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From Our Book of Remembrance

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			Apr 22	Mark Allen Cowley	2009
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	Kenneth Langton	2007		Jennie Cook	1995
	Howard Steven Fogg	2008	Apr 24	George Wardle	1997
	Robin Edward Morris	2015		Joan Lindley	1983
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	Freda Mary Day	1987	Apr 25	John Jepson Thomas	1991
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	Andrea Louise Johnson	2004		Beatrice Isabella Brien	1985
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Apr 15	Ernest Norris	1965	Apr 27	John Kenyon	2001
	Joseph Parry	2007	Apr 28	Ada Broadbent	1962
	Alice Banks	2009	Apr 29	Laura Wright	2007
Apr 16	Joseph Shaw	1961			
	Emily Spencer	1990			



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

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 the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 1st March 2020

Grace Catherine Elizabeth Barker
Poppy May Barker

Sunday 8th March 2020

Judy Firth

Sunday 15th March 2020

Rico Daniel Sim

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The Vicar writes...

The journey since Ash Wednesday seems an extraordinarily long journey and we have come to a wilderness unlike any we have known before. The outbreak of the coronavirus COVID-19 has meant that public worship has been suspended and churches have been temporarily closed – a situation that was unimaginable and brings a deep pain for us all but is for the good and protection of all.

It goes completely against the grain to have to say “don’t come to church” when our message is one that says “come to church.”

But the church, Christ’s true church is of course wherever we his people are. Now, more than ever are we showing that this is the case. So many acts of kindness have been happening, so many people working for the good of others, such generosity and love. As a church we remain united in love, fellowship (on the phone, by text, email, Facebook and all sorts of technical wizardry!) Most of all we remain united as God’s family in prayer.

To help us keep Holy Week at home, there will be material available via the church e-newsletter, website and Facebook page – please share it as widely as you can. To begin with this magazine contains a template for you to make your own palm cross (*if you’re like me, get practising now!*)

To prepare for Passiontide (beginning on Sunday 29th March) and the journey of Holy Week, why not make a prayer space in your home? A simple table, with the Bible, a cross, a devotional picture, perhaps a candle where possible. Make a list of those you are praying for, and place it by the cross. Light the candle when you pray to mark the time as being set apart for God.

Wherever and however we celebrate it this year, the truth of Easter remains – that light shines in the darkness. Christ suffered, died, and rose again bringing new life for all and renewing the face of God’s creation. When we meet again, in the not too distant future, we will certainly celebrate this truth anew with many alleluias on our lips.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

Stay home, stay safe, stay faithful. God is with you.

With love and prayers,
Penny

Tameside Community Voices

As you are probably aware Tameside Community Voices rehearse each Thursday evening at St. George's Church during term time and has been doing so since 16th September 2011 - so we are approaching our tenth year together.

We have raised over £45,000 for various charities during this time and have upwards of 85 people in the choir both from around Tameside and Glossop and as far away as Stretford. We are an amateur choir and it is full of very enthusiastic singers who enjoy coming together for fun and fellowship as well as appearing in concerts and other venues as we are invited. We have found over the years that many friendship and support groups have formed which keep in touch at other times and not just at choir rehearsals, and these have proven invaluable especially when problems and difficulties arise and then the support from other members is there for all to see.

None of us expected that our last rehearsal in church would be Thursday, 12th March, due to the pandemic, and would be suspended for the foreseeable future. This presented me with an idea - could I possibly arrange to do a live-streaming of a shortened version of the rehearsal using my iPhone. I thought 'Why not give it a go?' - so I did. Thursday evening, 19th March, I went live, sharing a shortened rehearsal (half an hour instead of the one and a half hours normally) with all those who were friends of our Facebook page. From the comments I read afterwards it was an undoubted success. I am therefore hoping to continue these Thursday half hours as long as I'm able.

I can see you're all chomping at the bit to join in! Well you can as many said they enjoyed it even though they're not members of our choir, just friends on our fb page. If you would enjoy a good sing and a little bit of fun as well why not become a friend of Tameside Community Voices and be part of our Thursday night get together. It's that simple.

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Please stay safe and well everybody, and we look forward to the time when we are back in St. George's beautiful church building.

Joyce Hansell

Smile Lines

Some light relief for challenging times



Palm waving

It was Palm Sunday, but five-year-old Jamie stayed at home with mum because of a bad cold. When his father and sisters returned, they were carrying several palm fronds. His sister explained: "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by."

"That's not fair!" Jamie protested. "The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!"

On the hop

Q: What do you get when you cross the Easter Bunny with an over-stressed minister during Holy Week?

A: An Easter Basket Case

Hot

What do you call a chocolate bunny that was out in the sun too long? A runny bunny.

The Lord is my Shepherd

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the Psalm, but little Charles did not find it easy to memorise much of anything.

On the day that the children were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Charles stepped up to the microphone and began proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd...." He knew that much, but the rest of the Psalm suddenly deserted him. So he concluded bravely: "... and that's all I need to know."

What God looks like

An infants teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. One little girl was working away furiously, and so she asked her what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, the little girl replied, "They will in a minute."

From church notice-sheets:

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Brown, our children's minister, to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Baptisms: after Easter, the North and South ends of the church will be utilised.

Children will be baptised at both ends.

CHURCH FINANCES

March 2020 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
23 Feb 2020	Sunday next before Lent	£98.00	£233.60	£331.60	
01 Mar 2020	1st Sunday of Lent	£50.50	£270.32	£320.82	
08 Mar 2020	2nd Sunday of Lent	£87.04	£293.67	£380.71	
15 Mar 2020	3rd Sunday of Lent	£62.01	£245.71	£307.72	
22 Mar 2020	Mothering Sunday	£	£	£	
29 Mar 2020	5th Sunday of Lent	£	£	£	
	Standing Orders		£940.00	£940.00	
Monthly Total		£297.55	£1,983.30	£2,280.85	-£1,185.15

* 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 March 2020 are:

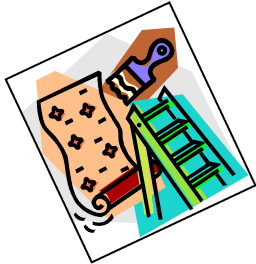
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3rd Prize	£10

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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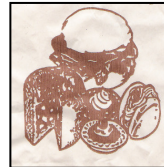
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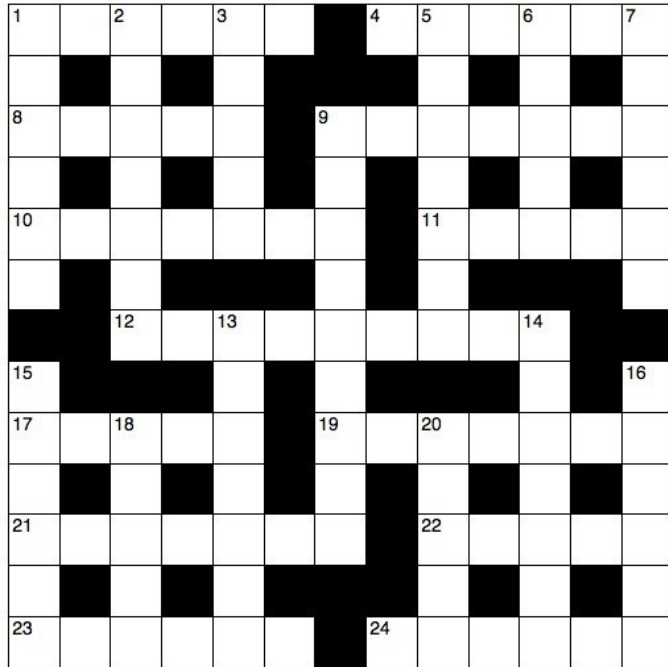
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April Crossword



Across

1 Relating to the whole universe (6), 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6), 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3), 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7), 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7), 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5), 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9), 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5), 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7), 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7), 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5), 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6), 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6), 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7), 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5), 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3), 6 11 Across is certainly this (5), 7 He reps (anag.) (6), 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9), 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7), 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7), 15 The human mind or soul (6), 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6), 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5), 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Readings and Psalms for April 2020

HOLY WEEK

- Sun 5th Palm Sunday**
Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-end of 27
- Tues 7th** Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-14; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31;
- Wed 8th Stations of the Cross**
- Thurs 9th Maundy Thursday**
Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-end; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35
- Fri 10th Good Friday**
Isaiah 52.13-end of 53; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-end of 19
- Sun 12th Easter Day**
Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.14-24; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18
Song of Solomon 3.2-5;8.6,7 BCP Communion
- Tues 14th** Acts 2.36-41; Psalm 33.4-5,18-end; John 20.11-18
- Sun 19th 2nd Sunday of Easter - Celebrating St George**
Acts 2.14a,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-end
- Tues 21st** Acts 4.32-end; Psalm 93; John 3.7-15
- Sun 26th 3rd Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2.14a,36-41; Luke 24.13-35
- Tues 28th** Acts 7.51-8.1a; Psalm 31.1-5,16; John 6.30-35

March Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.

DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.



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Tuesday 5 & 7pm

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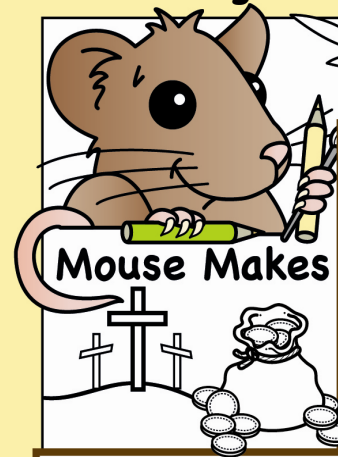
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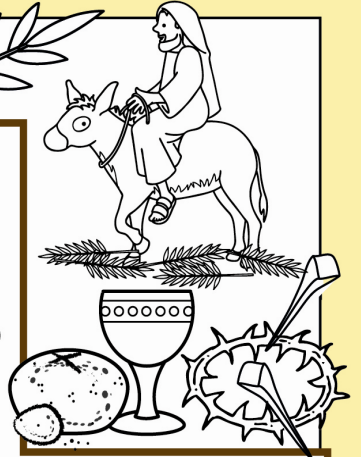
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Paws for thought



I'm writing because I think I need to let you know that your vicar has been staying at home in the last few days!!! Its driving me mad. I had my routine – the humans leave in the morning, I get my treats, they come in and out during the day, I get my treats, they go out in the evening, I get my treats, then we all settle down together to relax. Well, that hasn't been the case, I can tell you.

They have still been in and out a bit, but they've been constantly on the phone, on their computers, and praying, even more than they usually do I think.

But now I understand. I know that there is a bad human virus going around and that it's the job of us canines (and you humans) to keep all humans safe from it (even if it means less treats and having to share my space throughout the day!)

So I'm doing my best to care for them – to exercise them in the garden, to make them laugh with my silly tricks, and to give them cuddles when they are feeling sad and anxious, like so many people are feeling right now.

I can't use the phone (I just about manage on the keyboard) but I know how important it is that humans are phoning, emailing and texting each other right now to keep in touch and make sure they have everything they need.

So thank you for joining me in looking after all of the humans – and keep up the good work!!

Buddy



Diary Dates

Due to the rapidly changing situation with regard to the coronavirus we have had to cancel a number of events at St George's:

APCM 2020

The APCM schedule for 17th March had to be postponed. Due to the situation, legislation has been put in to say that we can now hold the APCM on any date up to 31st October 2020. The current wardens remain in office until elections at the APCM and their institution at the Archdeacon's visitation which can be up to 31st January 2021.

Spring Fair

The Spring Fair scheduled for Saturday 16th May has been postponed. A new date will be given when possible. Also due to the circumstances it will not be possible for us to continue with the plant orders. These have had to be cancelled this year and we will start again next year!

As there has been no PCC meeting the 200 Club draw has not taken place for March. There will be no May Crux (from the Diocese) this year.

Prayer and Care

Prayers continue to be said daily for our parish, church and community. For prayer requests, assistance in anyway, or just to talk, contact Revd Penny on 07393 420763 or email revdpennywarner@outlook.com

The big surprise lurking in your Granny's chicken soup

Granny always knew her chicken soup was good for you when you were poorly, but she did not realise quite *how* good.



Now research has found that the traditional hot broths used in many cultures to battle flu and fevers pack a bigger punch than even the cooks realised.

A range of soups, ranging from vegetable to beef and chicken, were discovered to have the power to interrupt the life cycle of *Plasmodium falciparum*, which causes 99 per cent of deaths from malaria. Some of them were actually as effective as a leading antimalarial drug, dihydroartemisinin, in fighting malaria.

No one particular ingredient was found to be common to the broths, but there certainly seems to be "evidence that they contain antibiotic properties", according to one doctor. The study was carried out at the Imperial College London and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Coronavirus – a message for you, from St George’s

On 11th March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus to be a global pandemic. Since its outbreak in January in Wuhan, China, the world has been slowly engulfed by fear of this invisible but deadly threat.

As the virus has spread, so have the efforts of our Governments to slow the virus. Countries are on lock down, and hundreds of millions of people have been told to stay at home. Normal life has shut down for most of us. Businesses, schools, industries, restaurants, sports, theatres and even churches have all been shut.

Every community must now deal with the crisis, in one way or another.

We members of St George’s Church wish to express our deep concern and sympathy for all who live in our community at this time. We want you to know that we have committed to praying for you, and that we are looking into ways of showing our care and regard for you. This is especially true if you are among the elderly and most vulnerable in our community.

If there was ever a time to turn to God in prayer and supplication, this is it. So, we invite you to join us in praying for:

- Our Government and local authorities who bear the responsibility of confronting this challenge. They cannot afford to get their response wrong.
- WHO and all health professionals who are working to safeguard our public health.
- Industry leaders who must take huge decisions to confront this challenge to our economy.
- The leaders of our local community, who provide care and guidance for those they lead.
- Finally, let us pray for ourselves and our loved ones, for courage and endurance at this most demanding of times.

Christianity is based on hope in a God that does not fail us. We are the Easter People, and know that even in the worst circumstances, God is with us and will hear our prayers. He will answer us.

As Easter approaches, this is a time to let the light of Christ shine His healing rays throughout the world, and throughout our community.

May the Lord, our Chief Shepherd and our Refuge, grant mercy and grace upon the nations of the world in this time of trouble and distress.

We would like to share with you now the following verses which remind us that we are right to trust in God:

‘Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

This I declare about the Lord:

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;

He is my God, and I trust Him.

For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.

He will cover you with His feathers.

He will shelter you with His wings.

His faithful promises are your armour and protection.’

Psalm 91:1-4, (NLT)

For I am the Lord your God
who takes hold of your right hand
and says to you, Do not fear;

I will help you.

Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)

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Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it. - Helen Keller