rd	Sunday next before Advent - Christ the King
9.30	Jeremiah 23.1-6; Luke 23.33-43 <i>Worship for All</i>
Tues 25th	10.30 Daniel 1.1-6,8-20; Canticle: Benedicte 1-3; Luke 21.5-11
Sun 30th	First Sunday of Advent Advent - Christ the King
9.30	Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13. 11-end; Mathew 24.36-44
18.30	Advent Carol Service

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200 Club

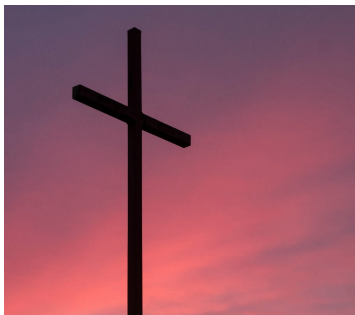
October Winners

1st prize £25 No 12 David McManus ; 2nd prize £15 No 70 Kathleen Gough;
3rd Prize £10 No 112 Gary Walker

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.

Upcoming events and services at St George's

Special Services in November



All Souls

A service to give thanks for and commemorate the Faithful Departed

Sunday 2nd November at 6.30pm

There will be a list in church for you to write the names of those you have lost and wish to be named during this service.

Remembrance Sunday

Our annual service to remember those who have died serving this country and pray for peace and justice to prevail in the world.

Sunday 9th November at 10.30am

Please note the change of start time.

Special Events in November

Christmas Fair - 22nd November 11-2pm

Toy service – 23rd November 9.30am

Advent Carol service - 30th November 6.30pm

Special services and events in December

Brunch with Santa -6th December 10-12am and 1-3pm

Mince pies and Christmas songs 13th December 3-5pm

Carol service 21st December 6.30pm

Christingle and Blessing of the crib - Christmas Eve at 2pm

Bethlehem mass – Christmas Eve at 9pm

Christmas Morning - Holy Communion at 9.30am

Some dates for your diary - November 2025

Sun	2nd	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		6.30 p.m.	All Souls Service
Mon	3rd	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	4th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	5th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	6th	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	7th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	9th	10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Day Service with Parish Eucharist and 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	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
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
Sat	22nd	11.00 a.m.-2 p.m.	Christmas Fair
Sun	23rd	9.30 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
Sun	30th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		6.30 p.m.	Advent Carol Service

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



St George's Flag

You'll probably have seen St George's flags flying from lampposts around near where we live in the past few weeks. You may have seen this being reported in the news. People seem to be displaying these flags out of a sense of patriotism or a wish to affirm an English identity. I'm not going to comment on the motives of what's happening with these flags, but I am going to talk briefly about our response as Christians.

I've taken the image above from a free online photo provider and it's a photograph of a flag flying from the top of a church just like we have at St George's in Mossley. For us as Christians this flag is a symbol of what we believe about God and God's people as much as it is a national flag. That's why they are flown above churches dedicated to St George. It is for the Church a symbol of God's power to vanquish evil, which in the story of St George was in the form of a dragon. Whatever we think about these flags flying on our streets we should always bear in mind that we follow a man who loved and welcomed strangers and foreigners. He healed and spoke to people who were not Jewish and who were not seen as part of the Biblical heritage of the children of God. Jesus showed us that we should love and respect all people.

If the flags that are being flown around our towns and cities carry a message that certain people and groups of people are unwelcome or not 'legitimate' then as Christians, we must be very careful. We must be very careful about using language which dehumanises others and seems to contradict the fact that we are all equally loved and valued by God. Jesus came to teach us that everyone is a child of God, and that everyone is made in God's image. When we hear or read words which seem to undermine that Christian message or to devalue people then we have to say that that is profoundly unchristian.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with being patriotic, or being proud of the flag of St George and there is a great deal that is wonderful about our country, but we shouldn't love those things and be proud of those things at the expense of valuing and loving other people.

Revd Denise

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The Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

In the last magazine I wrote about a prayer after communion which I had found very helpful and suggested that you might use it in your own prayers. This month I've been struck by this collect. It's based on some famous words attributed to St Augustine in his book *Confessions*. St Augustine was a fascinating man. He was born in the fourth century AD in what is now Algeria and after a 'tumultuous youth' he eventually gave his life to Christ and became bishop of Hippo. He was a theologian and philosopher and one of his most famous sayings or more accurately phrases is found in this collect:

our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you.

Augustine saw in those around him a sense of restlessness or unease, and a lack of peace that he knew only God could heal. He had experienced this restlessness himself having experimented with a variety of philosophies as well as a hedonistic lifestyle before he became a Christian. It was only when he had become a Christian that he found true peace, purpose and ultimately contentment. How many people around us have a similar restlessness of spirit although they may not acknowledge or even recognise it? People look for peace or fulfilment in so many different places all of which they will leave them wanting in the end. This collect reminds us that only God, the God who made us and loved us, can truly satisfy our greatest hopes and desires. It's another beautiful prayer and I commend it to you.

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News from Robert T Tuxxie



Dear Everypurr,

Have you ever heard of something called medicine? Or something called a tablet? Well, I have and I don't like them. I made sure mummy knew I didn't like them as well. Have you noticed the scratches on her hands? Mummy says I need a tablet to stay healthy, but I say it's not worth it! She bundled me up in a big towel, put me on her knee and tried to stuff a tablet into my mouth. She thought she was being clever by hiding it in some cheese, but I found it and spat it out. I kept spitting it out until there was none left. Mummy said some words that I don't think vicars are supposed to say, but I won again! No tablet for me. Mummy says it's my own fault if I get poorly, but

as you all know, nothing is my fault. Mummy says, as she always does, that I should be thankful that I can have medicine and even go to the V.E.T. sometimes because they are good for me. Did you know that some kitties and even humans can't get medicine or see a human V.E.T.? Mummy says we should pray for the people who need medicine but can't afford it or can't get to a hospital, and we should pray for charities who try to help them. I suppose she's right and I will say a prayer for them, but I still don't like medicine.

Yours purfully,

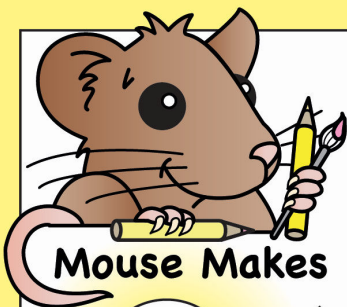
Robert T Tuxxie, esq.

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October Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin. 7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash. 11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric. 17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at. 22, Ready to. 23, Holy Spirit.

DOWN: 1, Judas. 2, Harm. 3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular. 6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14, Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19, Egypt. 20, Hair.



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November. ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?



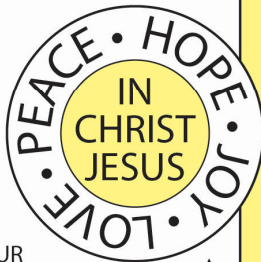
Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?



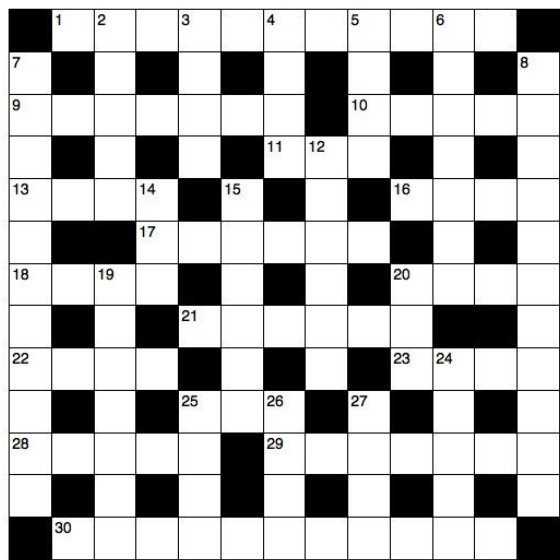
Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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November Crossword



Across

1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11), 9 ‘And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ’ (Matthew 6:13) (4,3), 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5), 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3), 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon’s victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4), 16 Metallic element (4), 17 At line (anag.) (6), 18 ‘Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree’ (Galatians 3:13) (4), 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey’s jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4), 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6), 22 ‘When he saw him, he took — on him’ (Luke 10:33) (4), 23 ‘For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction’ (Matthew 7:13) (4), 25 ‘The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers’ (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3), 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5), 29 ‘We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf’ (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7), 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

2 ‘For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ’ (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5), 3 ‘After supper he — the cup’ (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4), 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul’s vision: ‘Come — to Macedonia and help us’ (Acts 16:9) (4), 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother’s wife (Genesis 38:9) (4), 6 I veto me (anag.) (7), 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11), 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11), 12 ‘I have made you — — for the Gentiles’ (Acts 13:47) (1,5), 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3), 15 ‘Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet’ (Judges 14:14) (6), 19 ‘I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man’s understanding’ (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4), 20 ‘Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace’ (Romans 6:14) (3), 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5), 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4), 26 Heroic tale (4), 27 ‘Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ’ (John 8:32) (4)



Did you know that St George's Church, Stalybridge is registered on #easyfundraising? This means you can raise free donations for us in 2025 when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation on your behalf when you shop. All the big names like Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos, Just Eat and many others are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Plus, sign up and raise your first donation and they'll get a bonus £1:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stgeorgeschurchstalybridge/576b0c/s2s/zhbCJtHD/SE868/facebook/>

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

***Please sign up to support us at
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgeorgeschurchstalybridge***



What happens to our foodbank donations?

Following the very grateful 'Thank you' we had from the Tameside East Foodbank for the marvellous amount of goods donated from our Harvest Festival, Revd Denise asked me to let you have a few details of what happens to our regular donations.

All the items are delivered at least once a month to the foodbank situated in St Matthew's Church behind Stalybridge library. It is part of the Trussell Trust who help provide emergency food and support for people in crisis throughout the U.K.

Each 'drop-off' is weighed and recorded as a contribution from the people of St George's and every item is greatly appreciated and valued. If all of us could contribute one item, it would go a long way to helping families and the added blessing of being glad that we're not the ones in need.

If you would like more information about how people are referred and assessed, and what each person or family is given per week, please find details in the church lounge.

Mary Shaw

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Brunch with Santa!

Santa will be joining us
at Saint George's Church, Stalybridge.

On Saturday 6th December.

You can choose from two sessions
10am-12noon or 1pm-3pm

The cost is £5 per child and £3 per adult.
This includes a visit with Santa, a gift for
each child and a light meal for
everyone.

Bookings can be made by email at
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Please state which session you would
like, number of adults, number of
children, age and first name of each
child in your email – this is so that Santa
can get a suitable gift.

We can't wait to see you!!

My Grandmother's Wall Plaque – A Poem

God has not promised skies ever blue,
Flower strewn pathways always for you.

God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But he has promised from above
Undying sympathy and undying love.

Given to the magazine by Rose Haywood

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"Goodness! is it time for Christmas
Fair organising, carol service planning
and nativity play rehearsals?!"

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Nov	Norman Clinton Ridgway	1991	14 Nov	Michael S. Oliver	2003
2 Nov	Roy Worsnip	1972		Zoie Vidler	2003
3 Nov	Samuel Currie	2010	16 Nov	Alice Whalley	1998
4 Nov	Susan Ann Mann	2006	18 Nov	Olive Bowden	1993
5 Nov	Furness James Hall	2006		Florence Wilson	2006
	Eric Gregson Eastwood	2009		Winifred Sarah Nield	2011
	Beryl Gertrude Wykes	2017		Edward Broadhurst	2013
6 Nov	Fanny Seaton	1927	20 Nov	Jonathan Ratcliffe	1917
	Sydney Dring	1981		Kenneth Cyril La Touche	1982
	Doreen Berry	1988		Brian Hitchon	1984
	Dennis Holt	1994	21 Nov	John Patrick Higgins	1952
	Catherine Tetlow	2008		Edith Haigh	1993
7 Nov	Leslie Percy Butterworth	2015	22 Nov	Stanley Brierley	1991
8 Nov	Norman Andrew	1986	23 Nov	Doris May Brayshaw	2002
9 Nov	Edward Priestley	1989	24 Nov	Gary Lee Hughes	1985
	Grace Barber	2008		Phylliss Watson	2013
10 Nov	Roland Wilson	1984	26 Nov	Julian William Parkhurst	2014
	Harold Mellor	1986	27 Nov	Kathleen Irene Humphries	1994
	Clifford Thomas John	1994	28 Nov	Gwilym Samuel Rees	1974
	Jessie Dennis	2005		Paul James Smyth	1983
13 Nov	Walter Raymond Skelton	1998		Andrew John Philip	2001
	Lucy Louise Yvonne	2011		Beckwith	
	Taylor			Joan Entwistle	2005

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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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