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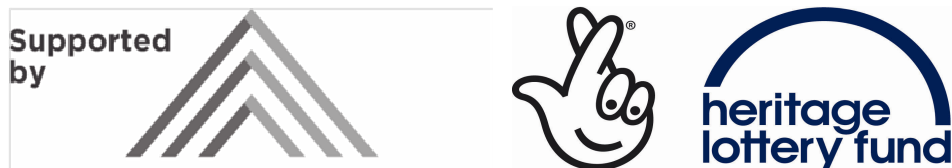
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Worship Sunday

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 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
4 Oct	Harry Lees	1984	20 Oct	Joan Brooker	1990
	Barbara Robinson	2007	21 Oct	Joan Vickers	2016
	Vera Redfern	2008		Katie Marie Mellor	2017
5 Oct	Gladys Worsnip	2002	22 Oct	Stuart Priestley	1968
6 Oct	Esther Wheal	1983	23 Oct	Sidney Moorcroft	1989
	James William Bailey	2014	25 Oct	Myfanwy Spencer	1985
8 Oct	Olivia Haigh	1988		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
9 Oct	Ethel Stokes	1981		Wendy Jane Brooker	1990
	Alfred Benjamin Street	2007	26 Oct	Dennis Selby	1981
10 Oct	George Harry Garnett	1993		Alice Kershaw Wood	1983
	Paulette Davenport	2009	27 Oct	Paul Quarmby	2004
11 Oct	Margaret Bates	1980		Norrie Stewart	2007
12 Oct	Alice Brierley	1985	28 Oct	Ethel May Nuttall	2007
	Ellen Ridgway	2001		Lily Burgess	2010
	Joan Pilling	2012	29 Oct	John McKee	1986
13 Oct	Doreen Kay	2004		Kyle Richard Turner	1987
14 Oct	George Alan Wilson	2010		Eric Lister Jones	1995
15 Oct	Kenneth Stevenson	1994		Edna Smyth	2004
	Herbert Battersby	2009			

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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

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

2 September

Fletcher Evan Godfrey, Walker Avenue, Stalybridge

Lilia-Mai Ashton, Church Walk, Stalybridge

Paige-Leigh Ashton, Church Walk, Stalybridge

16 September

Agnes Caroline Faulkner, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge

Albie Edward Faulkner, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge

Ebeny-Jane Marjorie Sim, Lake Road, Stalybridge

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

12 September

Marjorie Clark (aged 89 years) Staley House, formerly of Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge

13 September

Mona Parry (aged 94 years) Stamford Drive, Stalybridge

25 September

Jennifer Sersa (aged 68 years) Springs Lane, Stalybridge

Interment of ashes

29 September

Madge Gwyneth Smith (aged 80 years) Buckingham Road, Stalybridge

Interment of ashes

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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,



I hope you have all had a good summer. Rumours are beginning to circulate and so I want to let you know about plans in the pipeline for the future of St George's.

Clergy are required to retire from full time ministry when they reach the age of seventy and so, in February of next year, I will be retiring as Vicar when I reach that particular milestone.

In order to move forward as a church, the Diocese is gathering parishes into Cluster Groups, where churches in reasonable proximity to each other will work closely together to try to maintain ministry which is sustainable, given the current resources. Our Parochial Church Council met with Archdeacon Cherry Vann on Monday 3rd September to discuss how this will affect St. George's. It was considered best that I should not attend this meeting and Cherry has kindly summarised the major points for me in an e-mail, which is copied below, and which I hope will clarify some of the issues that are now being raised.

"I outlined for the PCC an emerging proposal for St George's to share a full time stipendiary priest with the Good Shepherd Team - half time Priest in Charge and half time Team Vicar - once you have retired.

You will appreciate the reasons behind this, I think: i.e. the reducing number of stipendiary priests currently available and the need, therefore, for parishes to share stipendiary ministry. Linking St George's with the Good Shepherd Team also enables us to reduce the Team Vicar role to half time.

The new vicar will live in St George's Vicarage.

The longer term vision is probably to bring both St George's and the Mossley churches into a wider cluster with St John's Hurst, Christ Church Ashton and the Good Shepherd Team so that both St George's and the Mossley churches are not isolated.

This has emerged from 'Fit for Mission' conversations with the current Ashton cluster and the Mossley churches as part of the pilot

deanery work. We will obviously update the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee when it next meets.

I've encouraged the PCC to contact me, should there be any other questions or concerns that occur to them - though we did address quite a number of questions on Monday."

The proposed situation is very different from anything our church has previously had to face. If you, too, have any questions or concerns then may I suggest that you contact the Archdeacon or have a word with one of the Wardens or any PCC member.

My hope for St George's is that with your continuing support it will grow and thrive for many years to come.

With my good wishes to you all.

Philip

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Operation Christmas Child 2018 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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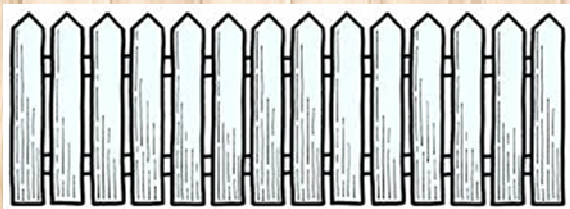
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Friends

Apologies for postponing the Pastoral Care Meeting that should have taken place after Church last Sunday. I had actually forgotten when I arranged it with Philip that my husband Piers and I, were going on holiday for a week! How do you forget that you are going on holiday?



My only excuse is that life is quite hectic just now – indeed we have to return a day early so that I can attend my Reader course at Luther King House on Thursday, a good job that I have a supportive husband! So, to make up for my lack of attention to detail I am writing this article from a very misty, rainy and truly autumnal Dumfries and Galloway where we are having a day 'at home' to read, to write, to eat, to nap and for my other half, to watch mindless 1980's television!

As I am indeed on holiday, at that stage where the brain has gone into 'mush' mode, my contribution to the magazine is something of a thought for the day that I discovered in one of my groups on Facebook. It is author unknown but I think it is so poignant in our busy world and with brain in 'mush' mode, no other justification for sharing it can be found! I do hope you like it and that you can find time to talk to God.

Gail

Thought for the day...

A letter from God.

When you awoke, I was there, waiting upon you. I wanted to share in your love. At breakfast you listened to the radio and rushed your breakfast. You had no time to speak to me. I waited but you did not turn to me.

Though you travelled by rail you spent your time on your laptop and reading the news. You did not once give me a thought. And I waited for you to turn to me. During your work there were lots of small gaps. There was more time at lunch. But you did other things and had no time for me. Yet I waited for you to turn to me.

At the end of the day you watched the television and played a game. For a while you dozed before you had your last drink of the day. And I waited for you to turn to me.

Now, I thought, you will have time - just before you go to sleep. Instead, you read until you were tired. You worried about tomorrow and at last fell asleep. I will surround you with my love this night. I will wait for you tomorrow and if you do not remember I will be there the day after. I will wait until you turn to me.

All my love,
Father God.

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September 2018 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
26 Aug 2018	8 th Sunday after Trinity	£43.60	£301.52	£345.12	
02 Sep 2018	14 th Sunday after Trinity	£96.34	£457.28	£553.62	
09 Sep 2018	15 th Sunday after Trinity	£74.00	£315.00	£389.00	
16 Sep 2018	16 th Sunday after Trinity	£44.20	£444.19	£488.39	
23 Sep 2018	17 th Sunday after Trinity	£60.00	£350.60	£410.60	
30 Sep 2018	Harvest Thanksgiving & Back to Church Sunday	£	£	£	
	Standing Orders etc		£952.00	£952.00	
	Monthly Total	£318.14	£2820.59	£3138.73	-£327.27

* 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 2018 are:

1st Prize	£25	2	Jackie Mellor
2nd Prize	£15	86	Ella Walker
3rd Prize	£10	54	Alicia Harris

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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September Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.
DOWN: 1, Lose. 2, Blamerest. 3, Radio. 4, Agree. 5, Tend. 6, Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve. 20, Isaac. 21, Ishvi. 22, Fret. 23, Ebed.

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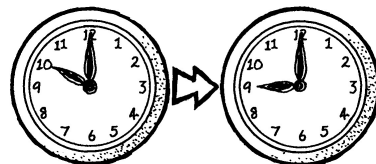
When the trick or treaters came, Philip had the Holy Water ready.



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Don't forget

To put your clocks back one hour
at 2am Sunday 28th October



Readings and Psalms for October 2018

Tues 2 nd	10.30	Job 3.1-3,11-17,20-23; Psalm 88.14-19; Luke 9.51-56
Sun 7 th		19th Sunday after Trinity
	10.30	Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8.Hebrews 1.1-4;2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16
Tues 9 th	10.30	Galatians 1.13-end; Psalm 139.1-9; Luke 10.38-end
Sun 14 th		20th Sunday after Trinity
	10.30	Amos 5.6-7,10-15; Psalm 90.12-end; Hebrews 4.12-end; Mark 10.17-31
Tues 16 th	10.30	Galatians 5.1-6; Psalm 119.41-48; Luke 11.37-41
Sun 21 st		21st Sunday after Trinity
	10.30	Isaiah 53.4-end; Psalm 91.9-end; Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45
Tues 23 rd	10.30	Ephesians 2.12-end; Psalm 85.7-end
Sun 28 th		Bible Sunday
	8.30	Ephesians 2.19-end; John 15.17-end
	10.30	Ephesians 2.19-end; John 15.17-end Worship For All
Tues 30 th	10.30	Ephesians 2.19-end; Psalm 128; Luke 13.18-21

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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.

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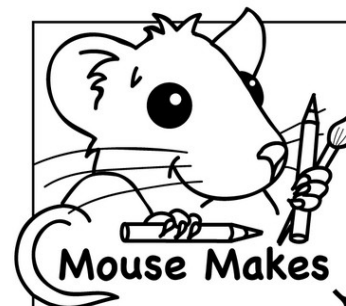


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Children's Page



READ the whole story
in 1 Kings 18:16-40

God's prophet **Elijah** built a big bonfire and had the prophets of the god **Baal** build one too. Elijah said "Call on Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice" ... but Baal did not answer because he was just an idol made of stone. Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water then he called on the Lord God. The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the water around it. All the people saw

this and cried:
"The Lord -
He is God!"



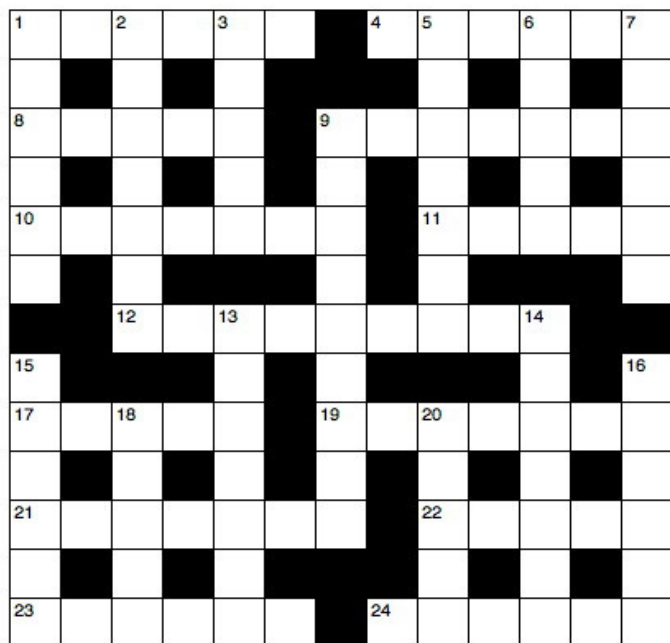
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How
many
stones
did Elijah
use to
build the
altar?

How
many
jars of
water
were
poured on
the altar?

Can you find these words from the story in the word search?
ELIJAH • ISRAEL • PROPHETS • BAAL • CARMEL • GOD
BULL • WOOD • LORD • TEST • ALTAR • SHOUT • STONES
WATER • POUR • FILL • FIRE • SKY • CONSUMED • DIRT

October Crossword



Across

1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6), 4 As balm (anag.) (6), 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5), 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7), 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7), 11 Banishment (Jeremiah 29:1) (5), 12 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1 Corinthians 12:31) (9), 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2), 19 Mice den (anag.) (7), 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of —' (Exodus 13:3) (7), 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5), 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —, so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6), 24 Paul's birthplace (Acts 22:3) (6)

Down

1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6), 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7), 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5), 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7), 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5), 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6), 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9), 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7), 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth... does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7), 15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6), 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6), 18 Track (Job 41:30) (5), 20 Religious doctrine (5)

Some dates for your diary - October 2018

Tues	2nd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	4th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	7th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	9th	10.30a.m.	No service of Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	11th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	13th	2.00p.m.	Willow Wood Choir Concert
Sun	14th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	16th	10.30a.m.	No service of Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
		7.45p.m.	Parochial Church Council
Thurs	18th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	20th	2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
		8.00p.m.	Race Night
Sun	21st	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		1.00p.m.	Parish Meal at Stamford Golf Club
Tues	23rd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
		7.45p.m.	Social and Fundraising Meeting
Thurs	25th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	27th	2.00p.m.	Wedding of Paul Bradford and Jayne Ann
CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR AT 2.00a.m.			
Sun	28th	10.30a.m.	Worship For All
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Tues	30th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.	Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery

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Saint of the Month

12 October, Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845

Elizabeth Gurney was born in Norwich in 1780, the daughter of John Gurney, a member of the prominent Quaker banking family. In 1800 she married Joseph Fry, a London merchant and also a Quaker. Elizabeth's Christian beliefs were accompanied by a large measure of social concern and in 1808 she founded a school for girls at Plashet in East London.

As far back as 1798 she had felt called to ministry after a word directed to her at a Quaker meeting:

Deborah Darby then spoke . . . she addressed part of it to me; I only fear she says too much of what I am to be. A light to the blind; speech to the dumb; and feet to the lame; can it be? She seems as if she thought I was to be a minister of Christ. Can I ever be one? If am obedient I believe I shall.

Thirteen years later, in 1811, she was recognised by the Society of Friends as a preacher and minister.

After a visit to Newgate prison in 1813 she became aware of the plight of women and children imprisoned in inhuman conditions and felt that her Christian responsibility was to attempt to relieve their plight. Initially she began daily visits to the women prisoners at Newgate, where she read the Bible to them and taught them to sew. In 1817 she began a campaign to secure certain basic rights for female prisoners: classification of criminals, segregation of the sexes, female supervision of women, and provision for education. In 1818 she gave evidence to a Parliamentary Select Committee who were examining prisons and later saw many of her proposed reforms carried out.

Elizabeth's efforts on behalf of the less fortunate were prodigious, though the bankruptcy of her husband in 1828 did curtail some of her work. In 1820, having observed the problems of homelessness and begging in the capital she established a 'Nightly Shelter for the Homeless in London', the first of many in later years. Recognizing the problems encountered by those who had served their sentences, she founded a society for the care and rehabilitation of released prisoners. It was said that for 20 years she personally inspected every ship containing female convicts before it sailed from Britain. She made frequent visits to the Continent and did much to foster prison reform there: between 1838 and 1842 she visited all the prisons in France, reporting to the Interior Minister, and travelled through Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Germany and Denmark on similar missions.

Elizabeth inspected prisons and mental hospitals in Scotland and Ireland; instituted a nursing order; provided libraries for coastguard stations; and struggled for housing and employment for the poor. Ill-health prevented further travels, but everywhere she had been the authorities put her suggestions to practical effect. The book she produced in 1831, *Texts for Every Day of the Year*, remained in print for many years and was widely read. She died at Ramsgate in Kent, on 12 October 1845.

1918 was the final year of the Great War. This year, Canon David Winter is looking back on highlights of those critical 12 months, when the very shape of modern world history was being hammered out on the battlefields.



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

Diary of a Momentous Year: October 1918

October 1918 was the month when both sides, in their different ways, decided that they had had enough war. The Germans, following their defeat at Amiens, no longer had any hope of a strong negotiating position in peace talks, let alone victory. Their economy was struggling, and morale was low. The Allies, now sure of final victory, wanted it all over without further disastrous casualties. The politicians, fearful for their own futures, wanted time, but the generals were now calling the shots. The time had come for a ceasefire, then let the negotiating begin.

The military won this battle, at least. The word 'Armistice' was banded around: not a treaty, but simply (as the Latin word suggests) as a laying down of arms. The three most influential national leaders on the Allied side agreed, and the Germans and their dwindling band of associates had no choice but to go along with the solution. An Armistice was agreed for a memorable date: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year. Following preliminary discussions, a negotiated treaty would be finalised at Versailles in the following January. Compared to Brexit, that is express progress!

The Armistice was, in some ways, simple. The guns would go silent, killing would cease from that designated hour. The Versailles negotiations, on the other hand, would be complex, though somewhat simplified by the fact that the Germans came naked to the table. They were desperate to save their land from occupation, whatever the cost. In fact, it cost them £6.6 million in reparations (probably about six billion pounds today).

Each of the Allies had important items for the peace agenda. France wanted Alsace-Lorraine restored to French sovereignty, and the Rhineland demilitarised. Britain wanted German military power negated and problems in the Middle East solved. The Americans wanted democracy restored and the will of the people recognised throughout Europe. The three leaders – David Lloyd George and Presidents Clémenceau and Woodrow Wyatt agreed about most of the agenda, including the carving up of The German colonial empire in Africa.

Peace would come at last, but not, as one wise man observed, the 'kiss of peace'.

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