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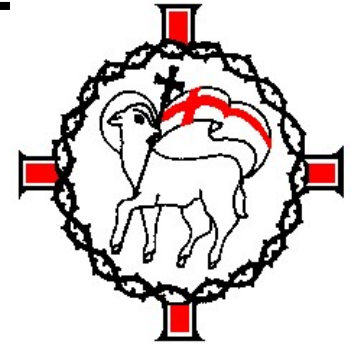
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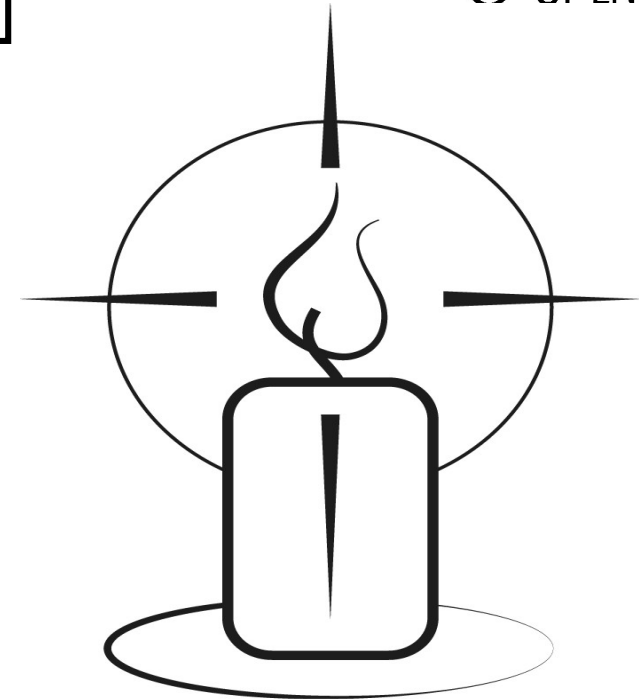
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March 2020

St George's Church



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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 the Vicar or one of the Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone the Vicar on 07393 420763. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Mar	Thomas Cowman	1984	13 Mar	William Bateman	1978
	George Harry Hobson	1984		Donald Feetham	1997
	Mary Bailey	1969		Beatrice Kelsall	1981
	Tom Bowden	1972		Christine Higgins	2010
	Joan Wheatley	1972	14 Mar	Frank Stones	1990
	Allen Marsden	1995	18 Mar	Thomas Williamson Thomson	1983
	Betty Curtis	2014		Alma Nuttall	1991
	Kenneth John Dodd	2017		Roberto Luigi Pravisani	2005
2 Mar	George Jubb	1978		David Rawsterne	2009
	Gerard Postings	1996	19 Mar	Thomas Green	1966
3 Mar	Tom Broadbent	1989	20 Mar	Ernest Sidebottom	1988
4 Mar	Jean Boyle (nee Smith)	2011	21 Mar	James Shenton	1964
5 Mar	Dennis Harrison	1985		John Duxbury	1985
	Rose Ann Quest	1991		Regan Joseph Michael Tetlow	1988
6 Mar	James Wilkinson	1985		Frank Cooke Jackson	1993
	Albert Barber	1987		Emmeline Elizabeth Heap	1997
	James Eric Hinchliffe	1999	23 Mar	Harold Moore	1996
	Barry Mutch	2008		George James Crossland	2002
	Ellen Johnson	2018		James Wright	2001
7 Mar	Henry Saxon	1977		Ian Stuart Wharton	2014
	Sadie Shaw	1984	24 Mar	Alice Hardon	1989
	Jessie Mary Daly	1986	26 Mar	Denis Patrick Daly	1984
8 Mar	Jane Norris	1969		Samantha Jane Dunlop	1984
	Margaret Cawley	1985		Edward Noah Clayton	1989
9 Mar	Gordon Wheatley	1998		Hilda Graham	2009
	Joseph Sharpe	2000	27 Mar	Herbert Battersby	1965
	Norman Nield	2005		Theresa Aldred	1999
10 Mar	Lewis Dain Gudger	2014		Mary Bardsley	1994
	Rosemary Andrew	2017	28 Mar	Patricia Carter	2014
11 Mar	Sarah Ann Allsop	1986	29 Mar	William Spencer	2000
	Enid Longden	2014		Olive Stephenson	1985
	Brian Jones	2008		Bernard Joseph Walsh	2012
12 Mar	Herbert Bardsley	1981	30 Mar	Norman Stokes	1970
	James Turner	1987		William Forde Clarke	2005
	Harold Webster	1987		John William Arthur Dale	2008
	Mabel Sweeney	1991		Maureen Bebbington	2016
	Basil Kirk	1989	31 Mar	Tom Grimes	1980
	Mary Bailey	2014		Mark Press	1981



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 the vicar or one of the wardens.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

From the Registers

Baptisms

2nd February 2020

Frankie-Willow Falconer-Flint
Thomas James Burrows
Rose Dylan Murphy

9th February 2020

Robin Edward Warburton

23rd February

Jade Kelly Roberts
Loukas Cory Murphy
Axel Jake Murphy

Funerals

17th February

Lesley Ann Moura

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A Quiet Morning for Lent

Saturday 28th March
10am-12.30pm

Time for silence, music, words during Lent,
reflecting on deepening our relationship
with God through prayer.

Ending with a simple bread and soup lunch
at 12noon

Please sign up in the Lounge
so we know numbers for lunch.
Donation only for lunch

For more information,
please speak to The Revd Penny

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The Vicar writes...

An elderly gentleman who spent many hours in church in prayer was once asked, “what do you do when you pray?” He answered, “I don’t really know – I just sit and look at God, and God looks at me.”

One of the most helpful pieces of advice a member of a religious community once gave me was, “pray as you can, not as you can’t.” Lent is a good time to explore our relationship with God through prayer, as individuals and as a church community. Each of our relationships with God will be different and we will find different things helpful. During Lent this year there will be an opportunity on Monday evenings 7pm-8pm (starting 3rd March) to explore prayer and different ways of praying. There will be also be a Quiet Morning on 28th March where we will use silence, music and words to create a space for God in our busy lives.

Some people find giving up or fasting from something (e.g. chocolate!) helpful in Lent, some find it more helpful to take something on (e.g. giving to the foodbank, reading the Scriptures daily). However we choose to do it, during Lent we are encouraged to grow closer to God through prayer, through fasting, through studying God’s word and through acts of service. God has created, knows and loves us – our relationship with God is unique and special. We are called to pray, however we do it, and all of our prayer, even when we have no words or are at a loss, is treasured by God.

It is a privilege to meet with people and talk about where they are in their journey with God, and where God may be calling. Lent is a good time to reflect on this. If you would like to have such a conversation, do please be in touch.

As we journey through Lent we journey to the fulfilment of God’s promises at Easter; new life and resurrection. God calls us to live life in all its fullness and to find fullness in God. May Lent be a time for each of us to discern how this can be so.

*“You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” (St Augustine’s Confessions)*

With all good wishes, and every prayer for a blessed Lent.

Penny

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Photographs and Church Publicity

As a parish, we're trying to harness the effective communication made possible by email, our website and our Facebook page, as well as this magazine and the notice boards and displays around the church.

Much of our advertising and communication uses photographs of our events - it's important to tell the story of our church community and to highlight the main events of the year, as well as the less well known ones.

We try to keep the website, Facebook, magazine and notice boards up to date and this means we need lots of photos! These are usually taken at church events and will sometimes be taken (as discreetly as possible) in services, as it's important to capture the reality of our life together. There will be no photographs of people receiving Holy Communion or in times of liturgical prayer.

We seek written permission from all parents before using photographs of those under 18.

If you would rather your photograph wasn't used in our communications and publicity, please let The Revd Penny Warner know in writing. This will mean that we can check any photographs before using them and will not use ones you feature in.

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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH DEMENTIA CAFÉ

Well the Dementia Café launched on the 3rd January, with a time of training for the Volunteers. Marion Coleman from Tameside & Glossop Dementia Action Group came to give us some Dementia Awareness training. There was a wonderful turnout of 10 Volunteers and I think we all learnt rather a lot that day! Our first 'Café' started immediately afterwards with a rather disappointing attendance of three people! Having said that, this gave us time for the Volunteers to gel together. We had a General Knowledge quiz and the three that did attend said that they really enjoyed the group. The next session was held on the 17th January, when we held a "Bird Bingo" event! Our numbers of attendees had risen to 13 and we were feeling a lot more confident! Who knew that there were so many different bird species?!

On 7th February we held a 'Craft Afternoon' making Valentine cards for those we love or who help us in our daily lives. Again we had 13 attending and more importantly, we had Mary Shaw and Alicia Harris guiding us through the intricacies of card making. Thank you to you both!

We have been fortunate to have been given a grant from Action Together and I have also been given donations of biscuits and cakes from Morrisons, Dukinfield. I have circulated posters to GP surgeries in the area and have had some positive response.

I think I speak for all the Volunteers when I say that, whilst we are helping those living with Dementia and their carers, we too are enjoying the company and the interaction with people who have such diverse backgrounds. Unfortunately, Dementia does not distinguish and can affect any one of us. Our programme for March is:-

6th March Prize Bingo – but mainly just for fun!
Also How to keep safe living with Dementia

20th March Singalong – A performance by one of talented Volunteers ...
but mainly YOURSELVES

If you require any further information please see Chris in church or ring 07714 235736. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

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CHURCH FINANCES

February 2020 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
02 Feb 2020	Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas	£74.21	£325.84	£400.05	
09 Feb 2020	3rd Sunday before Lent	£99.59	£251.00	£350.59	
16 Feb 2020	2nd Sunday before Lent	£110.26	£322.04	£432.30	
23 Feb 2020	Sunday next before Lent	£	£	£	
			£940.00	£940.00	
Monthly Total		£284.06	£1,838.88	£2,122.94	-£1,343.06

* 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 February 2020 are:

1st Prize	£25	61	Janet Meredith
2nd Prize	£15	114	Diane Hohmann
3rd Prize	£10	68	Joan Reynolds

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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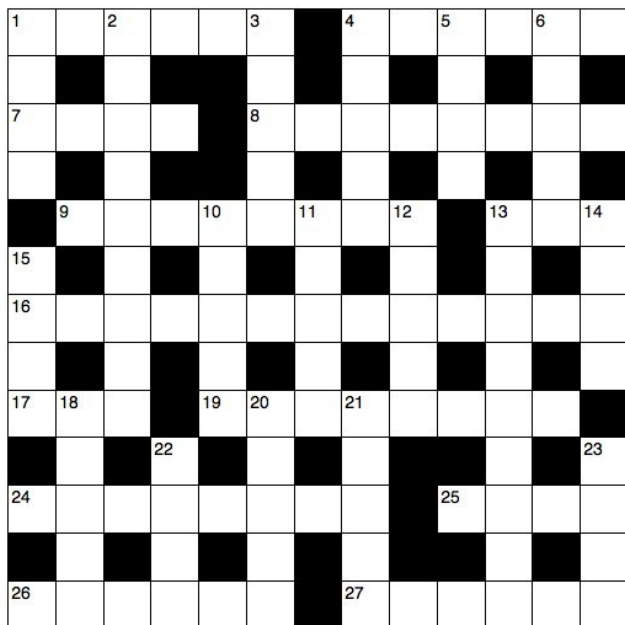
JAR OF GRACE



Thank you to all who gave to the Jar of Grace for 2019.
 I have sent monies for £144.14 to UNICEF.

Kathleen Redeyoff

March Crossword



Across

1 The earth is one (6), 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6), 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4), 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8), 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8), 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3), 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13), 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3), 19 Where the Gadarene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8), 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8), 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4), 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6), 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Down

1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4), 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9), 3 Gospel leaflet (5), 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18), 5 Tugs (anag.) (4), 6 To put forth (5), 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5), 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5), 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5), 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9), 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4), 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4), 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5), 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5), 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5), 22 Does (anag.) (4), 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

Readings and Psalms for March 2020

- Sun 1st** **1st Sunday of Lent**
10.30 **Genesis 2.15-17,3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11**
- Tues 3rd 10.30 Isaiah 55.10-11; Psalm 34.4-6,21-22; Matthew 6.7-15
- Sun 8th** **2nd Sunday of Lent**
10.30 **Genesis 12.1-4a, Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17**
- Tues 10th 10.30 Isaiah 1.10,16-20; Psalm 50.8,16-end; Matthew 23.1-12
- Sun 15th** **3rd Sunday of Lent**
10.30 **Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42**
- Tues 17th 10.30 Daniel 2.20-23; Psalm 25.3-10; Matthew 18.21-end
- Sun 22nd** **Mothering Sunday**
10.30 **Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2.33-35**
Worship For All
- Tues 24th 10.30 Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; Psalm 46.1-8; John 5.1-3,5-16
- Sun 29th** **5th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins**
10.30 **Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45**
- Tues 31st 10.30 Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 102.1-3,16-23; John 8.21-30

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February Crossword Solution

ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

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

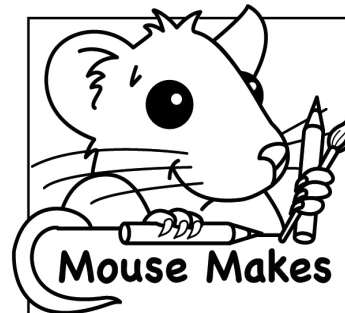
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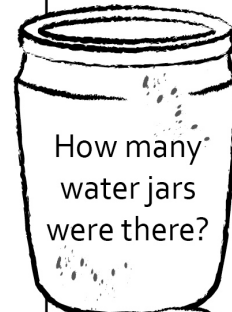


Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding. The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

READ John 2:1-11 to find out what happened.



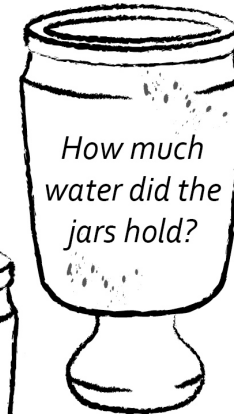
Where was the wedding?



How many water jars were there?



What were the water jars made of?



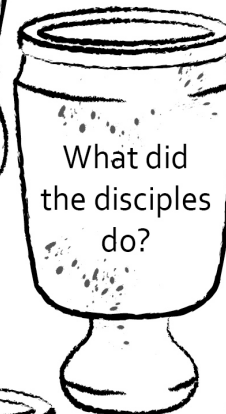
How much water did the jars hold?



What were the water jars for?

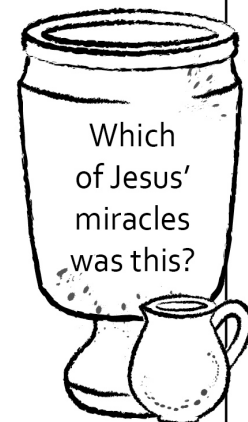


What did the steward tell the bridegroom?

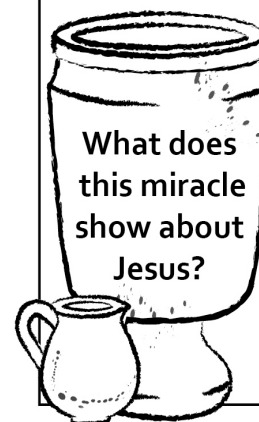


What did the disciples do?

What had happened to the water when it was taken out?



Which of Jesus' miracles was this?



What does this miracle show about Jesus?

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Paws for thought

Its beginning to feel like Spring has finally sprung! The mornings and evenings are getting a little bit lighter - more time for walking adventures! Bulbs are beginning to spring up too. We have lots of pretty bulbs which grow in our garden but I run past them so fast I tend to decapitate them – Penny and David are never impressed. I'm not as bad as the squirrels who dig them up before they even get chance to grow though.

We have lots of lovely birds in the garden too and I've been enjoying their songs in the morning recently. I don't bother chasing the birds (unless they are those big, noisy woodpigeons) but I do like to watch them out of the window. In fact I spend a long time just watching and marvelling.

Spring is a good time to see the world anew – to marvel at the wonder of God's creation. This is my fourth spring in the world and I still think it is wonderful! Every time I have seen something new!

How many times have you seen Spring? Isn't it wonderful!

Buddy



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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.



Don't forget to put your clocks forward!
British Summer Time starts at 2am on Sunday 29th March

David Marshall, founding director of the Meaningful Chocolate Company, looks back on the first million eggs sold...



Real Easter Eggs celebrate their 10th birthday!

The Real Easter Egg campaign has been running since 2010 and involves thousands of churches, schools and groups. It crosses all denominations and offers individuals a simple way to share the Easter Story while supporting Fairtrade and charitable projects.

The idea began in 2008 when I was given a chocolate Easter Egg. On the side of the box it read: 'Easter is the festival of chocolate and loveliness'. I began to wonder – was it right for the manufacturer of an Easter egg to change the meaning of a religious festival in this way? Imagine the outcry if this had been done to Christmas.

I searched for an Easter egg which mentioned the Christian story of Easter. It became clear that out of the 80 million eggs on sale there was not a single manufacturer who was willing to mention the religious aspects of the festival. So, I started The Meaningful Chocolate Company to manufacture the UK's first 'Real Easter Egg'.

For it to be a 'Real Easter Egg', it had to reflect the Easter themes of hope and new life and do three things – have a copy of the Easter story in the box, be made from Fairtrade chocolate and support charitable causes.

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010. It was a struggle, as the supermarkets turned down the idea. It was left to churches and schools to place orders and fund the making of The Real Easter Egg.

Ten years on, more than a million eggs have been sold, with over 750,000 eggs sent through the post directly to customers. The rest have been sold through retailers and supermarkets.

Nearly £275,000 has been donated to charitable projects with Fairtrade Premium fees paid to farmers allowing them to buy everything from school-books and solar panels to providing fresh water.

To read more go to www.realeasteregg.co.uk.



The 2020 Milk Chocolate Real Easter Egg is completely plastic free, and includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a prize competition and a super thick milk chocolate egg with a lovely creamy taste. Orders are now being taken so if you would like to order one (or more!) of these eggs please put your name and the number required on the form on the notice board in the church lounge. The cost is £4.50 each.

The closing date for orders is Sunday 22nd March 2020

Dates for your diary—March 2020

Sun	1st	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Mon	2nd	7.00pm Lent Group in church
Tues	3rd	9.00a.m. Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers Welcome) 10.30a.m. Holy Communion 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
Thurs	5th	9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	6th	1.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Dementia Café 3.00p.m. Cleaning Crew Meet (Volunteers Welcome)
Sat	7th	10.00a.m. Coderdojo
Sun	8th	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Mon	9th	7.00pm Lent Group in church
Tues	10th	9.00a.m. Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers Welcome) 10.30a.m. Holy Communion 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
Thurs	12th	9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	13th	2.00p.m. Cleaning Crew Meet (Volunteers Welcome)
Sun	15th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Mon	16th	7.00pm Lent Group in church
Tues	17th	9.00a.m. Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers Welcome) 10.30a.m. Holy Communion 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café 7.45p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	19th	9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	20th	1.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Dementia Café 3.00p.m. Cleaning Crew Meet (Volunteers Welcome)
Sat	21st	1.00pm Fairtrade Afternoon Tea

Sun	22nd	FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MOTHERING SUNDAY 10.30a.m. Worship For All
Mon	23rd	7.00pm Lent Group in church
Tues	24th	9.00a.m. Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers Welcome) 10.30a.m. Holy Communion 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
Thurs	26th	9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	27th	Afternoon Silver Springs Year 5 Visit to Church 2.00p.m. Cleaning Crew Meet (Volunteers Welcome)
Sat	28th	10.00am Quiet Morning for Lent
Sun	29th	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Passiontide begins 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 1.30p.m. Parish Meal at Oaklands Hall, Hyde
Mon	30th	7.00pm Lent Group in church
Tues	31st	9.00a.m. Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers Welcome) 10.30a.m. Holy Communion 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café

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

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer is to be held at the Methodist Church, High Street, Stalybridge on Friday 6th March and begins at 2pm. It would be lovely to see some faces from St George's there.

Kathleen Redeyoff