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*For baptisms, marriages or funerals please phone the Vicar on 07393 420763.  
Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm  
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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.*



5 Nov	Beryl Gertrude Wykes	2017	20 Nov	Jonathan Ratcliffe	1917
6 Nov	Fanny Seaton	1927		Kenneth Cyril La Touche	1982
	Sydney Dring	1981		Brian Hitchon	1984
	Doreen Berry	1988	21 Nov	Edith Haigh	1993
	Dennis Holt	1994		John Patrick Higgins	1952
	Catherine Tetlow	2008	22 Nov	Stanley Brierley	1991
7 Nov	Leslie Percy Butterworth	2015	23 Nov	Doris May Brayshaw	2002
8 Nov	Norman Andrew	1986	24 Nov	Gary Lee Hughes	1985
9 Nov	Edward Priestley	1989		Phyllis Watson	2013
	Grace Barber	2008	26 Nov	Julian William Parkhurst	2014
10 Nov	Roland Wilson	1984	27 Nov	Kathleen Irene	1994
	Clifford Thomas John	1994		Humphries	1974
	Jessie Dennis	2005	28 Nov	Gwilym Samuel Rees	1983
	Harold Mellor	1986		Paul James Smyth	2001
13 Nov	Walter Raymond Skelton	1998		Andrew John Philip	2005
	Lucy Louise Yvonne Taylor	2011		Beckwith	
14 Nov	Zoie Vidler	2003		Joan Entwistle	
	Michael S Oliver	2003			
<b>December</b>					
1 Dec	Dean Stanley	1976	18 Dec	Martha Ireson	1937
2 Dec	Harriet Shenton	1976		Mary Lloyd	1999
	Harold Harrison Rowbottom	1988		Thelma Adnett	2005
	Harry Brayshaw	2001		Edith Brayshaw	2010
4 Dec	Ellen Wooley Lomas	1970	19 Dec	Jonas Ward	2000
7 Dec	Edgar Jones	1990	22 Dec	Jessie Wyld	1991
7 Dec	Moreen Branwood	1943		Gladys Jakeman	1999
9 Dec	Jack Fitchett	1951		Winifred Barnshaw	2005
10 Dec	Jane Anne Greenhalgh	1978	23 Dec	Emma Gudger	1962
	Malcolm James Donald	2008		James Stott	1983
	Walter Charles Aves	2016		Sarah Hannah Hague	1981
11 Dec	Neil Kershaw	2013		Dorothy Stott	2012
12 Dec	George Woolley Buckley	1990	24 Dec	Mona Jefferson	1988
	Joseph Kinder	1929		Audrey Fallows	2012
13 Dec	Frank Turner	1976		Stephen Karl Walsh	2019
	Raymond Stewart	2018	25 Dec	Frank Buckley	1974
14 Dec	Gertrude Barbara Fitchett	1938		James Reedy	1982
	Ernest Ives	1975		Derek Hibbert	1992
	Nora Grace Council	2008		David William Heap	1979
	Philip Edward Davenport	2010		Ivy Holt	2009
15 Dec	William Dyson Duckworth	2010		Marian Beatrice Ogden	2013
16 Dec	Eva Whittingham	1984	28 Dec	Emily Rosina Pendleton	1987
	John Hague	1968		Alfred White	1988
	Minnie Press	1984		Thomas Holt	2009
	Edith Longden	2008		George Henry Burtoft	2010
17 Dec	Anthony John David Gough	1993		Alan Oldham Miller	2011
	Bertha Barnfield	1998	29 Dec	Joan Pickles	2006
	Norman Quest	2001	31 Dec	Alice Shenton	1989
	William Hadfield	2012		Joseph Lees	2000
				John White	2008

## From Our Book of Remembrance

### October

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			

### November

1 Nov	Norman Clinton Ridgway	1991	16 Nov	Alice Whalley	1998
2 Nov	Roy Worsnip	1972	18 Nov	Olive Bowden	1993
3 Nov	Samuel Currie	2010		Florence Wilson	2006
4 Nov	Susan Ann Mann	2006		Winifred Sarah Nield	2011
5 Nov	Furness James Hall	2006		Edward Broadhurst	2013
5 Nov	Eric Gregson Eastwood	2009			



### The Vicar writes...

*“O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay,  
and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.”*  
(Isaiah 64:8)

Kintsugi (“golden joinery”), also known as kintsukuroi (“golden repair”) is the Japanese art of repairing cracked and broken pottery with adhesive covered with gold/silver

lacquer. This is to draw attention to the imperfections, instead of hiding them, showing beauty in the imperfections.

Things are not as we would wish them in so many ways. We are all coming to terms with what the next few months might look like and what restrictions we might face. We are concerned about the wellbeing of ourselves and our families and friends. We are facing brokenness in so many ways. Yet in the imperfections there is still much beauty to be seen and experienced and to be created by our actions.

As we approach Christmas, we are reminded even more strongly this year that light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome. All around us in these challenging times are those working for good. Now more than ever small gestures are so much appreciated—a phonecall just to say hello, a card or letter sent, a meal delivered, shopping bought, or a prayer on someone’s behalf,

Jesus was born into the darkness of the world to bring joy, hope and light—to promised a better world to come where all things are made new and perfect. In the Christian faith the ultimate beauty in brokenness is seen in the cross and resurrection of Jesus—when all seems hopeless, broken and final new life rises from the tomb offering hope and a new way through love.

If you’d like to chat or would like any help or support, please be in touch. We are always here.

With God and with one another we can find beauty and hope in the brokenness of our current time and look with confidence towards the days to come.

With love and prayers,  
Penny



## “New” St George’s Church celebrates 180 years!!

The church has been battling for centuries to help out those in need and as we celebrate our 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St George’s Church we take note of all the kindness that is currently needed to help those in poverty, going hungry and the homeless, particularly during this difficult time of the COVID 19 pandemic. We continue to collect for Tameside East Foodbank, recently collected Harvest gifts for the Booth Centre in Manchester to help those who are struggling as Christians have done for many centuries.

The history of St George’s is far from straight forward. A chapel had been built in 1776 on Cocker Hill for people who could not reach St Michael’s in Ashton. The chapel was called St George’s and was not far from the Ridgehill area but the building fell down two years later. Another chapel was built in 1780 on Cocker Hill and the ‘new’ St George’s Church was built in 1840, the church we know and love today and which was built from the stone at a local quarry. The dedication dates back to June 24<sup>th</sup> of that year. Although our new church was supposed to replace the Cocker Hill ‘old’ St George’s, congregational rivalries stopped that from happening and both churches continued to run for over a century and into the 1960s.

At one point the new St George’s attendance was very low and the church was suffering from neglect. However in 1870 a new curate, John Homer Killick, took over and not only did the congregation of adults rise reportedly from 14 to 20 to over 250, the building was repaired, some of which done by the curate’s own hand. There had been talk of new St George’s setting up a school for some time but one was opened in Spring Street through Killick’s fundraising, a report stated, two years after he left St George’s.

Our church has faced many of its own struggles. As curate Killick raised between £200 and £300 to repair St George’s in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, we have recently repaired the roof of the building helped by a lottery grant. As the congregation was low at some points we have had to see our pews quietened due to the outbreak of the Covid pandemic, with churches across the nation being closed for three months, unlike any other period in history. Yet we have to remember that the Church of England has battled for years in difficult times.

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Following on from the many vicars who have gone before, Reverend Penny becoming Vicar of St George's this year so opened another new chapter in the history of 'new' St George's Church. Prayer and pastoral care and support became even more important during this harshest of times, as did new ways of reaching out and communicating to our community. We remember too, at this difficult time, all those though who need care aside from reasons to do with the pandemic and we continue to look for ways to reach out. We pray that St George's will continue to lend its kindness as it has for 180 years.

*Caroline Oldfield*

## Parish Magazine Update 2020/2021

Since April 2020 unfortunately it has not been possible for those who kindly distribute the magazine to do so due to restrictions on delivering printed communications.



The monthly magazine has been produced and available online via the website and via our email newsletter and some copies have been available in church for people to take away. We have posted the magazine to subscribers on a couple of occasions but with a very large distribution list this is not sustainable.

In seeking to do the best we can and to keep in touch we have decided to temporarily produce a "bumper edition" of the Parish Magazine, covering Autumn and Winter. We are posting this to everyone on our distribution list.

Since we have not been able to distribute the magazine to subscribers monthly due to these extraordinary circumstances, we will not be charging the usual £4 for next year's subscription. (However, if you choose to donate this anyway in 2021 we would of course be very grateful!) We will continue with one off copies until we can resume normal delivery—hopefully in the not too distant future in 2021.

**Thank you for your continued support of St George's.  
Please be in touch if we can support you in any way at all.**

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### Puzzle Solutions

**Sorry** - I realised when putting this issue together that I had missed two clues from the September crossword, I hope it didn't drive you too mad! They were:

**Down:** 21. 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6), 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

### September Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

**DOWN:** 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

### October Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

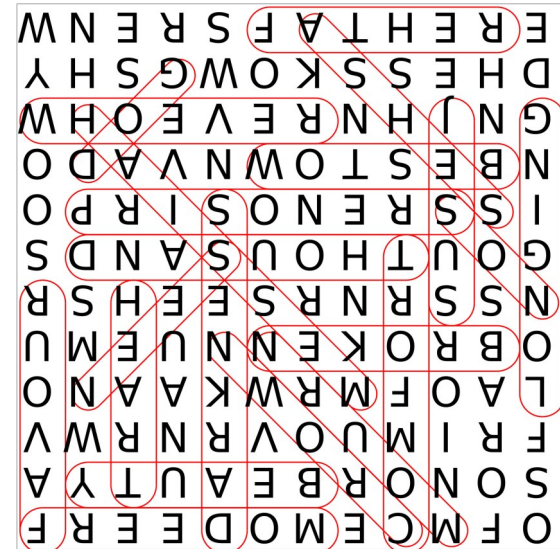
**DOWN:** 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

### November Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop.

**DOWN:** 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty.

### Wordsearch Solution



## Wordsearch for December

Christmas is nearly here! More than two thousand years ago the Jews were longing for the coming of their Messiah. The Old Testament had promised that when He came, He would preach good news to the poor, bind up the broken hearted, proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, comfort all who mourn and to bestow on His people a crown of beauty instead of ashes. Jesus did all those things. He was and is the Son of God, and whoever has seen Him has seen the Father. Whoever believes in Him will have the best gift of all – His Spirit within them, which gives them eternal life.

Messiah  
Broken  
Heart  
Freedom  
Darkness

Favour  
Prisoners  
Comfort  
Mourn  
Bestow

Crown  
Beauty  
Ashes  
Son  
God  
Jesus

Seen  
Father  
Whoever  
longing  
thousand



## October 200 Club Winners

1st prize £25 no 16 Linda Hurst  
2nd prize £15 no 108 Scott Lees  
3rd prize £10 no 32 Karen Wright

### Fancy a cosy treat?

#### Parkin Recipe (from BBC Good Food)

##### Ingredients

200g butter, plus extra for greasing  
1 large egg  
4 tbsp milk  
200g golden syrup  
85g treacle  
85g light soft brown sugar  
100g medium oatmeal  
250g self-raising flour  
1 tsp ground ginger



##### Method

Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Butter a deep 22cm square cake tin and line with baking parchment. Beat the egg and milk together with a fork.

Gently melt the syrup, treacle, sugar and butter together in a large pan until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat. Mix together the oatmeal, flour and ginger and stir into the syrup mixture, followed by the egg and milk.

Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 50 mins – 1 hr until the cake feels firm and a little crusty on top. Cool in the tin then wrap in more parchment and foil.

**TIP:** Keep for up to five days before eating if you can – it'll become softer and stickier the longer you leave it, up to two weeks.

## Smile Lines



### **Warning**

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her father donning his dinner jacket, she objected. "Oh Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit."

Bemused, her father asked why not. The little girl explained: "Because you know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."

### **The little button**

At a clearance sale, the wife of a senior judge found the perfect green tie to match one of her husband's sports jackets. Soon after, while the couple was relaxing at a resort to get his mind off a complicated cocaine-conspiracy case, he noticed a small, round disc sewn into the tie. The judge showed it to the police, who were equally suspicious that it might be a 'bug', planted by the conspiracy defendants.

The police took the tie away for some serious analysis. A few days later, the judge phoned Scotland Yard to find out the results of their tests. "Well, we're not really sure where the disc came from," the police told him. "But we did discover that if you press it, it plays Jingle Bells."

*Some people were lucky enough to get away on holiday this year and spotted this sign behind a bathroom door in Greece!*



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# Paws for thought

We never know what is round the corner.

I signed up to a monthly column in the Parish Magazine - I'm now having to compress my thoughts into a "Winter Edition" due to the limits caused by COVID 19 and the need to keep each other safe. But where else will I be able to express my considerable doggy wisdom?!



Worse still, those Vicars I'm in charge of have gone and rescued 3 hens from the charity Fresh Start for Hens. I'm now having to share my garden with hens - well really! Clucking and scratching all day – they are very bold and even peck my nose when I try to say hello.

These ladies have finished their commercial life and are now enjoying their free-range retirement in the vicarage garden in Mossley.

Who knows what the next few months will bring.

Some humans say that there are only some things which are certain – uncertainty, death and taxes. I'm not sure what hens think.

I know that there are more things which are certain; that good friends and kindness will see us through, that the love of God surrounds us, and that hope is everlasting.

Come what may, let us embrace hope, love and kindness and the promise of God's faithfulness to us all. There is always hope, even for hens.

With love to you all

**Buddy**



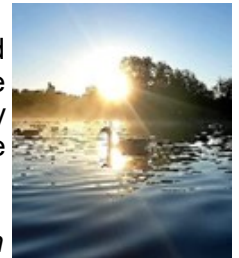
## RIDGEHILL BIG LOCAL ENTERPRISES ARE LOOKING FOR NEW DIRECTORS TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY DRIVEN ENTERPRISE



**Ridgehill Big Local Enterprises** is a not for profit enterprise which leases Stamford Park Boating Lake and Chadwick Dam Fishing Lake with aim to regenerate this area into a water activities centre and nature reserve for our community providing both educational and leisure activities for our local community, the general public, schools, colleges and others.

Our organisation is community driven with the directorship group at the heart of the community feel. Our aim is to provide access to our local community, the general public, community groups here and beyond, schools, colleges and others.

**We are looking to expand our directorship** and would welcome those interested in assisting with the general running of the business and specifically focusing on the promotion of the lakes and nature reserve for all.



*"Getting together and inspiring all to enjoy the health benefits the outdoors has to offer has never been more important than it is during these times"*

Please contact Karen Rees-Unwin at [karen@ridgehill-enterprises.co.uk](mailto:karen@ridgehill-enterprises.co.uk) or 07387578135 for any enquiries.

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### ALL SAINT'S DAY

*We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses  
and join our worship with theirs!*

**SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER  
9am & 10.30am Parish Eucharist**



## The Diocese of Manchester Race, Inequality and Justice Group (DoMIRJ)

The Diocese of Manchester has established the Race, Inequality and Justice Group, led by the Archdeacon of Manchester, The Ven Karen Lund, with the blessing of the Bishop of Manchester, Dr David Walker, as a response to the murder of George Floyd in the USA and the subsequent demand to affirm that Black Lives Matter in this country – and in particular, in the Diocese of Manchester.

Consisting of both lay and clergy representatives, the Group has been tasked with creating a safe space to equip Christians to begin to confidently engage in the ongoing challenge of overcoming racism in their contexts.

At a recent Diocesan Synod, a motion against racism was passed. The Diocese of Manchester Race, Inequality and Justice Group prays and hopes that the successful passing of the Motion on Racism will be a catalyst for real and lasting change within the organisational life of the diocese and the wider Church. The Archdeacon of Manchester, Karen Lund said, “The problem of racism is real and we need to look both at the problem and beyond the problem in order to honour the biblical/Christ-like vision of a new heaven and the new earth consisting of all God’s people.”

### Thank you to everyone who supports the Tameside East Foodbank by bringing items to church

The following items in particular are needed at the moment, in addition to usual supplies.

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- TINNED MEAT/FISH
- POWDERED MILK
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED FRUIT



Please note that if you are donating Christmas items they need to be received early so that they can be given out.

You can also give financially via [tamesideeast.foodbank.org.uk](https://tamesideeast.foodbank.org.uk)

“For when I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink” Matthew 25:35

## The Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem



The Church of the Nativity, or Basilica of the Nativity is located in Bethlehem. Inside, the Grotto of the Nativity, the place where Jesus is said to have been born, is an underground space which forms the crypt of the Church of the Nativity. The Grotto is part of a network of caves, which are accessed from the adjacent church of St Catherine. The Grotto is the oldest site continuously used as a place of Christian worship, and the Basilica is the oldest major church in the Holy Land.

The cave has an eastern niche which contains the Altar of the Nativity. The exact spot where Jesus is thought to have been born is marked beneath this altar but a 14 pointed silver star with the Latin inscription, “Hic De Virgine Maria Jesus Christus Natus Est 1717” (*Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary 1717*) It was installed by Catholics in 1717, Removed in 1847 and replaced by the Turkish government in 1853.

The star is set into the marble floor and surrounded by 15 silver lamps representing the 3 Christian communities, 6 belong to the Greek Orthodox, 4 to the Catholics, and 5 to the Armenian Apostolic. The significance of the 14 points of the star is believed to represent the three sets of 14 generations in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. First 14 from Abraham to David, then 14 from David to Babylonian captivity, then 14 more to Jesus Christ. In the middle of the 14 pointed star is a circular hole through which you can reach in to touch the stone that is said to be the original stone that Mary laid on when she gave birth to Jesus. The Altar of the Magi is located directly opposite from the manger site.



# Online Christmas Fair!

**Online via Facebook  
between 15th and 24th November**

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Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we will be unable to hold our usual Christmas Fair. However, this gives us the opportunity to try something new. **We will be holding a Virtual Christmas Fair – this will be held online, and we hope that we can support local businesses and shops, as well as earning some much-needed funds for Church.**

We are currently in the developmental stage of the fair and more details will be given once they are available. However, at the moment, we really need your help. **The fair will be held online via the St George's Facebook page between 15th and 24th November.** A “stall” will cost £10 and all profits made from the stall will go the stallholder. Payment and delivery will be the responsibility of the stall holder.

Some of the usual Church stalls will also be available, such as crafts, Christmas raffle and home bake, with all profits will go to Church. Orders will be placed online and collection from church arranged.

If you would like to hold a stall, supply goods for the Church stalls or have any ideas for goods we could sell, please get in touch with the churchwardens (contacts at front of magazine) or email [stgeorgestalybridge@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgestalybridge@gmail.com)

DON'T GIVE UP ON THIS YEAR.  
KEEP FIGHTING FOR THE GOOD.  
KEEP SHOWING UP.  
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KEEP GIVING BACK.  
KEEP BEING KIND.  
KEEP BEING BRAVE.  
KEEP CARING.  
KEEP TRYING NEW THINGS.  
KEEP SHOWING GRACE.  
KEEP ON.  
THIS WORLD NEEDS YOU  
TO BELIEVE IN THE GOOD.

## *“Jolly Old Saint Nick!”*

Saint Nicholas will have been preparing his “COVID 19 secure” delivery rounds getting ready for Christmas Eve. Also known as Father Christmas (as he was a Bishop) or “Santa Claus” (from the Dutch Sinterklaas' meaning 'Saint Nicholas') he is a popular patron saint, including patron saint of children, sailors, ships, scholars, brides and prisoners (especially those falsely imprisoned). His feast day is celebrated by the church on 6th December.

Nicholas was a Bishop in Myra (modern day Turkey) in the 4th century. He was a kind and generous man who used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God first as a monk before being made Bishop.

The most famous story of Saint Nicholas is of a poor man with three daughters. He could not afford their dowries and the women were to be sold into slavery. Legend has it that on three separate occasions, bags of gold were flung into the house, landing in the girl's stockings, hung by the fireplace. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from Saint Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas. Sometimes gifts are left in shoes.

Other legends tell of him saving 3 students who had been kidnapped and hidden in pickling tubs (!) and of him saving sailors and their ships at sea through his calm prayer. This story was told about Nicholas whilst he was still alive and the sailors already claimed his as their patron saint.

The generosity and kindness of St Nicholas continues and we must all support those in poverty and need.

Why not help him out by making a donation to a children's charity on 6th December or by leaving a little gift (even an orange or some gold coins!) for someone on his feast day?

For more information and further stories and pictures see:  
*The St. Nicholas Center, [www.stnicholascenter.org](http://www.stnicholascenter.org)*



I waited patiently for the Lord to help me,  
and he turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the pit of despair,  
out of the mud and the mire.  
He set my feet on solid ground and steadied  
me as I walked along.  
He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn  
of praise to our God. ↗

Psalm 40:1-3



**All Souls 2020**  
**Sunday 1st November at 3pm**  
**Commemoration of the Departed**

**A quiet and reflective service at which we remember  
and pray for loved ones who have departed this life.**

*Names will be read aloud and there will be opportunity to light a candle.*

*Please email [stgeorgestalybridge@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgestalybridge@gmail.com) or text/WhatsApp/call*

*Rev Penny on 07393 420763. Alternatively you can write names of loved ones  
you wish to be remembered on a piece of paper and leave it in the marked  
box in the church lounge or the postbox outside church.*

## Services & Readings for November 2020



### Gillian's Christmas Puddings

Gillian Cotton is making Christmas puddings to order. The ingredients include nuts (ground almonds), free range eggs, vegetable suet, and generous amounts of alcohol and fruit. Pre-cooked weight and prices: 8oz are

£2.00, 12oz £3.00, 16oz £4.00 and 1lb 8oz are £6.00.

*Strict hygiene standards, as previously, are used, and puddings will be safely delivered.*

If you would like to order please be in touch with Gillian (contacts in front cover) or email [stgeorgestalybridge@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgestalybridge@gmail.com)

### Baby Jesus Rocks!

*Baby Jesus rocks are a reminder for us all to make room in our hearts and lives for Jesus at Christmas, sharing in God's love.*



It won't be possible for us to welcome large numbers into church this Christmas so we are finding creative ways of sharing the Christmas story in our community.

Rocks will be painted and placed around the community for people to find. The finder is asked to take Jesus home and make a manger for him, posting a photo on our church Facebook page.

Please help us by donating some large stones to paint on, or by painting some baby Jesus rocks of your own and bringing them to church. We can then put our message on and spread them around the community. *(Rocks will be distributed in a safe way)*

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saints' Day	9.00 & 10.30	Parish Eucharist: Revelation 7.9-end; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12
		15.00	All Souls Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>		10.30	Philippians 2.5-11; Psalm 22.22-27; Luke 14.15-24
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday	9.00 & 10.30	Parish Eucharist & Act of Remembrance: Wisdom 6.12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25.1-13
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	Titus 2.1-8,11-14; Luke 17.7-10
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Sunday before Advent	9.00 & 10.30	Parish Eucharist: Zephaniah 1.7,12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	Revelation 3.1-6,14-31; Luke 19.1-10
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christ the King	9.00 & 10.30	Parish Eucharist: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Matthew 25.31-end
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	Revelation 14.14-19; Luke 21.5-11
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	ADVENT SUNDAY	9.00 & 10.30	Parish Eucharist: Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-end
		18.00	<i>A Light in the Darkness; a service to begin Advent</i>

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in the church's intercessions on the Sunday of the week of their anniversary please have a word with the vicar or one of the wardens. The cost for the inscription is £10 per entry

## Poppy Appeal 2020




Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.

One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount.

This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."



**Our Risk Assessments and practices are re-viewed regularly.**

**Current guidance states that in tiers 1, 2, and 3, places of worship will remain open.**

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS** are possible in church.

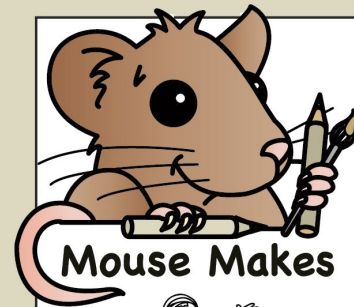
Up to 15 people maximum for weddings and up to 30 for funerals. Baptisms may take place in public worship or in a gathering of no more than 6.

There can be no singing at any services (this is a government regulation regardless of venue). Please be in touch for further information.

**Face coverings are mandatory (unless exempt)**

**Social distancing & hygiene measures in place**

## Children's Page



### REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people would remember what God had done for them by building monuments made of stones and by holding festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.

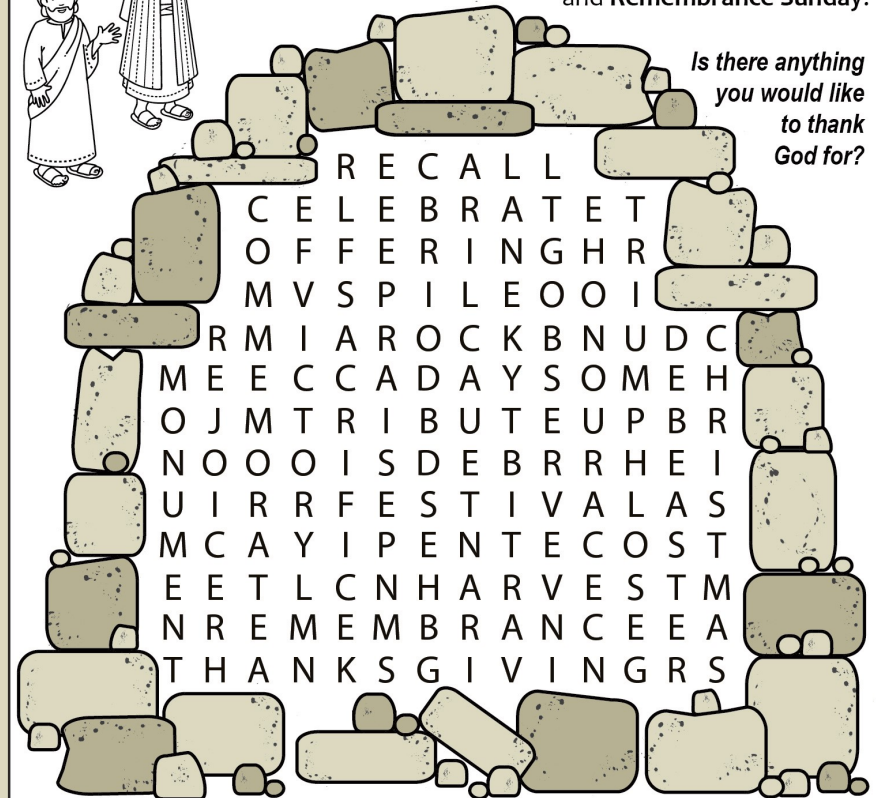


READ Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Today we too build monuments to remember and hold services of thanksgiving like Harvest and Remembrance Sunday.

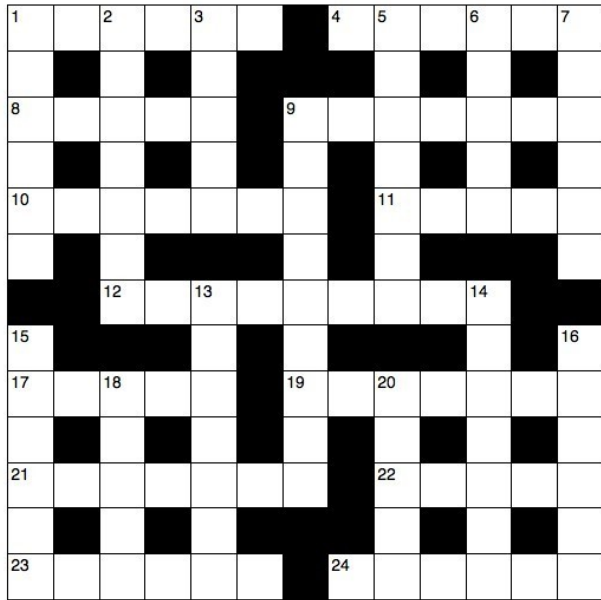


Is there anything you would like to thank God for?



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 ROCK • PILE • OBSERVE • TRIBUTE • COMMEMORATE • RECALL • OFFERING  
 HONOUR • CELEBRATE • PRAISE • REJOICE • THANKSGIVING • DAYS  
 FESTIVAL • EASTER • PENTECOST • HARVEST • CHRISTMAS

## November Crossword



### Across

1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6), 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6), 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)  
 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7), 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7), 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5), 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9), 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5), 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7), 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7), 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5), 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6), 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

### Down

1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6), 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7), 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5), 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7), 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6), 7 A three (anag.) (6), 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9), 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7), 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7), 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6), 16 See 6 Down (6), 18 Paste (anag.) (5), 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)



## We will remember them

***This year we are encouraged to remember from home instead of gathering at war memorials.***

This may mean marking the I I am silence on your doorstep, watching the national Act of Remembrance on television or simply taking some quiet time for remembering and reflecting at I I am on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day

The British Legion are encouraging poppies to be displayed in the windows of our homes during this season of remembrance. These can be printed from the Poppy Appeal website or there are some copies available in church; one version in colour and one for children to colour in.

***Please take a copy or be in touch if you would like us to post one to you.***

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**9am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance**

**10.45am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance**

## ARMISTICE DAY

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am-12noon Church open for prayer & reflection  
& the opportunity to pause & light a candle. Silence will be kept at I I am**

**PAUSE. PRAY. REMEMBER.**



## Readings for December 2020

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30	Eucharist: Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	
	<b>9.00 &amp; 10.30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Eucharist: Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	
	<b>9.00 &amp; 10.30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Isaiah 61.1-4,8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-28; John 1:6-8,19-28 <b><i>Service to be confirmed</i></b>
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Eucharist: Zephaniah 3.1-2,9-13; Matthew 21.28-32
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	
	<b>9.00 &amp; 10.30</b>	<b><i>Worship For All</i></b> Romans 16:25-end; Luke 1. 26-38
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30	Eucharist: 1 Samuel 1.24-end; Luke 1.46-56
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
		<b><i>Services to be confirmed</i></b>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
	<b>9.00 &amp; 10.30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Isaiah 62.6-end; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.1-20
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1st Sunday of Christmas</b>	
	<b>9.00 &amp; 10.30</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Galatians 4.47; Luke 2.15-21
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Eucharist: 1 John 2.3-11; Psalm 96.1-4; Luke 2.22-35



## Advent & Christmas Services

This year our Advent and Christmas services will obviously have to be very different but we will mark and celebrate the seasons as best we can.

We already know that it will not be possible to hold carol services (singing is not permitted), the Junior Church Nativity will not be possible in the same way, and any gathering will inevitably hold restrictions on the number attending. We are also not able to serve refreshments or host any social gatherings.

It is hard to tell at the moment what we will be able to do within the restrictions so for that reason we will be in touch nearer the time to let you know details of all our Advent and Christmas services.

In the meantime, please also keep an eye online for updates:  
Website [www.stg.org.uk](http://www.stg.org.uk)  
Facebook @stgeorgestalybridge  
Twitter @stgstalybridge

We will continue to share online services produced nationally by the Church of England.

***Each week an email newsletter is circulated to all who wish to receive it.***

It details updates, upcoming events, online worship and links to other sources of information and resources for prayer.

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