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April 2021

St George's Church Stalybridge

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*For baptisms, marriages or funerals please phone the Vicar on 07393 420763.
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, or to have
the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance,
please contact the Vicar.*



From Our Book of Remembrance

Apr 3	Alan Wilson 1970 Fred Peck 1977 William Dawson 1982 Joan Brocklehurst 1994	Apr 17	Bertha Stanley 1965 Dennis Baxter 2001
Apr 4	Grace Lee 1975	Apr 18	Edith Smith 1988 Ada Sayce 1989
Apr 5	Geoffrey Birch 2006 Percy Dudleston 1979	Apr 19	Mary Elizabeth Parkinson 1944 Doris Hibbert 1970 Samuel Cook 1989
Apr 6	Herbert Brocklehurst 1975	Apr 20	Louis Bowler 1990 Lena Schofield 1997
Apr 7	Ellen Ratcliffe 1937		Mary Wright 1989
Apr 8	Alistair William Rose 1983 Forbes	Apr 22	Mark Allen Cowley 2009
Apr 9	John (Jack) Ireson 1987 Kenneth Langton 2007 Howard Steven Fogg 2008 Robin Edward Morris 2015	Apr 23	James Johnson 1984 Jennie Cook 1995
Apr 10	Walter Bramall 1977 Minnie Talbot 1984 Freda Mary Day 1987	Apr 24	George Wardle 1997 Joan Lindley 1983 Doreen Lilian Pritchard 2009 Graham Webster 2009
Apr 12	Jacqueline Ruth Gillaspy 1987 Andrea Louise Johnson 2004	Apr 25	John Jepson Thomas 1991
Apr 14	Helen Shaw 1996	Apr 26	Alice Ann Walton 1998 Elsie Beatrice Dugdale 1974 Beatrice Isabella Brien 1985 Harry Blackburn 2003
Apr 15	Ernest Norris 1965 Joseph Parry 2007 Alice Banks 2009	Apr 27	John Kenyon 2001
Apr 16	Joseph Shaw 1961 Emily Spencer 1990	Apr 28	Ada Broadbent 1962
		Apr 29	Laura Wright 2007

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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 the vicar or one of the wardens. The cost for the inscription is £10 per entry



A huge thank you to everyone who is making sure that the life and ministry of St George's Church is continuing, albeit in different ways during this time.



We are continuing to collect for **Tameside East Foodbank**. If you'd like to contribute with items, do be in touch with Rev Penny.

We are doing our best to communicate with as many people as possible, by telephone, email, social media, post and running errands. Volunteers are still helping Penny to phone around church members and others who would like contact, so that we can keep in touch.

Please do be in touch if you would like to speak with someone, or you know someone who would (with their permission) or if there is anything we can do to help.

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Funerals in church (30 people max) and at the crematorium or graveside continue. Please be in touch with the Vicar for further information about weddings and baptisms

Funerals

4th March
Philip John Schofield

22nd March
Barbara Seymour

Baptisms

21st March
Madeline Ward



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200 Club

March Winners

1st prize £25 no3 Ivan Foster; 2nd prize £15 no93 Margaret Schofield;
3rd Prize £10 no77 Phil Noonan



The Vicar writes

“Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!”

These words are joyfully proclaimed at the Easter feast - a proclamation of great joy and a pledge of commitment to “keep the feast”.

Last year, we had to keep the Easter feast at home – to find new ways of marking the journey through Holy Week and the promise of Easter differently. Many of us will do so this year too. A small number will meet in church. Last year we were filled with anxiety and uncertainty, this year, whilst hope is on the horizon, many feel the same, and many are weighed down with the grief and loss of the past year.

Yet last year, and this year, and every year since that first Easter morning, the joy of Easter has still been proclaimed. The eternal life-giving message that there is hope in Christ and that life overcomes death is proclaimed triumphantly in so many ways; amidst fanfares of glorious celebration, covertly by those who are forced to worship in secret, tentatively by those who are fearful, quietly by those who sit beside the sick and dying, and uniquely in our own hearts and homes as we recognise its truth in our lives and stories.

And it doesn't end there. Easter lasts for 50 days until Pentecost - it is a whole season for trusting in God's promise and believing that there really is hope for the future. And beyond the 50 days of Eastertide, we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out upon the church, to enliven, sustain, encourage, and inspire us to proclaim the Gospel of new life in Christ and a new, better future for our communities and our world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! Let us keep the feast in whatever way we are able and be confident in God's promises now and in the future.

With prayers for a happy, holy and hope filled Eastertide,
Penny

Sundays

9am Parish Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist in church

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please consider attending at 9am instead of
10.30am if you are attending on Sundays.

*There are 2 services in order to help us to socially distance.
If the building's capacity is reached, we cannot permit others to enter.*

12.15pm Junior Church (online)
6pm Sanctuary – Evening Prayers
(online and streamed to our Facebook page)

Tuesdays

10.30am Eucharist in church

Funerals in church can continue with a maximum of 30 people
(including children) and no congregational singing.
*Please be in touch if you need to discuss arrangements
for baptisms and weddings.*

*A full risk assessment is in place and regularly revised.
We continue stringent hygiene and social distancing procedures.
You must not interact with anyone outside of your household/bubble.
Please take your seats immediately as you arrive
and leave the building at the end of worship, when directed.*

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Kitchen Refurbishment



We are delighted that the kitchen project is completed and are looking forward to being able to use the kitchen for different occasions, including hosting the “George’s Kitchen” local meal delivery project, community lunches, and church and community social events.

The work has included an update to the kitchen electrics, a commercial fridge and freezer, a commercial cooker, new flooring, shelving, a handwashing unit, and new kitchen equipment. At our inspection by Environmental Health at Tameside Council we were awarded a 5 hygiene rating! Volunteers from church and the community have undertaken their Food Hygiene Level Two training and have been awarded with certificates.

We are very grateful for the generous grant from the Ridge Hill Big Local which has enabled this improvement to take place. Thank you to all who have been involved in the kitchen project so far – we look forward to seeing its use increase and develop!



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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 revdpennywarner@outlook.com, send your email address by text or WhatsApp to 07393 420763 or sign up via our church Facebook page or website.

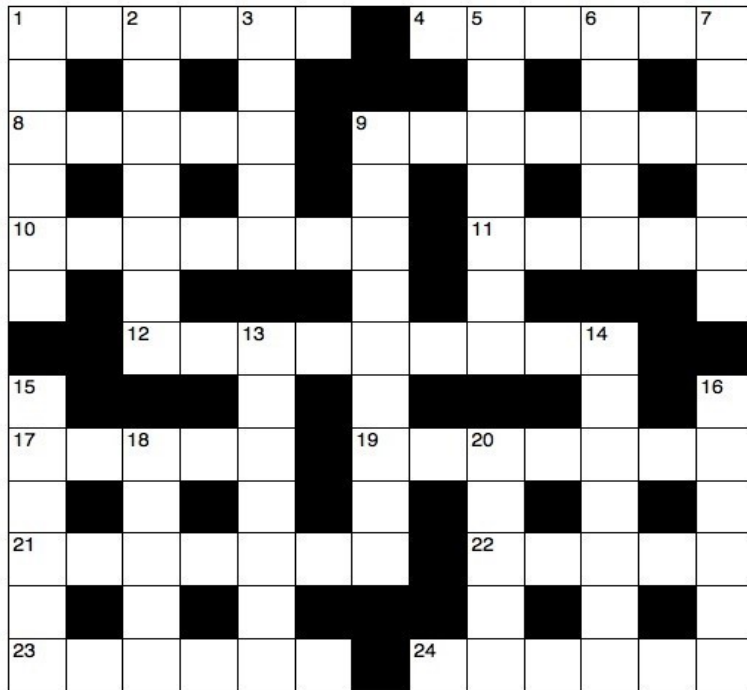


Lots of us are now doing a lot of our shopping online. St George's is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us to raise money for FREE!

All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE!

These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgeorgeschurchstalybridge

April Crossword



Across

1 Relating to the whole universe (6), 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6), 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3), 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7), 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7), 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5), 12 Repossessed (Gen 14:16) (9), 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5), 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Ex 34:29) (7), 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7), 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5), 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6), 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6), 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7), 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5), 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3), 6 11 Across is certainly this (5), 7 He reps (anag.) (6), 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9), 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7), 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7), 15 The human mind or soul (6), 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6), 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5), 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Readings and Psalms for April 2021

HOLY WEEK

- Thurs 1st Maundy Thursday**
20.00 Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-end;1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35
- Fri 2nd Good Friday**
10.30 Isaiah 52.13-end of 53; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-end of 19
- Sun 4th Easter Day**
10.30 Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18
- Tues 6th** 10.30 Acts 2.36-41; Psalm 33.4-5,18-end; John 20.11-18
- Sun 11th 2nd Sunday of Easter**
10.30 Exodus 14.10-end,15.20,21; Psalm 133; Acts 4.32-35; John 20.19-end
- Tues 13th** 10.30 Acts 4.32-end; Psalm 93; John 3.7-15
- Sun 18th 3rd Sunday of Easter**
10.30 Zephaniah 3.14-end; Psalm 4; Acts 3.12-19; Luke 24.36b-48
- Tues 20th** 10.30 Acts 7.51-8.1a; Psalm 31.1-5,16; John 6.30-35
- Sun 25th 4th Sunday of Easter—Celebrating St George**
10.30 Revelation 12.7-12; psalm 126; 2 Timothy 2.3-13; John 15.18-21
- Tues 27th** 10.30 Acts 11.19-26; psalm 87; John 10.22-30

March Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.

DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.

that Slimming World feeling!

NEW

**CONSULTANT:
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MONDAY
AFTERNOON/
EVENINGS**

AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, STALYBRIDGE

CHRIST
Matthew 16:16

SAVIOUR
John 3:16-17

HOLY ONE
Mark 1:24

VINE
John 15:5

DOOR
John 10:9

THE WAY

WAY
John 14:6

LAMB
John 1:29

MOUSE MAKES
Can you find these names of Jesus in the word search?

SON OF GOD
Matthew 3:16-17

KING OF KINGS
Revelation 17:14

PROPHET
Luke 24:19

PRIEST
1 Timothy 2:5

ROCK
1 Corinthians 10:4

LORD
1 Corinthians 1:9

AMEN
Revelation 3:14

LIFE
John 11:25-27

MESSIAH
John 1:41

SHEPHERD
John 10:11

LIGHT
John 8:12

WORD
John 1:1-50

BREAD
John 6:35

CREATOR
1 John 1:3

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Paws for thought

The start of Eastertide marks the start of my 50 days of fundraising! We are raising funds which will be split 50/50 between St George's Church and Tameside, Oldham and Glossop MIND who are doing wonderful things (alongside dogs) supporting mental health in our communities.

Entrants have 50 days to complete, and you can decide how far dogs and humans want to go:

- 5000metres (just over 3 miles) (about 100 metres per day)
- 10 miles (about 0.2 miles per day)
- 30 miles (about 0.6 miles per day)
- 50 miles (about 1 mile per day)
- 100 miles (about 2 miles per day)
- 200 miles (about 4 miles per day)
- 300 miles (about 6 miles per day)... or more if you wish!

If you want to choose a different distance, feel free, we want as many dogs and humans to get out and blow away some cobwebs, so please don't be put off. You choose what is right for you. Also, humans are allowed to walk without a dog if they wish. Everyone can join in!

You can sponsor us online via our Easyfundraising donate button at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgeorgeschurchstalybridge/donate - be sure to leave a message of support, or you can give an envelope to church marked "Buddy & buddies sponsored walk".



Huge thanks to those who have already signed up to take part including, Val, Steve, Molly and Daisy, Joyce and Ben, Caroline and Daisy, Lynn and Ava, Alicia and Robbie and the 2 vicars who will be joining me.

There is still time to take part – just be in touch with my PA (pup assistant) Val for more details and to sign up! pewsheet@yahoo.com

With love to you all,

Buddy



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Holy Week

Holy Week this year will be celebrated in church with opportunities for worship online also. Most restrictions will still be in place, therefore services will be small and simple.

The telling of the story of our salvation will continue to be at the centre of all our worship during this most special week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April

8pm EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER

followed by the Stripping of the Altars and Watch of Prayer until 11pm

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April

10.30am THE LITURGY OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April

8pm The Easter Vigil

The first Eucharist of Easter, welcoming the light of Christ

EASTER DAY 4th April

9am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

12.15am Junior Church meets online

6pm Sanctuary – online worship for Easter Sunday

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APCM 2021

Pending the lifting of restrictions, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 18th April 2021 after the morning service (time TBC)

2 churchwardens will be elected (1 year appt)

We will offer a vote of thanks to Janet Vidler who has served 6 consecutive terms as churchwarden, including during the vacancy.

There are 3 vacancies for elected PCC members (3 yr appt)

There is 1 vacancy for a Deanery Synod Rep (3 yr appt)

Nomination forms for these positions are to be filled in and returned to the PCC Secretary, Lynn Moon or the Vicar.

Please be in touch for further details.

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St George, our Patron Saint who isn't English (from *Parish Pump*)

The English have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who, just possibly, may not have existed at all. But that didn't stop St George being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that St George was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that St George was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.

The story of George and the dragon is of much later date and no one seems to know where it comes from. By the Middle Ages, when George was being honoured in stained glass, the dragon had become an invaluable and invariable visual element, so that for most people the two are inseparable. Pub signs have a lot to answer for here: 'The George and Dragon'.

However, it's probably more profitable to concentrate on his role as a man who witnessed to his faith in the difficult setting of military service, and in the end was martyred for his faithfulness to Christ. The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers – 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity.

The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' – one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause.



**We will celebrate Saint George on
Sunday 25th April 2021**

9am and 10.30am Parish Eucharist

Special Guest:
Fr Alan Simpson