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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 Feb	Ernest Albert Whitehead	2000	19 Feb	James Harrison Rowbottom	1963
2 Feb	Vera Hadfield	2005	20 Feb	John Sedgwick	1964
	Carl Stephen Morrison	2013		Clara Brown	2009
4 Feb	Mary Priestley	1994		Nellie Allcock	2011
	Margaret Longmate	2011		Sylvia Wilson	2014
	Peter Andrew Diamond	2013	22 Feb	Frederick James Eldridge	1989
6 Feb	James Howarth	1993		Joan Wykes	2001
	Albert Livsey	1993	24 Feb	Mary Theresa Brierley	2004
	Norman Thomas Quest	2015	25 Feb	Philip Grocott	1975
7 Feb	Annie Howard	1981		Harry Nuttall	1992
	Adam Constantine	2004		Leslie Barber	2006
8 Feb	Edith Harriet Turner	1991	26 Feb	Herbert Newton	1971
	David Brian Bardsley	2011		George Henry Maddock	1983
9 Feb	Ada Alice Cooper	1970		Edward Cooper	1986
	Rose Pamela Gudgeon	2010		Francis Frederick Lawes	1999
10 Feb	Donald Joseph Sidebottom	1992		Lucy Wilson	2011
	Colin Birch	2001		Edith Lees	2014
11 Feb	Harold Lee	1961	27 Feb	Winifred Ada Christian	1968
	Iris Wilson	1975		Maud Green	1986
	Ada Stephenson	1983		Clara Wardle	1987
	Mary Skelton	2012		Elsie Violet Shaw	2000
12 Feb	Mary Pollitt	1987		Jessie Birch	2011
14 Feb	John Devlin	1973	28 Feb	Samuel Terence Broadbent	1990
15 Feb	John Edward Chadwick	2015		Robert Fowden	1982
16 Feb	Kenneth Shaw	2003		Elsie Hopwood	2006
17 Feb	Gertrude Fitchett	1984	29 Feb	Agnes Goodwin Ollerenshaw	1996
	George Hubert Morris	2015			
18 Feb	Annie Revell	1986			

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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.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

6 January

Alice Joanna Hulicka, Howard Street, Ashton-under-Lyne
Alex Adrian Hulicki, Howard Street, Ashton-under-Lyne

20 January

Matilda Florence Preger, Buckton Vale Mews, Carrbrook, Stalybridge

27 January

Charlotte Victoria Rose McParland, Buckingham Road, Stalybridge

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

2 January

Raymond Stewart (aged 72 years) Hawke Street, Stalybridge

8 January

Elsie Archer Morris (aged 92 years) Darnton Road, 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,

As my retirement fast approaches, this will be the last magazine editorial that you will receive from me.



When I was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St George's in 2013 and then as Vicar in 2016, the following words, taken from The Institution, were read out at both services by the Bishop of Middleton to all who were present.

"Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord, and to watch for the signs of God's new creation...With all God's people they are to tell the story of God's love".

I hope I have fulfilled the first sentence and, along with each and every one of you, tried to tell God's story of love. Of course, that is what is expected of ordained ministers, but it is true for every person who has been baptised – they are "to show God's love and, when necessary, use words" (St Francis of Assisi).

Our Community Care Group (previously known as our Pastoral Care Team) had its first meeting in January, ably led by Gail our Reader-in-Training. As they start to work together, please help them by your prayers – it is the one big thing that is needed and it is easy to do.

Sometime ago, a former Bishop of Middleton, Stephen Venner, called on Christians to have a knapsack of prayers they could use during the day. That means, of course, that people should know them off by heart. Most of us know the words of the Lord's Prayer, but how many other prayers are you familiar with? One of the prayers I use on a regular basis is from the *Sarum Primer*, which was a book of prayers and Christian worship resources in the Roman Catholic Church that were collected by the clergy at Salisbury Cathedral. It was published in 1514 in the "Book of Hours" and re-published as the "Sarum Primer" in Salisbury in 1558. (*Sarum* is the abbreviation for *Sarisburium*, the Latin word for Salisbury). It is a prayer that is very easy to remember – and I like those! – because the prayer moves from head to heart:

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;*

*God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.*

Try it and see for yourself. There are, of course, so very many other prayers you may prefer, but the whole point of it is that you say a prayer, that you have learnt, and which you keep in your "knapsack".

What will this New Year in the life of St George's mean for you? I hope and pray that you will support whoever is appointed as the next incumbent, as you have supported me, because they will certainly need it, as they take on, not only this parish, but also the role of Team Vicar in the parish of the Good Shepherd in Ashton. St George's has a promising future ahead of it, especially with the renewal of our roof, the work for which is now in full swing. The church, though, is God's people and not a building.

With my heartfelt thanks and best wishes to every person who has given me education, support, encouragement, hours of fun and much love and friendship since I became a member of St. George's at the age of around five years old to this point of retiring as Vicar at the age of seventy!

Philip

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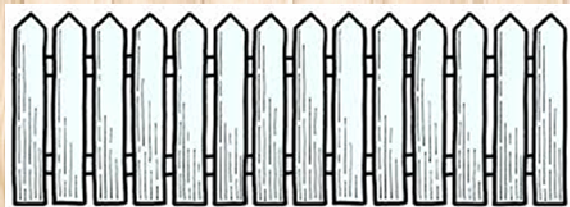
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Reverend Philip Brierley-St. George's Church

The end and beginning of a new era.



Attaining the age of 70 means Philip retires as Vicar of St. George's with both he and the church entering a new chapter in their lives. This juncture has been of concern to parishioners and saying goodbye will be most difficult. He too will be affected following a long illustrious – not career, but more a love affair with St. George's church. His contributions have been immeasurable.

Brought up locally, Philip was introduced to the church as a child by his parents and continuously remained at St. George's for over 60 years, moving from junior church to Vicar.

After leaving education he worked as a chemist, juggling married life with his devoted wife Irene and son Michael together with his involvement with ministry at St. George's which clearly has been such an important part of his life.

In the earlier years he was a much valued member of the choir, possessing a marvellous bass singing voice. This he has used together with his fine acting skills as a Dame in various church pantomimes keeping his audience in raptures !

Philip's keen interest in Theology led to him becoming a Locally Ordained Minister, Reader, Priest-in-charge and Vicar, all at St. George's. During the recruitment process for his last post as Vicar the Congregation was asked to set out the attributes for their ideal Vicar. The responses included, personable-sense of humour-approachable-efficient. However, many simply said "someone just like Philip " this admirably sums up his standing at St. George's- he truly was the people's choice.

Philip's inclusive abilities led to the expansion of junior church numbers which is vital for the future. Similarly, through the congregation he has led the church into a more secure financial position. Additionally he recently presided over St. George's receiving a considerable grant from the Heritage lottery Fund thereby securing the future fabric for many years to come. He leaves St. George's in a very good position.

Philip's new era begins with retirement from full-time ministry. It is certain he will be wishing St. George's well as it too looks towards it's new horizons.

THANK YOU PHILIP AND "BON-VOYAGE"

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CHURCH FINANCES cont.

January 2019 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
30 Dec 2018	Christmas 1	£60.44	£507.00	£567.44	
06 Jan 2019	Epiphany	£37.92	£406.37	£444.29	
13 Jan 2019	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	£41.00	£398.00	£439.00	
20 Jan 2019	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	£67.00	£337.35	£404.35	
27 Jan 2019	4th Sunday of Epiphany	£34.68	£496.19	£530.87	
	Standing Orders etc		£952.00	£952.00	
	Monthly Total	£241.04	£3,096.91	£3,337.95	-£128.05

* 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 January 2019 are:

1st Prize	£25	65	Judith Pymm
2nd Prize	£15	100	Dorothy Davenport
3rd Prize	£10	18	Irene Agnew

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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CHURCH FINANCES

200 CLUB END OF YEAR FIGURES Jan—Dec 2018

109 x £12 = £1,308.00

10 months = £ 10.00

TOTAL = £ 1,318.00

Prizes = £ 600.00

To Church Funds = £ 718.00

FAIR TRADE 2018 END OF YEAR FIGURES

Fair Trade 2018 sales = £1,025.40

10% profit to Church funds = £ 102.54

Cost of tea/coffee, sugar for the year = £ 124.10

Donations = £ 20.00

Thank you to all who support us to be a 'Fair Trade' Church.

Readings and Psalms for February 2019

- Sun 3rdth **Presentation of Christ in the Temple—Candlemas**
10.30 **Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24.7-end; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40**
- Tues 5th 10.30 Hebrews 12.1-4; Psalm 22.25b-end; Mark 5.21-43
- Sun 10th **4th Sunday before Lent**
10.30 **Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11**
- Tues 12th 10.30 Genesis 1.20-2.4a; Psalm 8; Mark 7.1-13
- Sun 17th **3rd Sunday before Lent**
10.30 **Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26**
- Tues 19th 10.30 Genesis 6.5-8;7.1-5,10; Psalm 29; Mark 8.14-21
- Sun 24th **2nd Sunday before Lent**
10.30 **Genesis 2.4b-9,15-end; Luke 8.22-25**
Worship For All
- Tues 26th 10.30 Ecclesiasticus 2.1-11; Psalm 37.3-6,27-28; Mark 9.30-37

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January Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Armour. 4, Twelve. 8, Ulric. 9, Imitate. 10, Lectern. 11, Trees. 12, Endurance. 17, Harem. 19, Newborn. 21, Divorce. 22, Erica. 23, Wisest. 24, Stoned.

DOWN: 1, Aquila. 2, Miracle. 3, Uncle. 5, Written. 6, Leave. 7, Ever so. 9, Ignorance. 13, Damaris. 14, Erosion. 15, Shadow. 16, Onward. 18, Raves. 20, Wheat.

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Church Walk

Tuesday 5pm & 7pm
St Matthew's Church Hall, Dean St
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Thursday 7.30pm
West Hill School,
Technology Block

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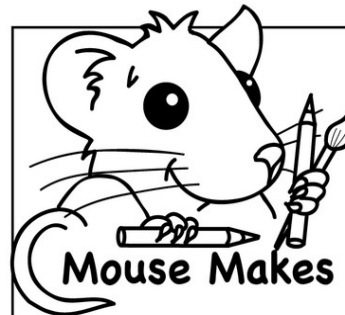


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Children's Page



WHAT IS LOVE?

Cross out every other letter to
find the Bible verse, then look it up.

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CGHUADPBTFEKRA
FJOMUORD
VWEURDSKEV
TOEGNP

God's love is...

Change each letter to the letter
before it in the alphabet.

"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvdi
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp
uibu fwfszpod xip cfmjfwft
jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu
ibwf fufsobm mjgf."
Kpio 3:16

How does God show he loves us?

Look at this in a mirror!

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Gɔd ʃɹoʋed hɪs lɔʋe ɪn
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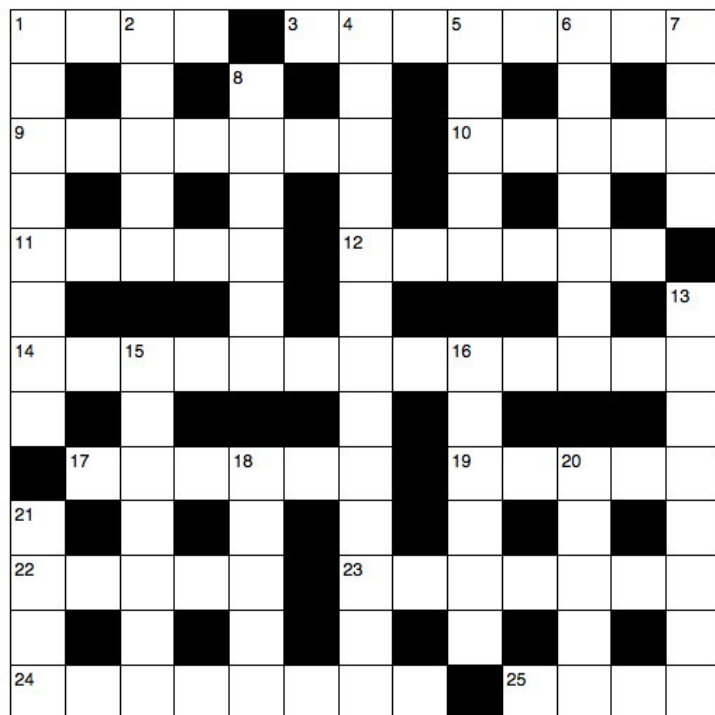
Cross out all the xxx to find out!

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xpxsxaxxlmxx
1x3x6:1

"The steadfast love of
the Lord never ceases"
Lamentations 3:22

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February Crossword



Across

1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4), 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8), 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7), 10 'So you also must be —, because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5), 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — —, and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2), 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6), 14 Not born again (13), 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6), 19 Mails (anag.) (5), 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3) 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7), 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8), 25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4).

Down

1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3), 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5), 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5), 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5), 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7), 7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty —, being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4), 8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6), 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8), 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7) 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6), 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5), 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5), 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

Some dates for your diary - February 2019

- Sun 3rd THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
12.30p.m. Holy Baptism
- Tues 5th** 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
- Thurs 7th** 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sun 10th FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
- Tues 12th** 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
- Thurs 14th** 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sat 16th** 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
- Sun 17th THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
- Tues 19th** 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
 7.45p.m. Parochial Church Council
- Thurs 21st** 9.00a.m. Half Term Holiday For Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Half Term Holiday For Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sun 24th SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
10.30a.m. Worship For All
- Tues 26th** 2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
- Thurs 28th** 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice

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Saint of the Month
14 February
Cyril and Methodius,
Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885

Cyril and Methodius were brothers. They were born in Thessalonica (in 826 and 815 respectively) to a wealthy family.

Methodius, the elder brother, was initially governor in a Slav province of the Roman Empire, until he became a monk on Mount Olympus in Asia Minor.

Cyril, whose pre-monastic name was Constantine, studied in Constantinople and became a lecturer in philosophy and a librarian.

In 863 the Moravian ruler Rostislav requested some Christian teachers who could conduct services and teach in the Slavonic tongue for Moravia. Emperor Michael III sent Constantine and Methodius.

The Slavonic language had not yet been written down or recorded, and to help the Slavs teach and worship in their own language Constantine created an alphabet, which he called Glagolitic and which eventually became the Cyrillic alphabet. The brothers used this written language to teach in Slavonic and they also translated much of the Liturgy and the Gospels to this form. Through their teaching the Slavonic language was widely spread and Constantine in particular became known as the 'Father of Slavonic Literature'. Slavonic eventually became the language of the Liturgy in the Russian Church.

During the brothers' time in Moravia missionaries from the German Church treated them with disdain and quickly grew to dislike the use of the new written Slavonic language in church services. They believed that the official languages of the Church should only be Hebrew, Latin and Greek. Constantine and Methodius were recalled to Rome to explain their actions and after examination by Adrian II were pronounced legitimate and orthodox, and consecrated as bishops. Constantine took monastic vows and the name of Cyril. Shortly after his consecration as bishop in 869, Cyril died and was buried in the Church of San Clemente in Rome.

Methodius returned to Moravia as Archbishop of the newly formed

Archdiocese of Rastislav and Svatopluk. He was opposed by bishops from the German Church and due to their influence was imprisoned for two years. After his liberation Methodius continued to conduct church services in Slavonic. He was hounded by those who wanted to use only Latin in the Church and he was the subject of many false rumours and plots.

Both Cyril and Methodius are honoured and remembered as men who pioneered the use of the vernacular language in church services, and whose work had a great influence upon the emerging Church in ninth-century Russia.

QUIZ

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Can you find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his John-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phil-Lemonade booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight". Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books Timothy and Samuel appear without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.

Answers next month