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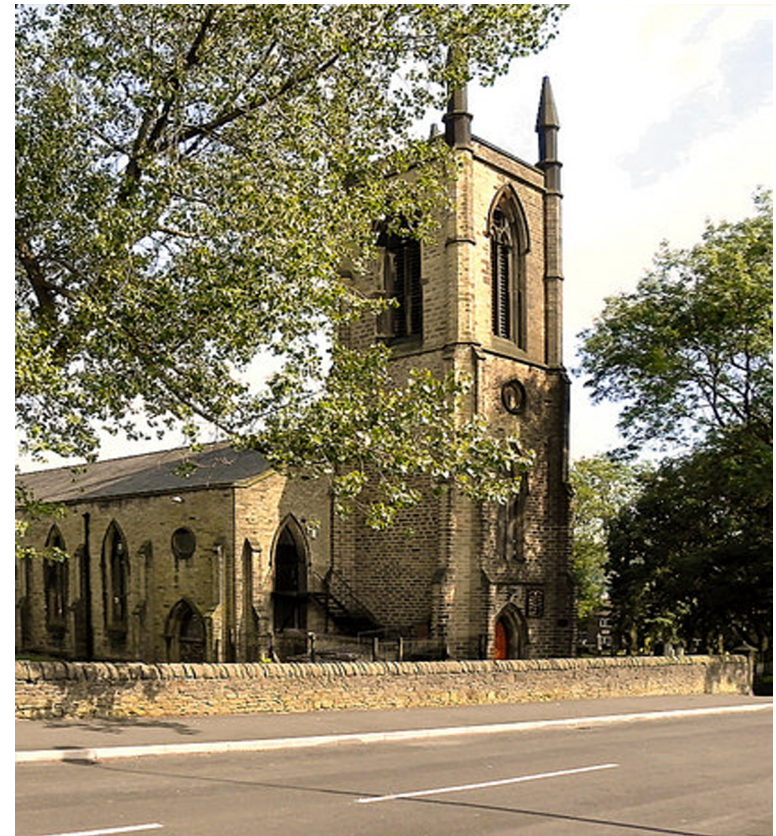
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*For baptisms, marriages or funerals please phone the Vicar on 07393 420763.
Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm
on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.*

*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.*



From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Aug	Norman Wood 1956 Jesse Brierley 2000 Jim Powell 2018	16 Aug	Walker Ratcliffe 1938 Colin Mark Press 1982 Gertrude Ireson 1997
2 Aug	Patricia Anne Southerin 1991 John David Southerin 1991	17 Aug	Joan Etches 2016 Arthur Cottrill 1985
3 Aug	Florence Newton 1982 Anthony Wray 1982 Ellen Cooper 1996 Doreen May Winifred Tomlin 2015	20 Aug	Fred Wrigley 1998 Rose Kemp 2003 Richard Arthur de Yarburgh-Bateson (6th Lord Deramore) 2006
4 Aug	William Smith 1990 Agnes Swindells 2013	21 Aug	Mary Maddock 1997 Adele Ann Clifford 1981 Stanley Joseph Quest 2019
5 Aug	George Buckley 1956 Thomas Hudson 1984	23 Aug	Jack Mitchell 1964 Wadsworth Charles Horner 1997
6 Aug	Norman Holt 1976 Mary Turner 1998 Margaret Butterworth 2015	24 Aug	John Darbyshire 2017
8 Aug	Olive Greenwood 1988 Esther Mary Osgood 2013 Rosemary Alice Webster 2018	25 Aug	Florence May Gee 1975 Ernest Lomas 1991 Harry Swindells 1994
9 Aug	Elsie Andrews 1993 Ethel Rebecca Hirst 1989 May Longden 2013	26 Aug	Adam Kirk Gordon Tye 1988 Frederick Cook 1998
10 Aug	Louis Vickers 1997	27 Aug	Martin James Sweeney 1966 Joan Roberts 2001 Joan Cathrine Hartnett 2004 Owen Bartley 2007
11 Aug	Amanda Jane Sedgwick 1951 Joseph Parkinson 1958 Bernard Gudgeon 1987 Beatrice Newton 1990	29 Aug	Frank Charlesworth 1981 Marion Styan 1994
13 Aug	Vera Lydiate 1990	30 Aug	Peter Steven Turnbull 1982 Harold Davenport 1999 Mona Jones 2010
14 Aug	Edward Barlow 1975 Hugh Darbyshire 2006 Mildred Standing 2009	31 Aug	John Cowman 1989 Jean Cooper 2010 Diane Bardsley 1994 William Beard Hadfield 2013
15 Aug	William Frederick Ireson 1942 Ellen Mawdsley 1985 Ann Dunn 2007		



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

The Lockdown Lifts

There's life in the town!
No longer 'locked down'!
The people stroll out in the sun
The majestic trees
Sway in the light breeze
Like they wanted to join in the fun!



Like light after dark!
We can walk in the park!
Buy our tea, and sit out on the grass!
We can chat to our friends
As our loneliness ends
And we smile at the strangers we pass!

Yes there are still queues
Which cease to amuse
But things are no longer so black!
As they sing in that song -
You miss what is gone,
But it's great when at last it comes back!

By Nigel Beeton

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Lockdown 200 Club Winners

The 200 Club draw has taken place for all months during lockdown when we were unable to meet to complete this. Prizes are £25 for 1st, £15 for 2nd and £10 for 3rd.

March: 1st 76 Rose Hayward, 2nd 115 Rachel Hanson, 3rd 11 Gillian Brayshaw
April: 1st 48 Brian Allsop, 2nd 31 Andrew Watkins, 3rd 33 Janet Vidler
May: 1st 37 Stephanie Woods, 2nd 21 Timothy Hayward, 3rd 8 June Leigh
June: 1st 26 Jean McManus, 2nd 6 Rose Hayward, 3rd 92 Eric Hayward
July: 1st 67 Anne Hanson, 2nd 94 Samuel Winstanley, 3rd 27 Pam Hemmings

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The Vicar writes...

This month as I write, I have been Vicar of St George's for six months – a rather unusual six months, by any standard. It has been particularly challenging getting to know people, places, and the community during this time. I personally, am extremely grateful to all who have encouraged and supported.

I hope and pray that the summer will give some time and space for us all to reflect on the months gone by, and the future, but also to have a rest. Some may still be able to go away on holiday, many will be staying at home. Nevertheless, we pray that at home or away, batteries will be recharged, and spirits renewed.

As we go through the summer, we pray that God will bless our times of rest and leisure, inspire our prayer, renew in us our energy and passion to serve him and ignite our creativity and wisdom to do so in challenging times.

With love and prayers,
Penny

A Prayer for Summer

*Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the daylight.
Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunities to enjoy your creation.*

Draw me closer to You this summer.

*Remind me how I can pray no matter where I am
or what I am doing.*

*Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and
light my path with Your Word and Counsel.*

*As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and a
hunger and a thirst for You.*

Amen.

Planning the next few months...

The PCC have been in contact throughout this time to consider and make decisions on behalf of the church as circumstances have changed. ***A big thanks to them for their support for the life of the church and our ministry during this time.*** This work continues as we gradually plan to reopen the building for community use and activities. This takes a lot of careful and considered planning to ensure everyone's safety. We will update you as soon as we are able.

Summer would usually be when we make plans for lots of events which fall in the Autumn. This year the pandemic has changed this. We do not yet know to what extent some of the "usual" events will be possible and over the next few weeks will consider the best way forward in the circumstances, which are ever changing. This means that some events may or may not happen at short notice or be down scaled.

Since it was not possible to have our Spring Fair and we do not yet know whether a Christmas Fair will be possible, we need to think about some creative fundraising!! Please do have a think and let me know if you have any ideas or would like to undertake something on behalf of the church. It would be also be great to share this with a local charity so that we can continue to support each other during this time.

Thank you for your continued generosity and giving - to all who have been able to continue to give to church, and to those who have found new ways to do so through standing orders. Thank you too to all who have been putting collections aside for when you return to church. All of your contributions really are a great help.

Thank you too for your patience, your continued prayer, your support for our church and for each other as we go forward, placing all things, as ever, in the hands of God.

Rev Penny

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS in church are all now possible, with a maximum attendance of 30 people and no singing - this is a government regulation regardless of venue. Arrangements can be made for future services where we hope restrictions may have eased.

Please be in touch for further information.

MEMORIAL SERVICES During this time funerals have had to be restricted, meaning that you may not have been able to have had the service you would have liked for your loved one. This has caused great pain for many, especially if you have not been able to attend a funeral.

Please be in touch if you would like to arrange a memorial service at St George's Church or know someone who would - we would be pleased to support and help you in this (the limit is still 30 people for the time being, no singing and recorded music only but arrangements can be made for the future also). We will work with you to plan what you would like.

Please note that these services can be arranged via church directly and do not need to cost a lot.

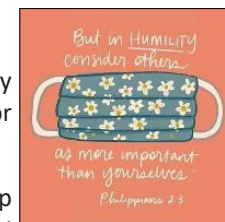
FACE COVERINGS

Please note the following advice in place from 24th July, issued by the Church of England. Spare face coverings will be available for those who don't have them with them and wish to comply.

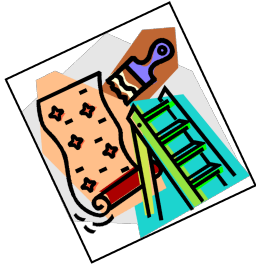
'The Government guidance for the safe use of places of worship encourages people to wear face coverings in places of worship and other enclosed public spaces. We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship where there may be other people present. This includes not only members of the congregation but also the president and any other ministers. Face coverings should only be removed to receive Holy Communion.'

At St George's, we are mindful of the needs of those who lip read and rely on facial recognition, and therefore the clergy will wear face-coverings in church, except when at the altar platform (ie at a distance from every other person) for communication purposes. Those reading lessons, interceding etc, may wish to wear face-coverings while speaking, or remove them for the duration of their speaking for reasons as above. (This guidance is in accordance with national and diocesan advice)

Please seriously consider wearing a face covering when you attend church so that we can meet as safely as possible and take good care of each other.



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DESERT ISLAND DISCS



When Irene threw down the gauntlet last month and asked for people to send in their Desert Island Discs choices I thought, 'I can do that', but when I sat down to choose eight pieces of music I found it very difficult!

I like a wide range of music covering all genres and probably drive my grandchildren mad trying to introduce them to classical music with Classic FM on in the car, that is still very much work in progress!

It hasn't been easy narrowing my choices down but I've done my best, if I were to do it again next month it would probably be totally different! Who's next?

Linda

MUSIC

Piano Concerto No.2.II Larghetto
 (just beautiful!)

Frédéric Chopin

Widor toccata and fugue in d minor

Charles Marie Widor

Piano Concerto No 2 Mov 2

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Brown Eyed Girl

Van Morrison

Mr Blue Sky

ELO

Let's Stick Together

Bryan Ferry

In the Midnight Hour

Wilson Pickett

That's Amore

Dean Martin

LUXURY ITEM

My lovely 'Eve' mattress (sand is a bit hard!)

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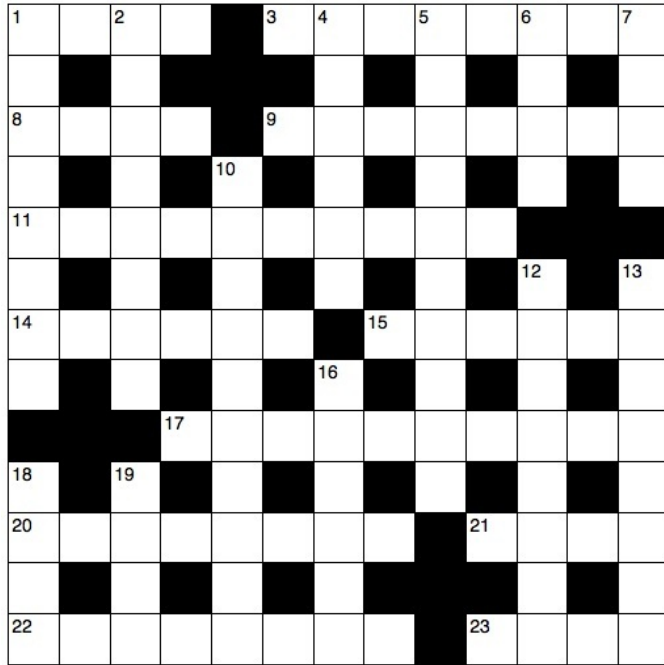
The Wind in the

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Willows

Kenneth Grahame

August Crossword



Across

1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5), 3 See 1 Across, 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4), 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8), 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10), 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6), 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4), 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10), 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8), 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4), 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3), 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8), 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8), 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4), 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10), 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4), 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4), 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10), 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8), 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8), 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6), 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3), 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

Readings and Psalms for August 2020

- Sun 2nd** 8th Sunday after Trinity
10.30 Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21
- Tues 4th 10.30 Jeremiah 30.1-2,12-15,18-22; Matthew 14.22-end
- Sun 9th** 9th Sunday after Trinity
10.30 Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33
- Tues 11th 10.30 Ezekiel 2.8-3.4; Matthew 18.1-5,10,12-14
- Sun 16th** 10th Sunday after Trinity
10.30 Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.21-28
- Tues 18th 10.30 Ezekiel 28.1-10; Matthew 19.23-end
- Sun 23rd** 11th Sunday after Trinity
10.30 Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20
- Tues 25th 10.30 2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a,14-end; Matthew 23.23-26
- Sun 30th** 10.30 Romans 12.9-end; Matthew 16.21-end

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July Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thieve.

DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

Monday 5 & 7pm
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With Terry

Tuesday 5 & 7

Wednesday 9.30

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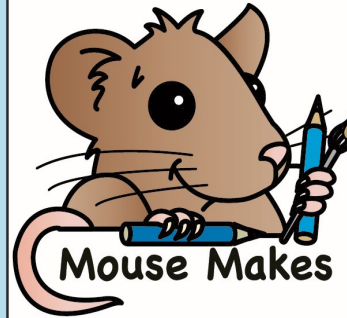
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Children's Page



Mouse Makes

The PSALMS are hymns of PRAYER and PRAISE to God.
"I will proclaim your greatness, my God and king; I will thank you: I will praise you for ever and ever."
Psalm 145:1-2

God my guide

"Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

God's World

"The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord: the earth and all who live on it are His."
Psalm 24:1

Glory to God

"How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what He has done."
Psalm 19:1

Praise the Lord!

"Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!"
Psalm 150:6

Give thanks!

"Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you. I will give You thanks as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer."
Psalm 63:3-4

Cut out and colour these cards to help you to thank and praise God.

Paws for thought



I am intrigued to see that so many humans are now wearing muzzles when they are out and about.

It is tricky when you wear a muzzle – many of my dog friends will tell you that. It's much harder to communicate and can be a bit frustrating!

You'll find that you begin to pay attention to other ways of understanding each other too – like body language and what someone's eyes are saying. (This is the perfect instance to deploy “puppy dog eyes” I find, by the way!)

It may also be the case that when wearing your muzzle (mum says you call them masks, or face coverings, not muzzles) that you must listen more carefully when someone is speaking to you. You might also have to speak more carefully to help someone understand you. Perhaps you might think and choose your words more carefully – we could all do with being reminded of that from time to time I'm sure.

Also, when wearing a muzzle it is much trickier to eat biscuits...

Dogs have to wear muzzles when they can't be trusted to use their mouths responsibly. I know that you humans are using them for the opposite.

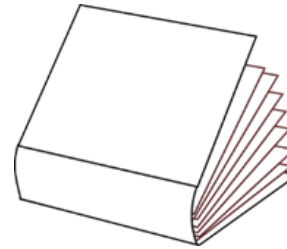
But perhaps this is a good opportunity for all of us to think about how we use our mouths and our words, how we communicate with others and how we in love and generosity show kindness and humility.

With love to you all

Buddy



Summer Book Club



Over the summer you are invited to read “Surprised by Joy” by C.S Lewis.

Simply read the book over the summer then we'll arrange a discussion group for those who wish to join in (via Zoom if needs be) in early September or if you'd prefer we can pair you with a “book buddy” who has also read the book so that you can chat about it together on the phone.

The book is available to buy online or via Kindle, or Rev Penny can order a copy for you at £7 each – just be in touch on 07393 420763 or email revdpennywarner@outlook.com

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History of Church hymns course

The Verdun Allen Music Foundation will be offering a three-week course (via Zoom) entitled 'A History of Hymns in the Christian Church'. This is free to all, but with a suggested donation of £30 to the homeless charity Mustard Tree, for whom they have already raised [£3000](#) during the lockdown period.

The three sessions in August will look at hymns during the Reformation, the hymnody of the non-conformists (such as Watts and Wesley), and the divergent trends in the Church of England in the 20th century. They also include extracts from Diarmaid MacCulloch's series 'A History of Christianity' in order to put the hymns into their theological context.

The sessions take place online on 14, 21 and 28 August from 2-4pm.

To enrol, please email [Steven Robinson](mailto:Steven.Robinson). Further information about the Verdun Allen Music Foundation can be found at verdunallen.org.uk

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Junior Church Prizegiving Sunday 19th July 2020

What a wonderful end to a very different sort of year for Junior Church at St. George's. After the lock-down none of us knew when and how we would be back together again – we just hoped! Then, after a suggestion by one of our mums, we started to meet using Zoom each Sunday from Pentecost onwards.

These sessions have been wonderful and culminated in a short service, just for us, led by Rev. Penny, where each of our young people received their well-deserved prize for their commitment to Junior Church. When asked what they remembered from our Zoom sessions over the past seven weeks we were amazed to hear their recollections of activities done, Bible stories remembered and Bible verses quoted. Even their parents and grandparents who attended the service were involved and are most valued for their encouragement and support.

Prizes were awarded to: Daniel Hohmann, Emily Hohmann, Ella Bowker, Lily Bowker, Emma Hansell Grayson, James Hansell Grayson, Sophie Ryan, Harriet Walker, Jacob Crowther, Harriet Crowther, Ella Pymm, Evelyn Dentith, Eva Hurst, Jack Barton and Elizabeth McMullen.

We are now on our summer break but we have left an example of our work in the church lounge for you to see on your return. They are welcome cards which we hope will go a long way in making people feel at home as they enter our church once more. For some of you this might not be now but please be assured Junior Church want to welcome you back, whenever that might be, in Jesus' Name.

Joyce Hansell



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Support your local charity shops

Are you feeling the financial squeeze just now, but still enjoy shopping? Why not visit some of your local charity shops?



Never have charity shops needed you so much. Coronavirus has meant a huge drop in donations, and many charities face huge financial shortfalls.

The good news is that charity shops are well worth visiting this summer. Vast amounts of clothes and household items were donated following the lockdown this Spring. Grounded at home, people decided to declutter and clear-out!

The result is that, as a spokeswoman for Oxfam says: "People can expect to find some really great treasures to buy."

It should be very safe to shop, for as Julie Byard of Cancer Research UK, explains, the charity shops put all donated items into isolation before putting them on the shelves. She adds: "We're grateful for all donations and to everyone who volunteers and shops with us."