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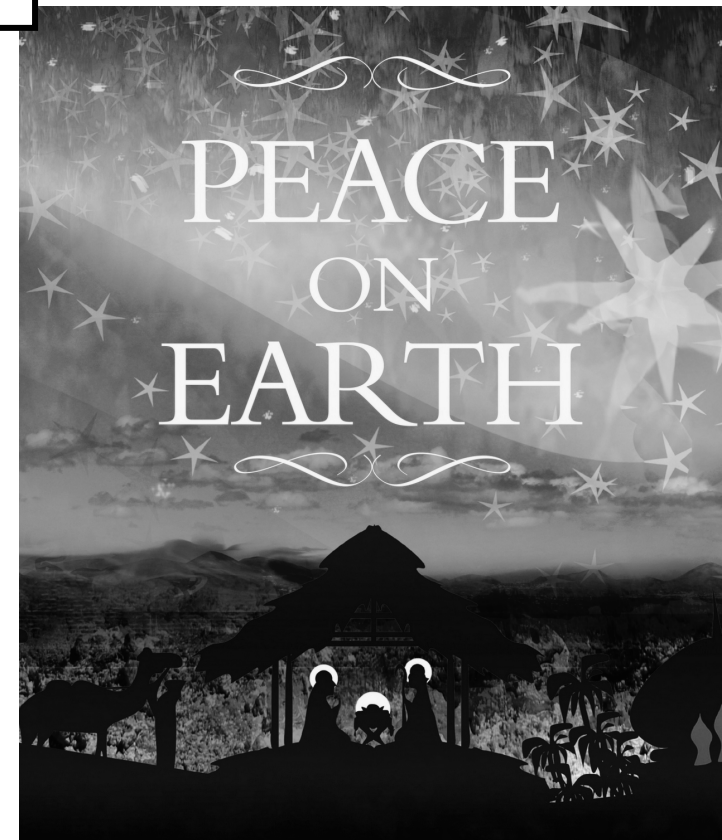
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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St George's Church Stalybridge



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Worship Sunday

10.30 a.m.	Sung Communion and Junior Church (4 th Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion *****
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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 Philip or one of the Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone Philip (Vicar) on 0161 338 2368. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Dec	Dean Stanley	1976	19 Dec	Jonas Ward	2000
2 Dec	Harriet Shenton	1976	22 Dec	Jesse Wylde	1991
	Harold Harrison Rowbottom	1988		Gladys Jakeman	1999
	Harry Brayshaw	2001		Winifred Barnshaw	2005
4 Dec	Ellen Wooley Lomas	1970	23 Dec	Emma Gudger	1962
7 Dec	Edgar Jones	1990		James Stott	1983
7 Dec	Moreen Branwood	1943		Sarah Hannah Hague	1981
9 Dec	Jack Fitchett	1951		Dorothy Stott	2012
10 Dec	Jane Anne Greenhalgh	1978	24 Dec	Mona Jefferson	1988
	Malcolm James Donald	2008		Audrey Fallows	2012
	Walter Charles Aves	2016	25 Dec	Frank Buckley	1974
11 Dec	Neil Kershaw	2013		James Reedy	1982
12 Dec	George Woolley Buckley	1990		Derek Hibbert	1992
	Joseph Kinder	1929		David William Heap	1979
13 Dec	Frank Turner	1976		Ivy Holt	2009
14 Dec	Gertrude Barbara Fitchett	1938		Marion Beatrice Ogden	2013
	Ernest Ives	1975	28 Dec	Emily Rosina Pendleton	1987
	Nora Grace Council	2008		Alfred Wilde	1988
	Philip Edward Davenport	2010		Thomas Holt	2009
15 Dec	William Dyson Duckworth	2010		George Henry Burtoft	2010
16 Dec	Eva Whittingham	1984		Alan Oldham Miller	2011
	John Hague	1968	29 Dec	Joan Pickles	2006
	Minnie Press	1984	31 Dec	Alice Shenton	1989
	Edith Longden	2008		Joseph Lees	2000
17 Dec	Anthony John David Gough	1993		John White	2008
	Bertha Barnfield	1998			
	Norman Quest	2001			
	William Hadfield	2012			
18 Dec	Martha Ireson	1937			
	Mary Lloyd	1999			
	Thelma Adnett	2005			
	Edith Brayshaw	2010			



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 or Philip.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

18 November

Frankie-Oliver Williams, Stephens Close, Stalybridge
Caleb David Halstead, Shawhead Drive, Failsworth

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

1 November

Ruth Veronica Corser (aged 85 years) Thornton Lodge Care Home,
Salford

5 November

Lynn James (aged 66 years) Ladysmith Road, Stalybridge

11 November

Eric Carpenter (aged 80 years) East Avenue, Stalybridge
Interment of ashes

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13 November

Ruth Wrigley (aged 95 years) Sandon House Mossley, formerly of
Ambleside, Stalybridge

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If anyone would like to take up the bread and wine at the offertory—to celebrate a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just to take part, please have a word with one of the wardens for any Sunday this year.

Dear Friends,



If you know me, you will realise that when we go on holiday or even for a short break somewhere, I like to find and check out some of the curiosities in the British Isles. Places that have drawn my attention are chalk figures on hillsides and mazes or labyrinths cut into the grass. Other labyrinths have tiles, such as the famous one in Chartres Cathedral. Labyrinths go back to Greek mythology, where Daedalus built one for King Minos, at Knossos on the island of Crete, to hold the legendary Minotaur. Apparently, he built it so well that he could hardly escape from it afterwards.

Of course, you needn't travel to France or Crete to see such a labyrinth – we have them here in Britain: at Wing in Rutland, Julian's Bower in Lincolnshire and Dalby in North Yorkshire. There are also mazes, but unlike labyrinths, these are designed in such a way as to trick you, leading to a dead end or trying to get you lost. There is the famous one at Hampton Court Palace and one closer to home at Speke in Liverpool. Labyrinths on the other hand, have only one route and are designed as a means for meditation. The labyrinth at Chartres, for instance, dates back to 1205, when monks used it for contemplation. Scholars believe that it symbolises the path of the human journey from sin to redemption.

Labyrinths are such a valuable tool in Advent. Like Mary, as she journeyed on towards Bethlehem and as she waited patiently for the birth of the Christ child, they provide us with a path to follow. In Advent, as in a labyrinth, we learn to value the journey itself, not just the destination and its fulfilment (Christmas).

If you like the idea of drawing a labyrinth, there is an excellent one that can be downloaded at www.reflectionary.org. This labyrinth is a Journey to Bethlehem with stops and readings along the way, one for each day. The readings help us to walk with Mary on the journey of Advent, as we look for the coming of the babe who would change the world.

Here are some biblical passages you may wish to use daily along the pathway that leads through Advent to Christmas Day. You don't actually need a labyrinth to do this – just read a little passage each day and meditate on it.

1 Luke 1:26-27

2 Luke 1:28-29
3 Luke 1:30-31
4 Luke 1:32-33
5 Luke 1:34-35
6 Luke 1:38
7 Luke 1:46-49
8 Matthew 1:18
9 Matthew 1:19
10 Matthew 1:20
11 Matthew 1:21
12 Matthew 1:22-23
13 Luke 2:1, 4-5
14 Luke 2:6-7
15 John 1:14
16 Luke 2:8-9
17 Luke 2:10-11
18 Luke 2:12
19 Luke 2:13-14
20 Matthew 2:5-6
21 Luke 2:16-17, 19
22 Matthew 2:1-2
23 Matthew 2:8-10
24 Matthew 2:11
25 Isaiah 9:6

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With my good wishes to you all for a reflective Advent, a peaceful Christmas and a happy and very healthy New Year.

Philip

With acknowledgement to *reflectionary.org*

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Prayer for Christmas Joy

Loving, generous Father,

This Christmas, please help us to keep you at the centre of our preparations and celebrations. May our thankfulness for the gift of your precious son, Jesus, motivate all that we think and say and do. May the joy of His coming shine from us and attract those who don't know what Christmas really means, so that they want to find out!

In Jesus' name and for His glory,
Amen.

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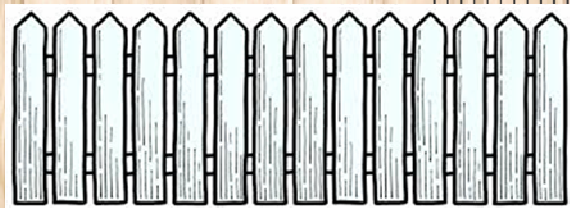
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Remembrance Day 2018

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Remembrance Day displays in any way, supplying and erecting the pole and netting, making the poppies and sewing them on, loaning items for the font display and generally decorating the church so beautifully, and also to Junior Church for their poignant and silent display 'Lest We Forget'.

I think you will agree it was a moving tribute to our local casualties.

Rose



CHURCH FINANCES

November 2018 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
04 Nov 2018	All Saints' Day	£87.00	£428.50	£515.50	
11 Nov 2018	Remembrance Sunday	£69.45	£372.50	£441.95	
18 Nov 2018	Second Sunday before Advent	£119.00	£359.50	£478.50	
25 Nov 2018	Christ the King	£47.44	£297.00	£344.44	
	Standing Orders etc		£952.00	£952.00	
	Monthly Total	£322.89	£2,409.50	£2,732.39	-£733.61

* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £3,466 per month

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200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for November 2018 are:

1st Prize	£25	22	Michael Davies
2nd Prize	£15	112	Joan Gough
3rd Prize	£10	84	Joan Catlow

The cost is £12 per year per number and there are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome.

If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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Friends,

How a church organises its pastoral care is a critical part of how it serves the congregation and the wider community. As you may have heard here at St Georges we are 're-imagining' ours!

Building upon the hard work of our original volunteers and to meet our Mission Statement promise, 'Faith in God, Hope in Jesus and Love and Service to All', our community care team must ensure that it is actually providing love and service to all.

Our first meeting will be on the 14th of January 2019 at 7pm meeting in the Church lounge. Please do come along and consider whether you can help us to set up a team that will meet changing needs and adapt to changing ways of living.

Pastoral care is intended to be shared by every member of our Church family. Each of us should consider being involved in at least one of our new community ministries because that is how we truly care for one another.

Because we believe in Jesus, we believe what the Bible says and we believe that God's love is for everyone. As a church everyone is important and we must aim to be accessible to all and seek to be a community who care for, support and serve each other.

Come and Join our conversation!
Gail

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Readings and Psalms for December 2018

- Sun 2nd** **1st Sunday of Advent**
10.30 **Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36**
- Tues 4th 10.30 Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-4,18-19; Luke 10.21-24
- Sun 9th** **2nd Sunday of Advent**
10.30 **Malachi 3.1-4; *Canticle: Benedictus*; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6**
- Tues 11th 10.30 Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 96.1,10-end; Matthew 18.12-14
- Sun 16th** **3rd Sunday of Advent**
10.30 **Matthew 1.18-end *Christingle, Toy & Nativity Play Service***
18.00 **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**
- Tues 18th 10.30 Jeremiah 23.5-8; Psalm 72.1-2,12-13,18-end; Matthew 1.18-24
- Sun 23rd** **4th Sunday of Advent**
10.30 **Mich 5.2-5a; *Canticle: Magnificat*; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45(46-55)**
- Mon 24th** **Christmas Eve**
16.00 **A Service of the Blessing of the Crib**
23.30 **Isiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4(5-12); John 1.1-14**
- Tues 25th** **Christmas Day**
10.30 **Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14 (15-20)**
- Sun 30th** **1st Sunday of Christmas**
10.30 **1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end**

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November Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Hopefulness. 9, Hitting. 10, du Pre. 11, Ere. 13, Ozni. 16, Wait. 17, Climbs. 18, Obey. 20, Joni. 21, Cuckoo. 22, In it. 23, Yaws. 25, Elm. 28, Alarm. 29, Epistle. 30, Whitsuntide.
DOWN: 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emit. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.

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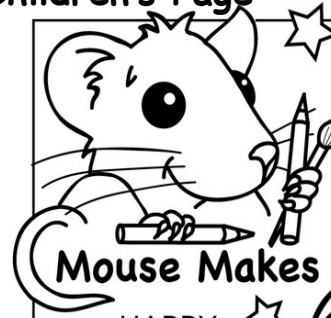


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Children's Page



Mouse Makes

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Read the Christmas story in Luke 1:1 - 2:21



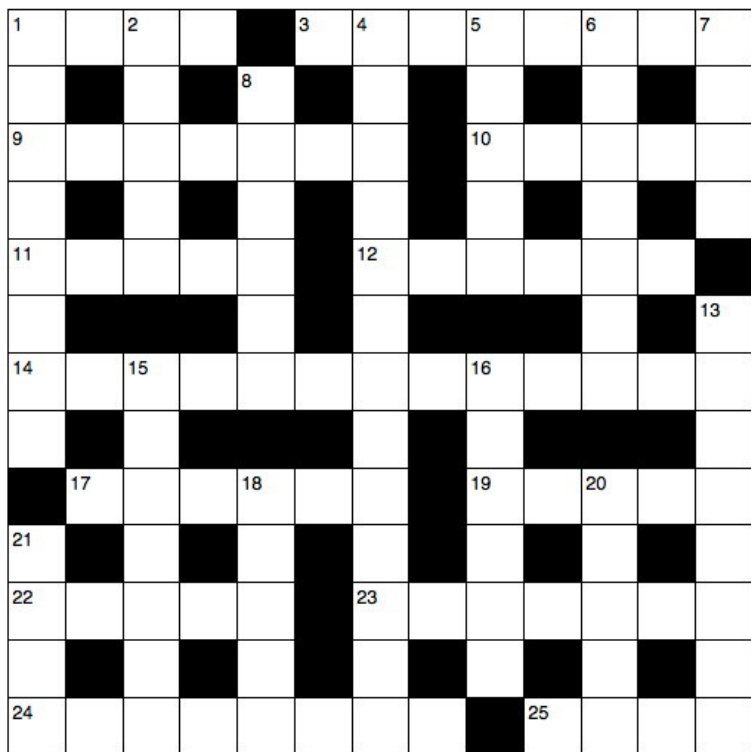
When Mary gave birth to Jesus she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger. There were shepherds in a field nearby looking after their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. The angel said, "Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, I bring you good news! Today your Saviour has been born, He is Christ the Lord."

Then an army of angels appeared praising God. When the angels left the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem, found Joseph and Mary and saw the baby lying in a manger.

A picture to colour for Christmas

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December Crossword



Across

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4), 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore'(Hebrews 13:13) (8), 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7), 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5), 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5), 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6), 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6), 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2), 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7), 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8), 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — (Numbers 20:11) (3,3), 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3), 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13), 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5), 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7), 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4), 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6), 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8), 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7), 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6), 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5), 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5), 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

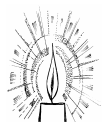
Some dates for your diary - December 2018

- Sun 2nd FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
6.00p.m. Service of Readings and Hymns for Advent
- Tues 4th** 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
- Wed 5th** 6.45p.m. Carol Singing in bottom part of parish - meet at church
 7.30p.m. Deanery Safeguarding Group at St. John's, Hurst
- Thurs 6th** 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sat 8th** 7.00p.m. Tameside Community Voices Concert in Church
- Sun 9th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
12.30p.m. Holy Baptism
- Tues 11th** 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
 6.30p.m. Carol Singing at Stamford Court Nursing Home
 7.15p.m. Carol Singing around Heyrod Village
 8.30p.m. Carol Singing in Heyrod Village Hall
- Thurs 13th** 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sat 15th** 9.30a.m. Christingle preparation
- Sun 16th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.30a.m. Christingle Service & Nativity Play
Bring a Toy to put under the Tree for the 'Childrens Society'
3.00p.m. Elizabeth Way Funeral Directors' Memorial Service
- Tues 18th** 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
 7.45p.m. Parochial Church Council Christmas Soiree
- Wed 19th** 6.45p.m. Carol Singing in top part of parish - meet at church
- Thurs 20th** 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sun 23rd FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
6.00p.m. A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
- MON 24th CHRISTMAS EVE**
4.00p.m. A Service of the Blessing of the Crib with Carols
11.30p.m. First Holy Communion of Christmas
- TUES 25th CHRISTMAS DAY**
10.30a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist for all the Family
- Thurs 27th** 6.00p.m. Carol Singing at Holme Lea Nursing Home
- Sun 30th FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist

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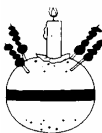
Christmas Services and Carol Singing

Services



**Sunday 2nd December at 6 p.m.
Advent Carol Service by candlelight**

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**Sunday 16th December at 10.30 a.m.
Christingle & Toy Service with Nativity Play
Bring a toy to put under the tree
for the Children's Society**

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**Sunday 23rd December at 6.00 p.m.
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
by Candlelight**

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CHRISTMAS EVE



**Monday 24th December at 4.00 p.m.
Service of The Blessing of the Crib with Carols
Monday 24th December at 11.30 p.m.**

Christmas Midnight Eucharist+++++

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CHRISTMAS DAY



**Tuesday 25th December at 10.30 a.m.
Christmas Day Eucharist**

Come and worship Christ the New-born King

Carol Singing



Wednesday 5th December - bottom part of parish+++++

**Tuesday 11th December - Stamford Court
Nursing Home, Heyrod Village & Heyrod
Village Hall**

Wednesday 19th December - Top part of parish

Thursday 27th December - Holme Lea Nursing Home

Saint of the Month

17 December

**Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer,
Founder of 'Save the Children' 1928**



Eglantyne Jebb was born in Shropshire in 1876 and grew up at Ellesmere where she was encouraged to read, write and develop her own opinions. She studied history at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, where she developed an interest in social issues. After teacher training she taught at Marlborough in Wiltshire. But she found teaching too physically demanding and went to live with her mother in Cambridge. In 1906 she published her research into poverty in that city – *Cambridge: a Study in Social Questions*.

When the Balkan Wars broke out in 1912, Eglantyne went to Macedonia to aid refugees. Here she began to form views and develop strategies for long-term constructive aid as being more effective than short-term handouts. Her concern for suffering civilians was not limited by nationalistic considerations, and during the First World War she was horrified at the effect the Allied blockade on Germany and Austria-Hungary was having on their civilian populations, especially the children.

The blockade continued after the Armistice in order to put pressure on the Central Powers to sign the harsh peace treaties. So at the beginning of 1919 Eglantyne and her sister Dorothy Buxton were among the founders of the 'Fight the Famine' Council, committed to ending the blockade and establishing a League of Nations. During a rally in Trafalgar Square she was arrested and later fined for distributing an uncensored leaflet, *A Starving Baby*.

'Save the Children', launched by Eglantyne and Dorothy at the Albert Hall in May 1919, was set up to raise money for food for the suffering populations of central Europe. But as well as being a committed Christian Eglantyne was also a businesslike professional:

'The new charity . . . must be scientific; it must have the same clear conceptions of its objects and seek to compass them with the same care, the same thoroughness, the same intelligence as are to be found in the best commercial and industrial enterprises.'

£400,000 was raised in 1919 alone and by 1922 Save the Children was one of Britain's biggest charities. It has since spread throughout the world.

Her Declaration of the Rights of the Child, written in 1923, was adopted by the League of Nations the following year. The present United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is derived from it. But ten years of exhausting work for Save the Children sapped Eglantyne's health and she died in 1928 in Geneva, aged 52.

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