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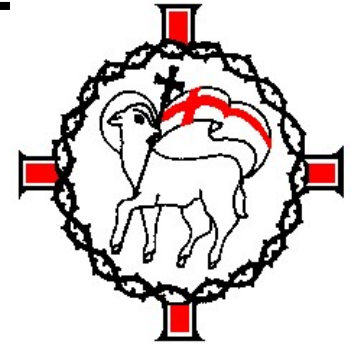
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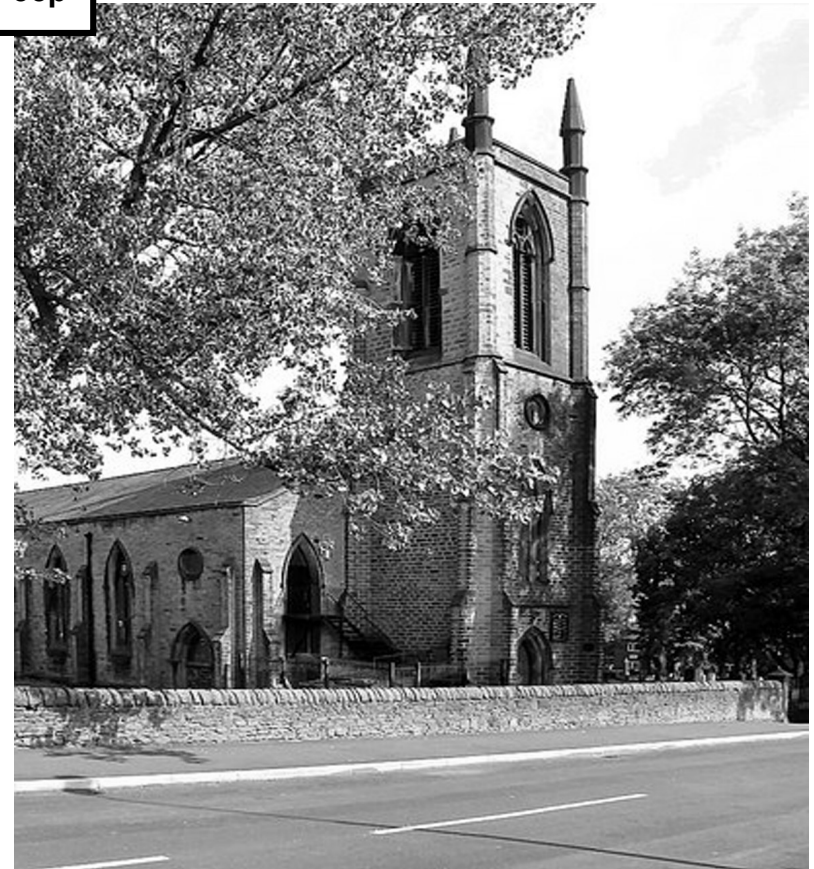
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 THE CHURCH
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October 2019

St George's Church Stalybridge



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Worship

Sunday

10.30 a.m.

Sung Communion and Junior Church
(4th Sunday – Family Service)

18.00 p.m.

Occasional Special Services as
announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m.

No service during interregnum

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 one of the Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone the Warden, Derek Redeyoff on 0161 338 4779. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Oct	William Reynolds	1951	16 Oct	William Parkinson	1899
	Walter Meadowcroft	1980		Gillian Checkley	2007
2 Oct	Joseph Parkinson	1966	17 Oct	Albert Wood	1972
	Minnie Duffin	2004		Eveline Travis	2013
3 Oct	Harry Shaw	1986	19 Oct	Harry Hamilton	1982
	Paul Thomas Sykes	1992		Dorothy Turner	2006
	Gladys Spencer	2018	20 Oct	Joan Brooker	1990
4 Oct	Harry Lees	1984	21 Oct	Joan Vickers	2016
	Barbara Robinson	2007		Katie Marie Mellor	2017
	Vera Redfern	2008	22 Oct	Stuart Priestley	1968
5 Oct	Gladys Worsnip	2002	23 Oct	Sidney Moorcroft	1989
6 Oct	Esther Wheal	1983	25 Oct	Myfanwy Spencer	1985
	James William Bailey	2014		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
8 Oct	Olivia Haigh	1988		Wendy Jane Brooker	1990
9 Oct	Ethel Stokes	1981	26 Oct	Dennis Selby	1981
	Alfred Benjamin Street	2007		Alice Kershaw Wood	1983
10 Oct	George Harry Garnett	1993	27 Oct	Paul Quarmby	2004
	Paulette Davenport	2009		Norrie Stewart	2007
11 Oct	Margaret Bates	1980	28 Oct	Ethel May Nuttall	2007
12 Oct	Alice Brierley	1985		Lily Burgess	2010
	Ellen Ridgway	2001	29 Oct	John McKee	1986
	Joan Pilling	2012		Kyle Richard Turner	1987
13 Oct	Doreen Kay	2004		Eric Lister Jones	1995
14 Oct	George Alan Wilson	2010		Edna Smyth	2004
15 Oct	Kenneth Stevenson	1994			
	Herbert Battersby	2009			

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

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

26 September

Jeanette Allsopp (aged 76 years), Arlies Close, 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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"So really, it is very easy to understand how Brexit will affect our parish..."

September Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav

Friends

It's that time of year when the shops are full of pumpkins and youngsters are knocking on our doors to 'trick or treat'. How should Christians respond to Halloween? Is it simply a fun festival for the children or does it have a dark side that we should avoid?

Firstly, Christians should not respond to Halloween with *superstition*. The Bible reminds us that evil is a real force at work in our world, as *'the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour'* (1 Peter 5:8). We shouldn't underestimate his ability to blind the minds of unbelievers to the reality of spiritual warfare. (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Secondly, we can respond with *confidence*. While people are often fearful of witches, ghosts, and evil spirits, we mustn't forget that God is in control, not Satan. Jesus has secured the victory over sin and evil on the cross: *'having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.'* (Colossians 2:15).

Finally, we can also offer *hope*. *'Christ died and returned to life so that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.'* (Romans 14:9). Halloween is an opportunity to share the hope of the gospel. For example, if we offer sweets to children calling to trick and treat, we might include information about the Christian faith or church. Or we could organise an alternative *Light Party*, celebrating Jesus as the light of the world.

C S Lewis provides a helpful balance for us: *'There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall into about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.'* (*The Screwtape Letters*).

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GOOD NEWS

It was announced on Sunday 15th September that The Revd Penny Warner has been appointed Vicar of St George, Stalybridge.

Stalybridge is next door to Mossley where her husband, David, is the Vicar. Her last Sunday in Newchurch will be Sunday 5th January 2020, a licensing date in Stalybridge is to be confirmed.

This is very welcome and exciting news. Please pray for Penny and David, for our parish and the parish of St George, Stalybridge in the months to come.

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Operation Christmas Child 2019 Launch



It's that time of year already! Time again to try and do our little bit for the poorest children in very deprived conditions abroad.

St George's contributions over the years are a credit to you all and have given so much pleasure to these children. Let's continue to do it by filling a shoebox with little gifts or providing separate toys as "fillers" - or even a cash contribution.

Just do what you can and between us all at St George's, we can definitely make a difference. There are even prepared boxes available for you at church so no need to wrap them !! (a very generous annual gift from one of our members - our first gift you might say.). Please do what you can.

Any further information from George Vernon and Paul Roberts at Church. Thank you

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The Real Advent Calendar



Something to remind us of the real meaning of Christmas these Advent Calendars contain a fair-trade chocolate for each day leading up to Christmas and a booklet telling the Christmas story.

Orders are now being taken so if you would like one, (or more!), please put your name on the list in the lounge or contact Rose on 0161 303 1731.

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Smile lines

Definitions

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

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When insults had class

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." – *Winston Churchill (about another MP)*

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." – *Moses Hadas*

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." – *Oscar Wilde*

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend... if you have one." – *George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill*. "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." – *Winston Churchill, in response*.

"I feel so miserable; it's almost like having you here." – *Stephen Bishop*

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CHURCH FINANCES

September 2019 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
25 Aug 2019	10th Sunday after Trinity	£66.82	£278.67	£345.49	
01 Sep 2019	11th Sunday after Trinity	£73.21	£360.63	£433.84	
08 Sep 2019	12th Sunday after Trinity	£75.41	£253.68	£329.09	
15 Sep 2019	13th Sunday after Trinity	£61.74	£280.50	£342.24	
22 Sep 2019	Harvest Thanksgiving & Back to Church Sunday	£10.00	£217.00	£227.00	
29 Sep 2019	Michael and All Angels	£	£	£	
	Standing Orders etc		£940.00	£940.00	
Monthly Total		£287.18	£2,330.48	£2,617.66	-£848.34

* 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 September 2019 are:

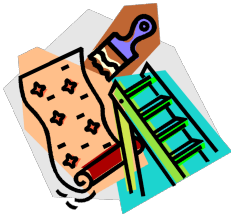
1st Prize	£25	10	Kathleen Gough
2nd Prize	£15	41	John Shepherd
3rd Prize	£10	111	Sean Gillington

The cost of the 200 Club 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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**Saint of the Month
Edward the confessor,
King of England, 1066**

Born at Islip some time in the period 1002–1004, the son of Ethelred II (the 'Unready'), Edward was sent to Normandy in 1013 to be educated at the court of Duke Richard of Normandy, his uncle. Three years later, in 1016, his father lost his throne to the Danes and fled to Normandy himself. The Danish kings Sweyn, Canute and Harthacanute showed every sign of establishing a dynasty in England and the rest of Edward's life could have been spent in the vain pursuit of noble pleasures. But the unexpected death of Harthacanute in 1042 found Edward acclaimed as king and he began his reign by marrying the daughter of the powerful Saxon Earl Godwin.

In many ways Edward's death in 1066 is both more interesting and certainly more well-known than his life. The fact that he had, at different times, promised the succession to the throne to two different people – Harold Godwinson and William of Normandy – set the stage for an epic confrontation, the most famous battle in English history, and a transformation of England's future.

Less than a century after Edward's death he was canonized by Pope Alexander III in 1161. What were the grounds for this? Edward had a general reputation for both religious devotion and for generosity to the poor and sick, but canonization required greater evidence of supposed saintliness. First was his supposed chastity. The fact that he and Queen Edith were childless led to the stories that the marriage was unconsummated and the growth of a legend that he had taken a vow of chastity. Second was the rather better attested fact that Edward was the first known king to touch for the healing of scrofula – the 'King's Evil' – a tradition continued by English monarchs until Queen Anne. Third, a vow Edward really did take was to make a pilgrimage to St Peter's tomb at Rome. But the political situation made this inexpedient and the Pope commuted the vow into the building of a monastery dedicated to St Peter. Thus began the building of Westminster Abbey, which has been a focus of national devotion ever since. In fact Edward was too sick to attend the Abbey's consecration, which took place the week before his death. A fourth factor in his canonization was the number of miracles he allegedly performed after his death. When Thomas Becket translated Edward's body to the Abbey in 1163 it was claimed to have been undecayed.

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Some people are born great, some achieve greatness, and sadly, some just grate. *Anon*

Readings and Psalms for October 2019

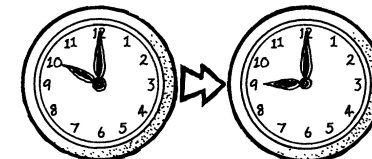
- Tues 1st No Service
- Sun 6th 16th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 **Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10**
- Tues 8th 10.30 No Service
- Sun 13th 17th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 **2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19**
- Tues 15th 10.30 No Service
- Sun 20th 18th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 **Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8**
- Tues 22nd 10.30 No Service
- Sun 27th Last Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 **Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17; Luke 18.9-14**
Worship For All
- Tues 29th 10.30 No Service

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DON'T FORGET

British Summer Time (BST) ends at the end of the month. This means you will need to put your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, October 27th at 2am.**

Enjoy your extra hour in bed!



Monday 5 & 7pm
 St George's Church
 With Terri

Tuesday 5 & 7pm

Wednesday 9.30am & 12 noon

ST Paul's Church
 With Cassandra

Wednesday
 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30

Revive Church
 With Marie

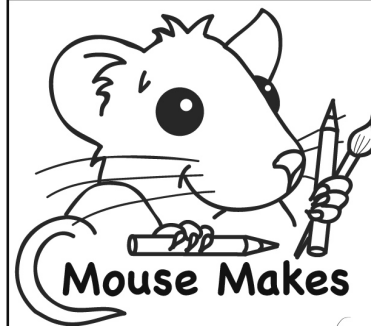
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 With Marie

Saturday
 7.30 9.30 & 11.30am
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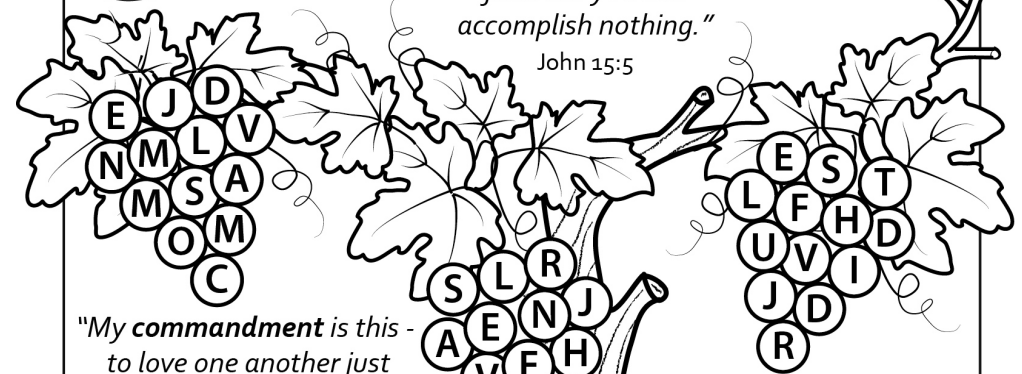
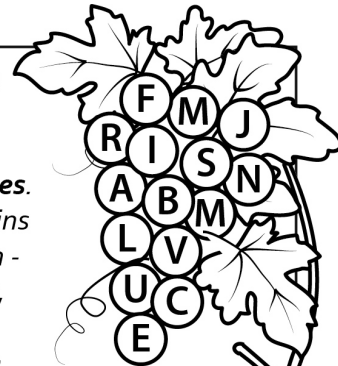
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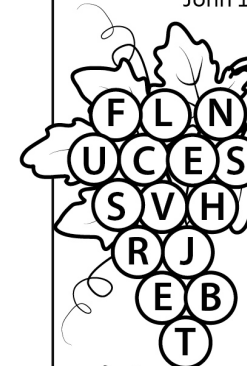


THE TRUE VINE
 Jesus said:
 "I am the vine;
 you are the branches.
 The one who remains
 in me -and I in him -
 bears much fruit,
 because apart
 from me you can
 accomplish nothing."
 John 15:5



"My commandment is this -
 to love one another just
 as I have loved you."
 John 15:12

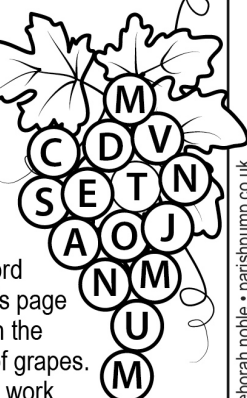
"No one has greater
 love than this -
 that one lays down
 his life for his friends."
 John 15:13



You can read
 Jesus' teaching on
 The True Vine in:
 John 15:1-17

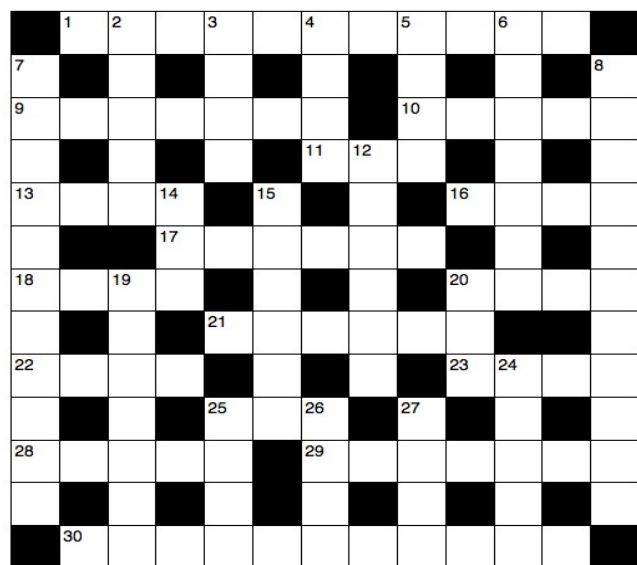


Each of the word
 in **bold** on this page
 is hidden in the
 bunches of grapes.
 Can you work
 out which bunch
 each word is in?



How many other
 words can you make from:
 THE TRUE VINE

October 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)

Some dates for your diary - October 2019

Tues	1st	9.00a.m. 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers welcome) Come Together Café
Thurs	3rd	9.00a.m. 7.30p.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	4th	1.00p.m.	Cleaning Crew Meet (volunteers welcome)
Sun	6th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Guest Revd David Warner
Tues	8th	9.00a.m. 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers welcome) Come Together Café
Thurs	10th	9.00a.m. 7.30p.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	11th	1.00p.m.	Cleaning Crew Meet (volunteers welcome)
Sun	13th	10.30a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tues	15th	9.00a.m. 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. 7.45p.m.	Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers welcome) Come Together Café Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	17th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
Fri	18th	1.00p.m.	Cleaning Crew Meet (volunteers welcome)
Sun	20th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Guest Revd Richard Hawkins
Tues	22nd	9.00a.m. 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers welcome) Come Together Café
Thurs	24th	9.00a.m. 7.30p.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	25th	1.00p.m.	Cleaning Crew Meet (volunteers welcome)
Sat	26th	2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun	27th	Bible Sunday 10.30a.m.	Worship For All - No Holy Communion
Tues	29th	9.00a.m. 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. 7.30pm	Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers welcome) Come Together Café Social and Fundraising meeting
Thurs	31st	9.00a.m. 7.30p.m.	Autumn Holiday for Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) Autumn Holiday for Tameside Community Voices Practice

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

The Ven John Barton reflects on just what we do give to God... this article began in the September issue, and concludes this month.

All things come from You, and of Your own do we ... not give back much!

Jesus taught a great deal about money and its dangers. Most of His parables concerned money in one form or another. He used the word 'Mammon' to describe a false financial god, saying "You can't serve God and Mammon."

So, a right attitude to money is essential for Christians.

Until we are released from the straitjacket of putting money before God, that blocked soul-artery will impede our way to God.

Once we are liberated from the control money has over us, we can be lavish in our giving – with a sense of exuberance. St Paul puts it like this: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

St Paul spent ten years raising funds for the impoverished Church in Jerusalem where there was a serious famine. The little and very poor Church in Macedonia gave way beyond their comfort zone. The relatively wealthy Church in Corinth gave little by comparison. Paul contrasts them. Miserable Corinthians; joyful Macedonians.

Giving is fun.

Christian giving becomes something that we share privately with Jesus. In Matthew Jesus taught that when we give, we should not let even our left hand know what our right hand is doing.

God is generous to us, so when we are generous, we share a secret with Him. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich."

So - giving money away makes you happy!

Giving to God is giving back what He has already given to us. It's not the quantity, it's the percentage of what we have. A right attitude to money is vital for Christians.

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If I leave more than £10, you and all mankind bear witness that I lived and died a thief and a robber. – *John Wesley*

All in the month of OCTOBER

It was:

150 years ago, on 2nd Oct 1869 that Mahatma Gandhi, Indian activist, was born. He led the Indian independence movement against British rule.

Also 150 years ago, on 16th Oct 1869 that Girton College (now part of Cambridge University) was established as one of England's first residential colleges for women. It became part of Cambridge University in 1948, and co-educational in 1976.

100 years ago, on 7th Oct 1919 that the Dutch airline KLM was established. It is the world's oldest existing airline.

90 years ago, on 29th Oct 1929 that the Wall Street Crash took place. Also known as Black Tuesday, it led to the Great Depression in the USA.

80 years ago, on 16th Oct 1939 that the German Luftwaffe carried out its first aerial attack on British territory, bombing ships in the Firth of Forth, Scotland.

75 years ago, on 30th Oct 1944 that Jewish diarist Anne Frank and her sister Margo were transported from Auschwitz concentration camp to Bergen-Belsen. They died there, probably from typhus, in February or March 1945.

60 years ago, on 7th Oct 1959 that the Soviet space probe Luna 3 sent back the first images of the far side of the Moon.

Also 60 years ago, on 8th Oct 1959 that Margaret Thatcher was elected as a Member of Parliament for the first time.

Also 60 years ago, on 11th Oct 1959 that Britain began using postcodes. Beginning in Norwich, they were rolled out city by city and town by town, covering the entire country by 1974.

50 years ago, on 5th Oct 1969 that the first episode of the comedy series Monty Python's Flying Circus was broadcast in the UK. It ran for four seasons.

30 years ago, on 19th Oct 1989 that the 'Guildford Four' were released from prison after their convictions for IRA pub bombings in 1975 were quashed by the British Court of Appeal.

25 years ago, on 13th Oct 1994 that the three main loyalist paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland announced a ceasefire following the IRA ceasefire announcement on 31st Aug.

20 years ago, on 27th Oct 1999 that Britain's House of Lords voted to end the automatic right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the upper chamber of Parliament. Of over 700 peers, only 92 would remain, chosen by election.

15 years ago, on 29th Oct 2004 that Osama bin Laden admitted ordering the September 11th attacks on the USA, in a videotape broadcast by the al Jazeera TV network.

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