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*For baptisms, marriages or funerals or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact the Wardens.
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, please
contact Chris Crabtree on 07714235736 or
Karen Wright on 07443451112*

A note from the wardens...

Saint George's said a fond farewell to Revd Penny on 30th January – thank you to everyone who helped to make her last day with us special.

Penny came to us in January 2020 – little did she know that it would be the start of an extremely rocky journey!

Six weeks after her arrival, the country went into lockdown – Penny immediately rallied the troops. She brought together a small group of volunteers to create packs for the parish, which contained messages of hope, details of how Penny could be contacted and a little gift. In addition, she asked for volunteers to keep in touch with everyone on the electoral role, so that we could ensure everyone was looked after and knew that someone cared. Offers of shopping, collecting prescriptions, pastoral visits (standing on the doorstep) and friendships were made.

Along with her husband, Father David, Penny held numerous online services and introduced virtual coffee mornings where we could meet virtually for a chat and fellowship.

Nobody expected the pandemic to still be here in February 2022, but Penny has made it easier for a lot of us.

Now that restrictions are easing, many of our groups have re-started. The tots group is busier than ever before, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are running around spreading their smiles and enthusiasm, the Dementia Café has welcomed more friends, the Thursday come together café is extremely popular and George's kitchen has now got in excess of 30 customers.

Our relationship with the wider community is developing, and with everyone's help, this will continue.

The Church is not a building, it is the people.

Many of the congregation filled in 'Time and Talents' forms last year, these have not been forgotten!

If you indicated that you would like to help with aspects of Church life, we will be in touch. If you did not fill in a form, or on reflection, you feel that you could offer more help, please be in touch. You are not standing on any one's toes, and you are definitely needed. Likewise, if you think your offers of help have been overlooked, please be in touch.

It will come as no surprise that there will be a few changes now that Penny has left. The wardens will endeavour to do all we can to ensure that worship and ministry continues as much as possible.

We have a number of visiting clergy arranged, Junior Church will take a bigger part in Worship For All services, and we have visiting organists to aid with our worship. Unfortunately, the Tuesday morning Eucharist service will no longer be possible.

Many volunteers have already come forward so that our clubs can continue, and their help is extremely valued.

As Penny mentioned in the last magazine, St George's has a wonderful team in the PCC, dedicated volunteers, encouraging congregation and supportive community, if we all pull together, we can make a change and show that we are all disciples of Jesus.

With love and prayers
Val and Gillian (wardens)

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Service Details

Sundays

10.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns

***Baptisms, weddings and funerals continue
with no numerical restrictions***

*A full risk assessment is in place and regularly revised.
We continue stringent hygiene and social distancing procedures.*

**YOU MUST NOT ATTEND if you are unwell, self isolating
or showing any symptoms.**



A New Venture

As we have several of our Junior Church confirmed recently and are either in the upper years of primary school or have entered High school we are starting a monthly or half termly social event that encourages our Junior Church Seniors to meet together socially as well as for their Sunday morning sessions.

The first of these is planned to take place on Saturday 12th February beginning at 6.00pm. During this evening we shall discuss a programme of future activities as well as watching entertaining DVD's...oh and enjoying yummy refreshments.

Please support our young people with your prayers and encouragement and we hope that these events will promote rich fellowship and enjoyment.

Joyce Hansell

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COVID 19 UPDATE

***If you have any questions, queries or concerns,
please contact the Churchwardens.***

Face coverings are no longer mandatory from this week but are encouraged, especially when moving around the building.

Social distancing Distancing is no longer mandated. Therefore, there is no general numerical restriction on attendance at any service, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Everyone attending church is encouraged to use the whole building and to respect the space of others. The central pews in the nave are now in full use. The side aisles will remain distanced for those who wish to remain distanced.

Hymns are now sung on Sundays at 10.30am.

You are encouraged to ensure that you are well spaced around the church. You may choose to wear a face covering when singing.

Please continue to leave your **collection** on the plate at the back of church. It will be presented at the offertory.

The peace may be shared physically amongst those who wish but please share only with those in your pew. If you do not wish to share the peace physically, please wave the peace instead to indicate this!

Holy Communion continues to be received standing and using the one-way system still in place in church. You are encouraged to sanitise your hands before receiving. Church of England guidance now permits receiving Holy Communion in both kinds (i.e. bread and wine) The chalice will be available for those who wish to receive it.

No intinction (dipping wafers).



PARISH EMAIL NEWSLETTER

To help us keep in touch we have a weekly email parish newsletter with bible readings and prayers for Sundays, information, updates, activities for Junior Church and announcements

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Readings and Psalms for February 2022

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|----------------------------|---|
| Sun 6th | 4th Sunday before Lent |
| 10.30 | Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11 |
| Tues 8 th | 10.30 No service |
| Sun 13th | 3rd Sunday before Lent |
| 10.30 | Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26 |
| Tues 15 th | 10.30 No service |
| Sun 20th | 2nd Sunday before Lent |
| 10.30 | Genesis 2.4b-9,15-end; Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25 |
| Tues 22 nd | 10.30 No service |
| Sun 27th | Sunday next before Lent |
| 10.30 | Exodus 34.29-end; Luke 9.28-36 <i>Worship for All</i> |
| Tues 30 th | 10.30 No service |

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Some dates for your diary - February 2022

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|------------|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| Thurs | 3rd | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Tiny Tots |
| | | 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. | Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities |
| | | 7.30 p.m. | Tameside Community Voices Practice |
| Fri | 4th | 1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m. | Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736 |
| Sun | 6th | 10.30 a.m. | Parish Eucharist with hymns |
| Thurs | 10th | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Tiny Tots |
| | | 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. | Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities |
| | | 7.30 p.m. | Tameside Community Voices Practice |
| Sun | 13th | 10.30 a.m. | Parish Eucharist with hymns |
| Thurs | 17th | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Tiny Tots |
| | | 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. | Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities |
| | | 7.30 p.m. | Tameside Community Voices Practice |
| Fri | 18th | 1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m. | Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736 |
| Sun | 20th | 10.30 a.m. | Parish Eucharist with hymns |
| Thurs | 24th | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Tiny Tots |
| | | 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. | Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities |
| | | 7.30 p.m. | Tameside Community Voices Practice |
| Sun | 27th | 10.30 a.m. | Parish Eucharist with hymns |

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

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200 Club

January Winners

1st prize £25 no.11 Gillian Brayshaw; 2nd prize £15 no.31 Gillian Cotton;
3rd prize £10 no.21 Timothy Hay

During 2021 a total of £1436 was collected. £600 was paid in prizes leaving a total of £836 for Church funds.

Many thanks to Rose for continuing to run the 200 Club.

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Join a Groundwork Prince's Trust Team and take part in a **12 week action-packed** programme designed to boost your confidence and open the door to your future career through further training or a direct pathway into work.

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The next Team in Ashton-under-Lyne starts:

Monday 7th February 2022 at Groundwork Greater Manchester, Birchcroft, Crowthorne Rd. Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0DH

To join please sign up at the registration day on **Wednesday 2nd February 2022 11am to 2pm** at the same venue.

Contact:

Jean Byrnes mobile 07850310739

Email jean.byrnes@groundwork.org.uk

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- Take action to improve your local community



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GROUNDWORK
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Georges Kitchen

Our community kitchen is now up and running and reaching many people within our community. We have had some good feedback from our customers and look forward to increasing our customer numbers in the new year.

However, as with all these things, we need volunteers, particularly cooks. If you are able to help in any way, either helping to prepare, cook or deliver the meals, or are able to help with the admin side of things, we would be incredibly grateful.

If you would like any more information, please contact georgeskitchen2021@gmail.com

You can also telephone or text: 07783 009157

Magazine Subscriptions

We are delighted that the magazine is now back up and running!

We have not asked for subscriptions this year as the publication and distribution of the Parish Magazine in 2020 and 2021 has been so sporadic due to the pandemic and restrictions face.

Thank you to those who have continued to make donations.

We are now going to begin afresh!

There will now be 10 editions produced each year – these will include a December/January edition and a July/August edition.

The cost will be 50p per magazine and therefore, a subscription of £5 per year. Subscriptions will be collected in November/December with the following year's subscription, beginning with the December/January edition.

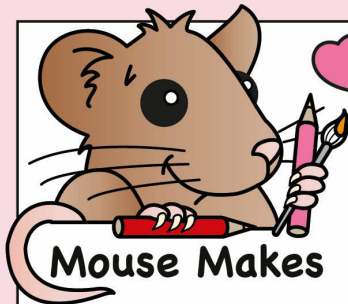
Please be in touch with Julia Davies on 0161 338 5998 if you have any questions or need any further information.

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January Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 8, Bottomless pit. 9, Ice. 10, Decalogue. 11, Limbo. 13, Seconds. 16, Crimson. 19, Eager. 22, Abhorrent. 24, Lap. 25, Alpha and Omega.

DOWN: 1, Abdiel. 2, Stream. 3, Wondrous. 4, Flocks. 5, USCL. 6, A pagan. 7, Athens. 12, IOR. 14, Creation. 15, Dye. 16, Cravat. 17, In hope. 18, Need no. 20, Galley. 21, Repeat. 23,



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See what great love the Father has for us that He would call us His

1 John 1:3

Lord, you are a God who shows _____ and is _____
...You have great _____ and _____

Psalm 86:1



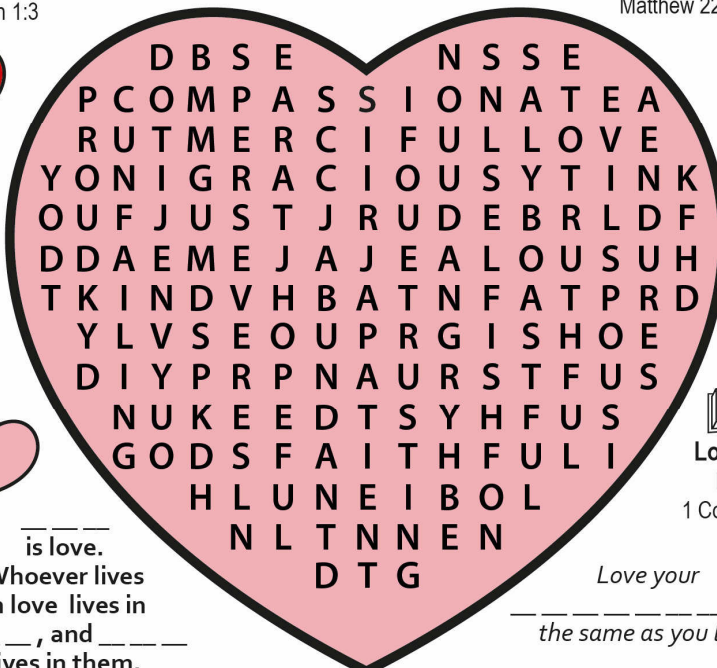
How did God show He **loved** us?
Read 1 John 4:9

Love the Lord your God with all your

_____ with all your

_____ and with all your

_____ Matthew 22:37



_____ is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in _____, and _____ lives in them.

1 John 4:16



Love is ..
Read 1 Cor 13:4-7

Love your

_____ the same as you love

Matthew 22:39

Love is:

PATIENT • KIND • GRACIOUS • JUST • TRUTHFUL • TRUSTING • HOPEFUL
PERSEVERE • ENDURES • GOD

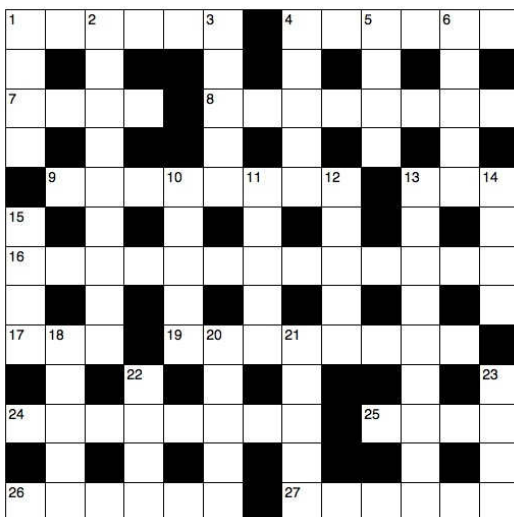
Love is not:

JEALOUS • ENVY • BOASTFUL • PROUD • SELFISH • ANGRY • RUDE • EVIL

God's love is:

LOVE • MERCIFUL • FAITHFUL • UNFAILING • ABUNDANT • COMPASSIONATE

February Crossword



Across

1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6), 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6), 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4), 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8), 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8), 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3), 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4), 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1), 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1–2) (5,3), 24 Simon had (anag.) (8), 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4), 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6), 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4), 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9), 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5), 4 Belief (5), 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4), 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5), 10 A seer (anag.) (5), 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5), 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5), 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9), 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of 16 Across, — and Dolls (4), 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4), 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2), 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5), 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5), 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4), 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)



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It was:

175 years ago, on 11th Feb 1847 that Thomas Edison was born. Best known for inventing the first practical incandescent light bulb, phonograph, movie camera and projector, and many more.

100 years ago, on 8th Feb 1922 that the first radio was installed in the White House.

Also 100 years ago, on 28th Feb 1922 that Egypt gained its independence from the UK.

80 years ago, on 8th Feb 1942 that the Battle of Singapore took place. The Japanese then occupied Singapore until September 1945. This is regarded as the worst disaster in British military history, with about 80,000 British, Indian and Australian troops captured.

75 years ago, on 7th Feb 1947 that the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in caves in Khirbat Qumran (now in the West Bank, Palestine).

70 years ago, on 6th Feb 1952 that Princess Elizabeth ascended the throne following the death of her father, King George VI.

65 years ago, on 16th Feb 1957 that the Toddlers' Truce was abolished in Britain. During the Truce, television channels closed down for an hour so that young children could be put to bed. Children's programming ended at 6pm and adult programming began at 7pm.

60 years ago, on 20th Feb 1962 that John Glenn became the first American astronaut to orbit the Earth. He made three orbits in the space capsule *Friendship 7*.

50 years ago, on 9th Feb 1972 the British Government declared a state of emergency over the miners' strike which began in January. From 16th February, electricity supplies to homes and businesses were cut off for up to nine hours a day. The strike ended on 25th February.

Also 50 years ago, on 18th Feb 1972 that the House of Commons voted narrowly in favour (by eight votes) of joining the Common Market (EU)

30 years ago, on 20th Feb 1992 that the English Premier League was founded, superseding the first division of the Football League.

25 years ago, on 13th Feb 1997 that an inquest into the death of black British teenager Stephen Lawrence ended. The jury decided that he had been unlawfully killed by five white youths, but they were not convicted. Two of the perpetrators were eventually convicted in January 2012, and sentenced to 15 years and 14 years in prison.

Also 25 years ago, on 22nd Feb 1997 that scientists successfully cloned a mammal for the first time: a sheep named Dolly.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

December

5th December

Elliott Milo Eade

Mila Isabel Eade

Bobby Wilson

12th December

Stacey Jane Ward

Connie Lucy Bradbury

Fia Amelia Dennerly

Ayla Rae Crossley

January:

2nd January

Evie Rosa Cunliffe

Edward Noah Cunliffe

Thea Florence Leigh

9th January

Emily Collins

Oscar George Collins



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"I'm updating the 'rota notice-board' rota,
rota... do I see a hand...?"

From Our Book of Remembrance

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|--------|--------------------------|------|--------|--------------------------|------|
| 1 Feb | Ernest Albert Whitehead | 2000 | 19 Feb | James Harrison Rowbottom | 1963 |
| 2 Feb | Vera Hadfield | 2005 | 20 Feb | John Sedgwick | 1964 |
| | Carl Stephen Morrison | 2013 | | Clara Brown | 2009 |
| 4 Feb | Mary Priestley | 1994 | | Nellie Allcock | 2011 |
| | Margaret Longmate | 2011 | | Sylvia Wilson | 2014 |
| | Peter Andrew Diamond | 2013 | 22 Feb | Frederick James Eldridge | 1989 |
| 6 Feb | James Howarth | 1993 | | Joan Wykes | 2001 |
| | Albert Livsey | 1993 | 24 Feb | Mary Theresa Brierley | 2004 |
| | Norman Thomas Quest | 2015 | 25 Feb | Philip Grocott | 1975 |
| 7 Feb | Annie Howard | 1981 | | Harry Nuttall | 1992 |
| | Adam Constantine | 2004 | | Leslie Barber | 2006 |
| 8 Feb | Edith Harriet Turner | 1991 | 26 Feb | Herbert Newton | 1971 |
| | David Brian Bardsley | 2011 | | George Henry Maddock | 1983 |
| 9 Feb | Ada Alice Cooper | 1970 | | Edward Cooper | 1986 |
| | Rose Pamela Gudgeon | 2010 | | Francis Frederick Lawes | 1999 |
| 10 Feb | Donald Joseph Sidebottom | 1992 | | Lucy Wilson | 2011 |
| | Colin Birch | 2001 | | Edith Lees | 2014 |
| 11 Feb | Harold Lee | 1961 | 27 Feb | Winifred Ada Christian | 1968 |
| | Iris Wilson | 1975 | | Maud Green | 1986 |
| | Ada Stephenson | 1983 | | Clara Wardle | 1987 |
| | Mary Skelton | 2012 | | Elsie Violet Shaw | 2000 |
| | Thomas Darraugh | 2019 | | Jessie Birch | 2011 |
| 12 Feb | Mary Pollitt | 1987 | 28 Feb | Samuel Terence Broadbent | 1990 |
| | Leslie Anne Moura | 2020 | | Robert Fowden | 1982 |
| 14 Feb | John Devlin | 1973 | | Elsie Hopwood | 2006 |
| 15 Feb | John Edward Chadwick | 2015 | 29 Feb | Agnes Goodwin | 1996 |
| | Yvonne Cooper | 2019 | | Ollerenshaw | |
| 16 Feb | Kenneth Shaw | 2003 | | | |
| 17 Feb | Gertrude Fitchett | 1984 | | | |
| | George Hubert Morris | 2015 | | | |
| 18 Feb | Annie Revell | 1986 | | | |

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens.

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