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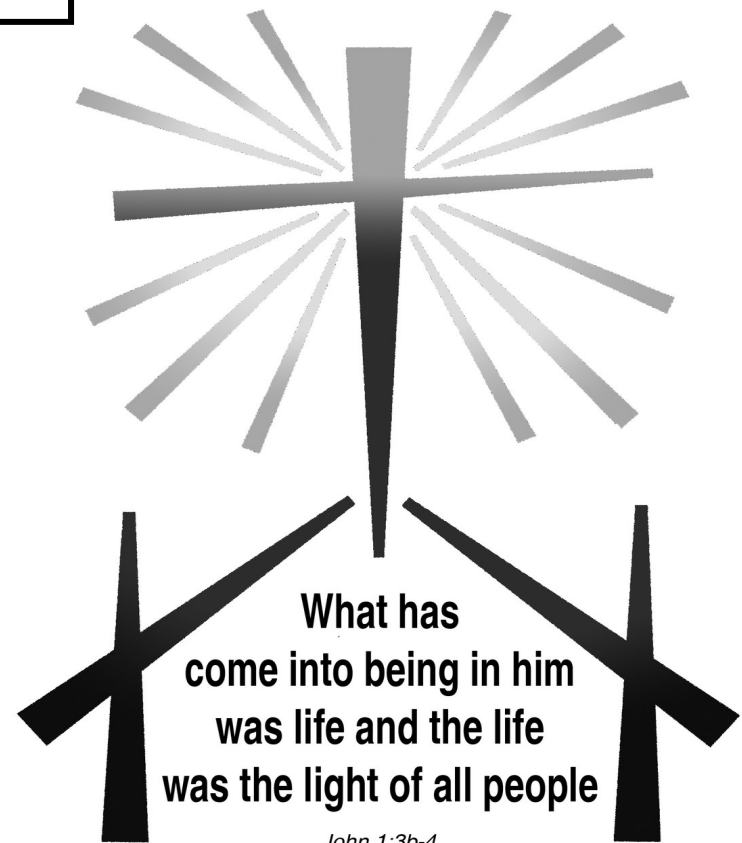
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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What has
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was the light of all people

John 1:3b-4

January 2019

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 Jan	Ezekiel Lomas	1941	18 Jan	George William Catlow	2000
2 Jan	Edward Cooper	1980		Marian Hulme	2002
	Ernest Bramall	1982		Reginald Hewitt	2008
	Marjorie Day	1982	19 Jan	Mary Eastwood	1989
	David Cotton	2007	20 Jan	Raymond Jack Clarke	1983
3 Jan	Ivy Marshall	2006		Katherine Devlin	1988
4 Jan	William Parkinson	1943		Jean Ollerenshaw	2012
	Phyllis Peck	1981	21 Jan	Heather Alwyn Clarke	2012
	Barry Aldred	1999	22 Jan	Thomas Howard	1964
	Nellie Mellor	1977		Harry Walton	1967
5 Jan	Joseph Hibbert	1957		Eliza Emma Sidebottom	1988
	Hugh Shepley	1987	23 Jan	Jesslyn Tonge	1991
	Gertrude Sullivan	1998		Neil Hadfield	2011
6 Jan	Harry Walton	1988	24 Jan	Henry Howard	1981
	John Barratt	1996		Rhoda Hancock	1989
8 Jan	George Leonard Eakins	1981		Harold Spencer	1962
	James Norman Kelday	2000		Albert Marcel Hough	2017
	Fred Harris	1979	25 Jan	Agnes Smith	1975
9 Jan	Sarah Clews	1994		Carol Hyde	2010
	Susan Ann Maud Barnfield	1953	26 Jan	Edith Emma Clinton	1987
10 Jan	Tom Sidebottom	1979		Nellie Wood	1987
11 Jan	Jesse Horsefield	1984		Eric James Chorlton	2001
	Drinda Jefferson	1990		Margaret Slack	2007
	Evelyn Barlow	2003	27 Jan	Fred Kay	1968
	James Watson	2014		Bridget Bower	1994
12 Jan	Ethel Battersby	1992		Ronald Bower	2000
13 Jan	Kathleen Thwaites	1992		Geoffrey Phillip Brown	1995
14 Jan	Robert Nicholson	1988		Abraham Newton	1983
	Eva Helen Ollerenshaw	1989		Veronica Quinn	1997
	Kyle Martin Cropper Ramsden	2004	29 Jan	Fred Holt	1939
				Eddie Holden	1990
15 Jan	Norman Council	2014		Karen Jane Bradbury	2007
	James Ireson	1990		Mildred Bradshaw	2014
16 Jan	William Gudger	1963	30 Jan	Alice Saxon	1997
	Minnie Schofield	2012	31 Jan	Alice Ann Priestley	1955
17 Jan	David Lees	2011		John Robert Stanley	1990
18 Jan	William Frederick Ireson	1962		John Patrick Higgins	2006

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

9 December

Grayson Charlie Hunt, Pennine View, Mossley
Alyssia Joyce Johnston, Thirlmere Close, Stalybridge


Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

31 December

Jean McLaughlin (aged 63 years) Walker Avenue, 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.
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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 or Philip.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

Dear Friends,

A very Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoy good health and many blessings over the whole of 2019.



As many of you know, I worked for thirty-seven years as an Industrial Chemist in the dyestuffs industry. During the whole of that time, I only worked for one company at one site in Clayton – albeit in several different buildings within the complex. It is an absolute fact, though, that all the buildings I worked in closed down and were, in turn, demolished, because they were either unfit for purpose or market forces came into being. As a company, we could no longer produce dyestuffs at an economic level.

I am delighted to say that my current place of employment will not now suffer the same fate, since St. George's has been awarded the magnificent sum of £233,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to carry out much needed repairs to the remainder of the roof. We received a very generous grant from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme around three years ago to repair the south side of the roof, and now we have the resources to complete the task. We are indebted to Alan Smith who has worked tirelessly to bring us to this point, completing the endless forms, co-ordinating meetings between the Architect, Heritage Lottery Fund, Contractors and our own small group from church with good humour and great efficiency. Thank you, Alan.

Although we need to preserve the building and our heritage, the church, of course, is the people of God and not the buildings. We are so very fortunate at our church to have the resources in the form of willing and gifted people who give of their time and talents week in and week out.

Our Reader-in-Training Gail has many new ideas for how we can develop our Mission Action Plan and take the love of God out into the community. For twenty-five years, we have had a

Pastoral Care Team (Care Bears) who have visited members of our church who are no longer able to worship here week by week. It is our hope that the visiting scheme will be extended to include those of other faiths and none who need a friendly ear and a little company and maybe assistance in some way.

In order to accomplish this, we need people. Volunteers who are willing to give a few hours a week – a month – or maybe only occasionally in order to help someone else. A meeting has been scheduled for Monday 14th January at 7.00p.m. where the ideas for moving forward will be shared and explained in more detail. I hope that many of you will feel called to come along and listen to what is envisaged.

2019 will be a year of exciting change at St. George's as we look forward to a new incumbent who will have vision, enthusiasm and fresh ideas of taking our church forward and building on the work already achieved. Whoever takes on the task will need your help and I am certain that you will give it as you have unflinchingly given it to me.

With many thanks and best wishes ++++++

Philip
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The New Year 2019

2018 has slipped away
And a New Year now comes into view,
What will it hold, no-one yet knows
What will it bring - good or bad news?
Whatever the way the wind will blow
Our craft is safe in the Master's hand,
Whether placid seas or sudden storms
The wind and the waves are at His command
Our lives like a voyage keep journeying on
With vistas new and vistas past,
The Lord in His mercy holding us tight
Steering us on to safe harbour at last.

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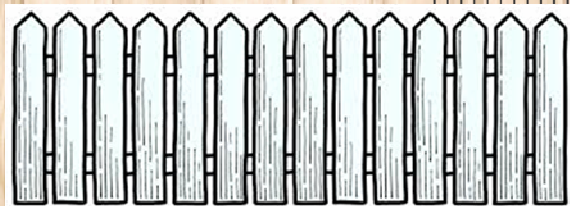
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Ten things God won't ask you when you die

God won't ask what kind of car you drove;
He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house,
He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet,
He'll ask how many people you helped to clothe.

God won't ask which diet you were on;
He'll ask how many hungry people you helped to feed.

God won't ask what your highest salary was;
He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was;
He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many friends you had on Facebook;
He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived;
He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.

God won't ask about the colour of your skin;
He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Him;
He'll lovingly take you into His Kingdom, not leave you at the gates of Hell.

CHURCH FINANCES

December 2018 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
02 Dec 2018	Advent Sunday	£44.22	£456.00	£500.22	
09 Dec 2018	Advent 2	£30.42	£338.85	£369.27	
16 Dec 2018	Christingle, Toy and Nativity Play	£27.00	£714.78	£741.78	
23 Dec 2018	Advent 4	£63.00	£396.50	£459.50	
30 Dec 2018	Christmas 1				
	Standing Orders etc		£952.00	£952.00	
	Monthly Total	£164.64	£2,858.13	£3,022.77	-£443.23

* 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 December 2018 are:

1st Prize	£25	21	Timothy Hayward
2nd Prize	£15	42	Tom Youngston
3rd Prize	£10	64	Dorothy Dawson

Subscriptions for 2019 are now due and should be paid to Rose Hayward.

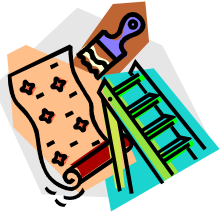
The cost is £12 per year per number and there are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome.

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

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Readings and Psalms for January 2019

Tues 1st 10.30 Numbers 6.22-end; Psalm 8; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.15-21

Sun 6th **Epiphany**
10.30 **Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12**

Tues 8th 10.30 1 John 4.7-10; Psalm 72.1-8; Mark 6.34-44

Sun 13th **2nd Sunday of Epiphany—Baptism of Christ**
10.30 **Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17,21-22**

Tues 15th 10.30 Hebrews 2.5-12; Psalm 8; Mark 1.21-28

Sun 20th **3rd Sunday of Epiphany**
10.30 **Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11**

Tues 22nd 10.30 Hebrews 6.10-end; Psalm 111; Mark 2.23-end

Sun 27th **4th Sunday of Epiphany**
10.30 **1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21**
Worship For All

Tues 2^{9th} 10.30 Hebrews 10.1-10; Psalm 40.1-4,7-10; Mark 3.31-end

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December Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod. **DOWN:** 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

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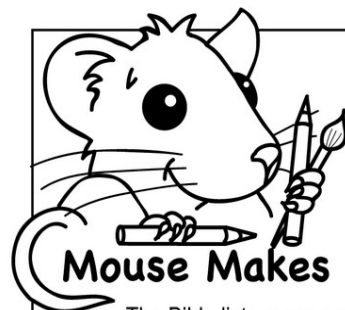


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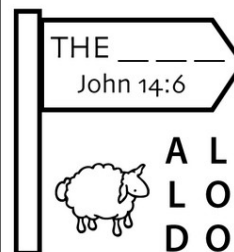
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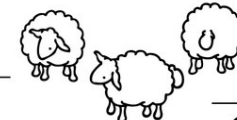
Eight days after their baby had been born, Mary and Joseph named him with the name the angel Gabriel had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

"You are to give him the name **JESUS** because he will save his people from their sins."

Read Luke 2:21-38



S _____ John 10:11



OF GOD John 1:29



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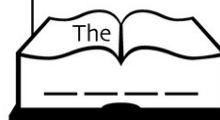
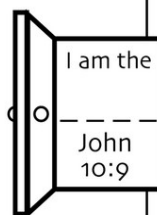
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Revelation 17:14



John 6:35

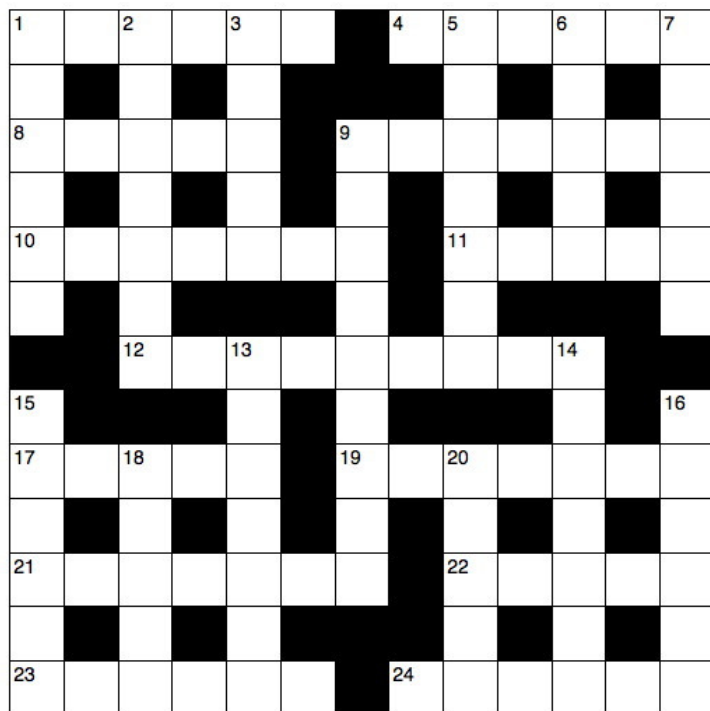


John 1:1-5

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January Crossword



Across

1 Protective covering recommended to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:11) (6), 4 The number of apostles (Matthew 10:2) (6), 8 Tenth-century Bishop of Augsburg for 48 years, who became the first saint to be canonized by a pope (5), 9 'Do not — what is evil but what is good' (3 John 11) (7), 10 Reading desk in a church (7), 11 'He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like — walking around"' (Mark 8:24) (5), 12 One of the qualities that Paul exhorted Timothy to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11) (9), 17 One of the meaningless pleasures acquired by the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 2:8) (5), 19 'Like — babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation' (1 Peter 2:2) (7), 21 Jesus said that Moses allowed this only because men's hearts were hard (Matthew 19:8) (7), 22 Girl's name (5) 23 Most sagacious (Judges 5:29) (6), 24 How Stephen, the first Christian martyr, died: after being — (Acts 7:59) (6)

Down

1 A Jew whom Paul met in Corinth, whose wife was Priscilla (Acts 18:2) (6), 2 For example, turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, walking on water (John 7:21) (7), 3 Abraham's relationship to Lot (Genesis 14:12) (5), 5 'Jesus answered, "It is —: 'Man does not live by bread alone.'" (Matthew 4:4) (7), 6 'Peace I — with you; my peace I give you' (John 14:27) (5), 7 'May the Lord deal with me, be it — — severely, if anything but death separates you and me' (Ruth 1:17) (4,2), 9 Lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30) (9), 13 This woman 'followed Paul and believed' after his words to the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:34) (7), 14 Or noise (anag.) (7), 15 'Even though I walk through the valley of the — of death, I will fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) (6), 16 ' — Christian soldiers, marching as to war' (6), 18 Saver (anag.) (5), 20 'Unless a grain of — falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 12:24) (5)

Some dates for your diary - January 2019

Tues	1st	10.30a.m.	No Service of Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.	No activities - Holiday
Thurs	3rd	9.00a.m.	No activities - Holiday
		7.30p.m.	No activities - Holiday
Sun	6th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Tues	8th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
		7.45p.m.	Social and Fund Raising Meeting
Thurs	10th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	12th	2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun	13th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Mon	14th	7.30p.m.	Pastoral Care Group Meeting in the lounge
Tues	15th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
		7.45p.m.	Parochial Church Council
Thurs	17th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	19th	8.00p.m.	Quiz
Sun	20th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	22nd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.	Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
Thurs	22nd	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	26th		Senior Citizens' Party
Sun	27th	10.30a.m.	Worship For All
		6.30p.m.	Unity Service at Stalybridge Methodist Church
Tues	29th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	31st	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice

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Saint of the Month
12 January, Aelred of Hexham,
Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

Aelred was born at Hexham in Northumberland in 1109, the son and grandson of married priests (at a time when clerical celibacy was not universally practised in the Catholic Church). At an early age he was sent to the Scottish court for an education that would ensure his future as a noble and courtier. Here he acted as a page to the young Prince Henry. King David of Scotland saw Aelred's potential, promoted him in the royal household and, it is speculated, may already have had the intention of making him a bishop.

But at the age of 24 Aelred turned his back on the opportunities that awaited him at court and entered the religious life in the newly-founded Cistercian abbey at Rievaulx in Yorkshire. Soon he was appointed master of novices, and gained a reputation for the quality of the pastoral care he exercised to those under his charge. In 1143, when a new Cistercian abbey was founded at Revesby in Lincolnshire, Aelred was sent from Rievaulx to be the first abbot.

He did not remain at Revesby for long, however, for in 1146 the Abbot of Rievaulx died and Aelred was elected abbot. He now found himself not just the superior of a community of 300 monks, but the head of the Cistercian order in England. His new responsibilities saw him travelling widely both in England and Scotland and also on the Continent – an ordeal for him as he suffered from a painful kidney complaint. But his influence was considerable and he is said to have been instrumental in persuading Henry II to attend a meeting with the Pope and King Louis VII of France in 1162. The following year he was present at Westminster Abbey, when Edward the Confessor's bones were re-interred there, and was inspired to write a biography of Edward.

Aelred's writings reveal a person of love and humanity who deeply valued, and encouraged among his monks, the cultivation of friendship, both with one another and with God. His two best-known works were *On Spiritual Friendship* and the *Mirror of Charity*. His writings and sermons (he left a considerable collection) indicated a love of Christ as Saviour and friend that was clearly the foundation of his faith and life. Aelred's writings constantly appealed to Scripture as his source of authority. His remarkable writings earned for him the epithet of 'the English St Bernard'.

First 2019 Smile-Lines

New Year Resolution

I always make the same resolution and I have never once broken it: every year I resolve to give something up for Lent and then when Lent comes, I give up my New Year's resolution.

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Every New Year's Day I ask myself the same unanswerable question: 'How did I get home last night?'

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Did you hear about the thief who stole a calendar and got twelve months?

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For 2019, I'd like to be the ideal mother, but I'm too busy raising my kids.

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If evolution is true, why do mothers still only have one pair of hands?

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The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, moves on.

And so I stare and wonder - where does the ink come from?

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Parking

A man was driving down the street in a panic because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up toward heaven, he said "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me somewhere to park, I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life.' Miraculously, a parking place appeared. The man looked up again and said, 'Never mind. I found one.'

Rock and Roll Re-Releases - when ageing stars remake their oldies hits...

- Herman's Hermits - "Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker"
- The Bee Gees - "How Can You Mend A Broken Hip"
- The Temptations - "Papa's Got A Kidney Stone"
- Ringo Starr - "I Get By With A Little Help From Depends"
- Marvin Gaye - "I Heard It Through The Grape Nuts"
- Procol Harem - "A Whiter Shade Of Hair"
- Johnny Nash - "I Can't See Clearly Now"
- Leo Sayer - "You Make Me Feel Like Napping"
- ABBA - "Denture Queen"
- Paul Simon - "Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver"
- Roberta Flack - "The First Time I Ever Forgot Your Face"
- Commodores - "Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom"

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