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## **Behind the Scenes ...**

### **SHARING A PRIEST-IN-CHARGE WITHIN A MISSION COMMUNITY**

Since Penny's departure at the end of January, our parish has been in what is termed a vacancy or interregnum - meaning a period of time 'between Vicars'.

Alongside this change in our church - as you may have heard - Manchester Diocese is implementing a transformation they have named Mission Communities. Across the whole diocese, parishes are now grouped together in geographical areas. St. George's is part of Mission Community 6 which comprises the ten churches of:

St. George, Mossley	St. John, Roughtown
St. John the Evangelist, Hurst	Holy Trinity, Bardsley
St. Michael, Ashton	St. Gabriel, Ashton
St. James, Ashton	St. Peter, Ashton
Holy Trinity, Ashton	St. George, Stalybridge

This is partly a cost cutting exercise but it holds the hope that parishes will work more closely together and, by learning from each other's experiences, be better equipped to spread the news of the Gospel and become more effective missionaries.

The Diocese has specified how many stipendiary clergy they are aiming for in each of the Mission Communities and their allocation for our group is 3.5 paid priests. This seems like quite a small number for ten worship centres, but the aim is for more lay people to take leadership roles and conduct services. It is also envisaged that there will need to be flexibility with the timing and venues of worship. There will also be support from OLMs (Ordained Local Ministers), SSMs (Self Supporting Ministers), Retired Clergy, Readers and ALMs (Authorised Lay Ministers). It means the end (certainly for the foreseeable future) of the one priest to every parish church that the majority of us have been used to throughout our lives.

This reduction in clergy numbers will partly be achieved by linking some posts together when they become vacant. The plan is for there to be one paid priest to roughly every twenty thousand people.

The Diocese have informed the PCC that this is what will happen when someone new is appointed to our parish. Whoever comes will serve half-time with St. George, Stalybridge and half-time in the Parish of Mossley.

This is not a merger of the parishes into one. Each will remain individual - just as they are at the moment - with their own PCCs, Wardens, Treasurer, Officials and the like. Nothing will change in that respect. The difference is that we will share a Priest-in-Charge.

Obviously this will present some logistical challenges. As arrangements stand currently, there would be Sunday morning services in three worship centres and only one priest. However, challenges present opportunities and with God's grace we will work through them and hopefully find a pattern that enriches our worship and mission.

Irene Brierley

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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.**

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*Have you ever wondered why the front of the altar has different colours at different times of the year? If so read on. The Revd Dr Jo White explains all!*

## **The Meaning of Colours - part 2**

Last month we looked at the changing of colours in the church's vestments and altar cloths during March, April and May this year. This month of June sees them changing again, but this time for around 20 weeks.

We start the month still in the season of Easter; strictly speaking, in the time after the Ascension. The first Sunday in June is the feast of Pentecost. This was and remains a Jewish Festival. At the time of Jesus, it was a joyful celebration of the first fruits of the Harvest, which was why all the apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem, as was expected of all Jewish men.

As they gathered following Jesus' Ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon them. This is what Christians celebrate at Pentecost, and therefore the colour is red. The following day the colour changes to green, and remains green until the 30th of October, the Feast of All Saints' which will be white.

This gives us approximately 20 weeks of 'green' with the occasional day in between of white or red to celebrate an apostle, saint or a specific feast day.

So the question is 'Why?' Why so long?

This time is often referred to as 'Ordinary' time. So what is 'ordinary' about it? I don't know about your life but mine tends to go along fairly steady with just the odd up or down time. Most of my days are 'ordinary'.

In church lectionary terms this period of 'X Sunday after Pentecost' follows one main gospel's teachings and miracles of Jesus. It's almost like He gathers us together for a summer school and takes us up a mountainside and teaches us there. It's a time for leaning and growth.

### *This month*

Like the green grass feeds the animals, this month spend some time just looking at a patch of grass or the leaves on trees from a distance.

See the different shades and hues and when you next hear the gospel reading imagine sitting under those trees on that grass with Jesus Himself.

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## 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

If you don't already receive the e-newsletter and would like to, please email the wardens on [stgeorge.wardens@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeorge.wardens@yahoo.com) send your email address by text or WhatsApp to the wardens or sign up via our church Facebook page or website.



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## Readings and Psalms for June 2022

<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost - Whit Sunday</b>
	<b>10.30 Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36,37b; Romans 8.14-17; John 14.8-17</b>
	<b>14.00 Walk of Witness</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 No service
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
	<b>10.30 Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15</b>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 No service
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1st Sunday after Trinity</b>
	<b>10.30 Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-end; Luke 8.26-39</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 No service
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2nd Sunday after Trinity - <i>Feast of Dedication</i></b>
	<b>10.30 1 Chronicles 29.6-19; John 2.13-22</b> <b><i>Worship for All</i></b>
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 No service

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## Some dates for your diary - June 2022

Thurs	2nd	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	4th	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
Thurs	9th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
Mon	13th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	16th	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	17th	1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
Mon	20th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	23rd	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
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
Mon	27th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	30th	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	1st	1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736

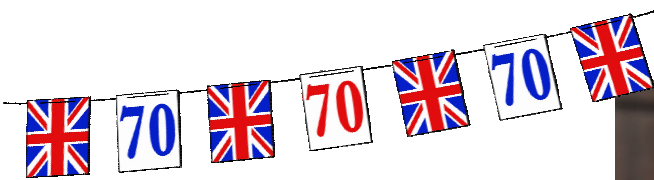
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### 200 Club

#### May Winners

1st prize £25 Scott Lees; 2nd prize £15 Bernard Watkins;  
3rd Prize £10 Timothy Hayward



## Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

A special extended bank holiday weekend this month will give communities across the UK a chance to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



In February this year, HM the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate 70 years of service.

The weekend, from Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> will include a birthday parade, beacons across the country, a 'platinum party' at Buckingham Palace, a pageant and thousands of street parties and lunches. Many churches will be holding special services and events.

A centrepiece of the celebrations will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's fitting that the service will form a key part of the Jubilee, as the Queen has been vocal in speaking about her Christian faith in a series of high-profile broadcasts.

Traditional images of monarchy portray power, status, and superiority over other people. In biblical times, monarchs were to be feared. When teaching His disciples about leadership, Jesus said, "The kings of the Gentiles (pagans) lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors." A benefactor was a conspicuously generous person who acted in a way that made the recipient feel obligated.

All this was in complete contrast to Christ's own style, which was to act like a servant. This radical stance was adopted by the young Princess Elizabeth, when she promised the British Commonwealth, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service ...". It was just the same when she became Queen in 1952. Queen Elizabeth has consciously and deliberately applied Christ's teaching to her reign for 70 years. She has outlived scores of leaders, some with ambitions beyond their abilities, and a few with delusions of grandeur. Her ideals have outlasted theirs. Consistent, determined, charming, and single-minded, she has held before her the model of Christ, washing His disciples' feet.



Those closest to her also speak of the Queen's sense of humour. It emerged publicly at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London, when she took part in a spoof scene with James Bond, before seemingly parachuting into the Stadium.

In her Christmas Day broadcast in 2016, she said: "Jesus Christ lived obscurely for most of his life, and never travelled far. He was maligned and rejected by many, though he had done no wrong. And yet billions of people now follow his teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives.

"I am one of them, because Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love, whoever does them and whatever they

The Queen is Supreme Governor of the Church of England but her interest in faith goes well beyond this title. She holds a strong Christian faith and has exemplified this in her lifetime of dedicated service.

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## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

*Canon Paul Hardingham praises an outstanding monarch.*

This month we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history. Up until recently she attended church every week and still did a full week's work at the age of 96!

What is the secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: *"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God."* These are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from the Christian Faith and can inspire all of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and Commonwealth to *"pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life."* Paul urges us to pray for all in authority, *"that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."* (1 Timothy 2:2).

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## **A note from the wardens ...**

Our APCM was held in May, and we were really pleased to see so many people there, thank you to everyone who attended.

During the meeting, Val and Gillian were appointed for a further year as Wardens, we thank everyone for your support. We also welcomed three new members to the PCC, Karen Wright, Caroline Hansell and Sarah Dentith – we thank them for their commitment.

You will have noticed that we have been lucky to have welcomed many visiting clergy to take our services, they have all commented on how welcoming the congregation are and how much they enjoy visiting us. We have now resumed most of our activities which were stopped due to Covid restrictions, many of them have had a renewed energy and are even bigger and better than before!

The Thursday afternoon come together café now has 20 people attending regularly and the dementia café is connecting people with dementia and their carers, creating strong friendships and support. The Tots group now meet on Mondays as well as Thursday, providing a much appreciated resource for local families.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are back and it is always a joy when we arrive early for a PCC meeting and can hear the laughing and chatting through the lounge door, where Rainbows are meeting.

We are in contact with Penny, she is enjoying her new position and has promised to send an update soon.

Both Gillian and Val would really like to thank you for all the support everyone is giving us throughout the difficult period without a Vicar. We couldn't do it without you.

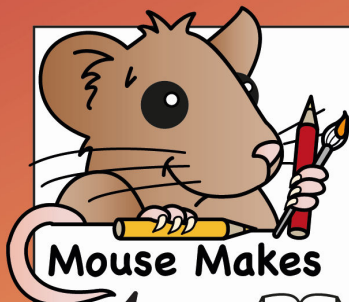
Gillian and Val

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### **May Crossword Solution**

**ACROSS:** 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

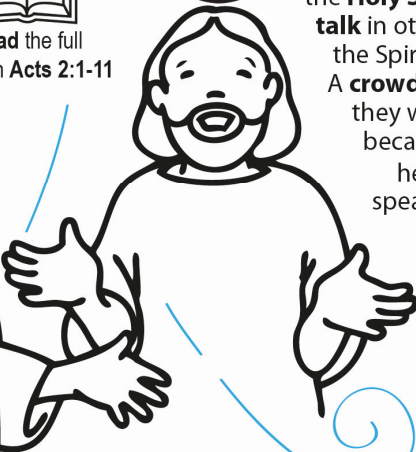
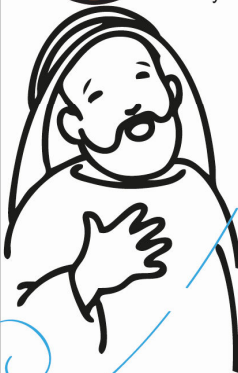
**DOWN:** 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.



## Mouse Makes



Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11



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It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

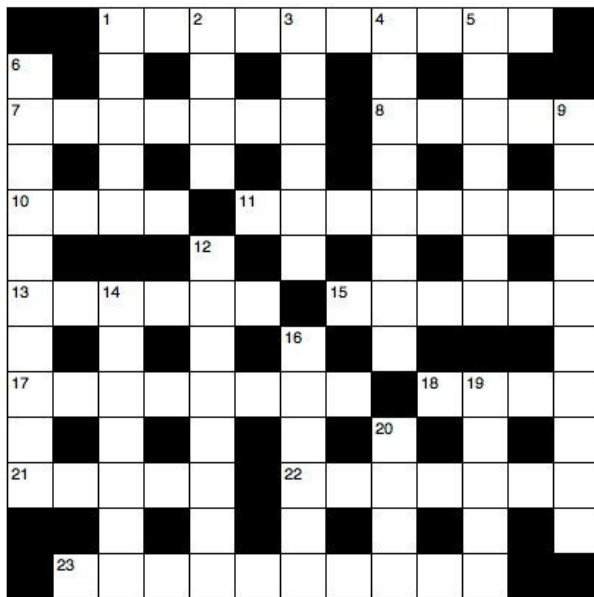
The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound** like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and **touched each** person.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**

language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

## June Crossword



### Across

1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10), 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7), 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5), 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' 2 Corinthians 4:8)(4), 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8)(8), 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6), 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6), 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8), 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25)(4), 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5), 22 Or I live (anag.)(7), 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4)(10)

### Down

1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5), 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4), 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6), 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8), 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7), 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10), 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19)(8), 14 Aceturn (anag.)(7)  
16 Discharge (Acts 21:3)(6)  
19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)  
20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7)(4)



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If your group or organisation needs storage space, please have a chat with Rose.

### Maintenance Team

If you would like to be a part of the maintenance team please have a chat with Ian, or simply call into Church on a Tuesday morning. It doesn't matter if you are a long-standing member, or a newbie, your help is valued. Likewise if you are not able to help on a regular basis, any time you can give will be appreciated





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## Father's Day 19<sup>th</sup> June

### Fathers come in five different types

This month brings Father's Day.

Of course, there are many kinds of fathers. In a recent study on fatherhood, they identified five types:



The *irresponsible father*, who “has literally zero involvement with his kids... they don't even know who he is.”

The *ignorant father* “doesn't know anything about being a father, and he doesn't try to learn or improve.”

The *inconsistent father* “is torn by personal ambition. He has the capability of doing better at this fathering thing, but instead he prioritises his own job, career, and hobbies.”

The *involved father* shows up for his kids in a positive way, but “he never seeks to understand specifically who his children are, and why God gave them to him.”

Finally, there is the *intentional father*. He “seeks to understand the children God has given him and wants to form them into young persons who can fulfil their purpose. He sees parenting as central to his call before God and does it with all of his might.”

All these types of fathers are probably present in our own community, so how can we encourage our local fathers to make the most of their vital role?

Ultimately, our pattern of Fatherhood has to come from God. As Leith Samuel once said, “He who had always known Him as Father came to address Him as God that we who could only have known Him as God could come to address Him as Father.”

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### Changes to Covid 19 Measures

Please continue to sanitise your hands on your way into the building. Due to a high number of Covid cases among our congregation, we are asking everyone to wear a face covering unless you are medically exempt. This is not a legal requirement, but we hope you will join us in keeping everyone safe. You are encouraged to ensure that you are well spaced around the church and not singing directly behind someone else. Please continue to leave your collection on the plate at the back of church. 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. Please sanitise your hands before receiving. The chalice will be available for those who wish to receive it. **No intinction (dipping wafers)**

## From Our Book of Remembrance

Jun 2	Hilda Beswick	1977	Jun 15	Lily Hardy Cooke	1979
	Pauline Margaret Turnbull	1995		Eva Jones	1996
	Mollie Dorothy Darbyshire	2011		John Edwin Ratcliffe	2007
Jun 3	Marjorie Lofthouse	2015		Tessa Ruth Louise Meldrum	2006
Jun 4	Mary Alice Priestley	1985		O'Reagan	
	Leonard Broadbent	1969	Jun 17	Sidney Cooper	1970
	Harry Bullock	2009	Jun 18	Margaret Parkinson	1897
Jun 6	Alfred Christian	1966		Renee Birch Hawley	2002
	John Ambrose Stephens	1979		Monica Ann Press	2005
	Thomas Smith	1987		Christopher Robert Pierce	2012
Jun 7	Minnie Jones	1987	Jun 19	Colin Wilson	2016
	William Webster	2002	Jun 20	Linty James	1975
	Dinah Hannah Dale	1984		Hilda Wilson	1984
Jun 8	Norman Ratcliffe	1984		Mary Tonge	1989
	Thomas Booth	2000		Dorothy Horner	2007
	Leslie Adnett	2012	Jun 23	Edward Cooper	1983
Jun 9	John Ollerenshaw	2013	Jun 24	Edith Spencer	1995
	Judith Dalton	2014		Hilda Holt	1979
	Florence Diamond	2019	Jun 25	Dennis Greenwood	1982
Jun 11	Gladney Swift	1950		Louise Pulm	2010
	Edward Jones	1985	Jun 26	Jack Williams	1998
Jun 12	Mona Coogan	1992	Jun 27	Edith Olive Hughes	1980
	Frank Prescott	1987		Andrew Christopher Taylor	1990
Jun 14	Gordon Alfred Trudgeon	2002		Charlotte Molly Ingham	2008
	David John Stevenson	2018	Jun 28	Mary Stephens Carter	1983
			Jun 30	Ann Humphries	1963

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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.

The cost for the inscription is £10 per entry

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# TAMESIDE (S.A.S) GROUP

## Stroke Awareness Support Group

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We meet on:

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