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Dear Sisters and Brothers,



We have now entered the great liturgical season of Easter. We rejoice that Christ has risen and is alive and reigns at the right hand of God. We hear some of the most poignant and amazing stories from the Gospels; the women who go to the tomb early on that first Easter morning and find it empty; the Walk to Emmaus; Thomas the Doubter who can't believe until he sees with his own eyes and touches with his own hands; Jesus making breakfast for his disciples after a night spent fishing. I wonder which is your favourite? Or more helpfully, I wonder which of the resurrection stories speaks to you most deeply?

For me, I love the story of Mary Magdalene who meets a man in the garden and thinks it's a gardener, of course it's the Lord. She recognises him when he says her name, 'Mary.' I find this simple exchange very moving. We may ask why she doesn't recognise this man she has spent so much time with over the past few years, but she'd seen him die in the most horrible way, how could she expect to see him alive again?

It's the fact that Jesus says her name that so impresses me. I imagine him saying it gently, perhaps with a little smile and a raise of the eyebrows. 'Mary, it's me.' I'm reminded that he knows my name (and your name), and also says it gently when he wants me to recognise him.

God speaks through God's word, and we should all have favourite stories of Jesus that have a special meaning to us, and which help us see him more clearly or to live with him more nearly. Which stories is God offering to you this Eastertide?

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Revd Denise

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Service Details

Sundays

10.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns and Junior Church
every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday in the month.

10.30am Worship for All - a simple Sunday service for everyone
of all ages, including Holy Communion,
every 4th Sunday in the month

Tuesdays

10.30am Holy Communion

**For baptisms, weddings, funerals and all other enquiries please contact
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Welcome to Saint George's

It doesn't matter if children wriggle about or move around
or make a noise.

It's ok for your child to have a snack in Church,
we really don't mind.

If we can help in any way, please let us know.

You can speak to Revd Denise after the service,
or contact her on:

therevd.downen@yahoo.co.uk
or 0145732193

Or speak to one of the wardens, Val or Gillian



DEMENTIA CAFÉ UPDATE

I thought you may be interested in the report which I will present at the APCM.

The Dementia Café continues to thrive thanks to our dedicated Volunteers and the meetings carried on seamlessly during my incapacity. We provide a hot lunch and entertainment – this year including a party to celebrate the Coronation. We had visits from St Stephen’s School choir, Tameside Community Voices, an outing to Portland Basin and a special friend of mine who is a fabulous singer who travels all the way from Clitheroe to entertain us! We held a Sports Day, Armchair Aerobics, Animal Bingo, Play Your Cards Right, Molkky and much, much more!

I have continued to apply for grants to finance our meetings and have been fortunate to receive £1,000 from Tesco, £500 from Dementia United and £1,500 from the Winter Pressures Fund towards the cost of heating and cooking – this has been paid into the church accounts to offset against the church’s fuel costs for our meetings. I am finding more and more that Trusts insist on applications from constituted charities. This has now been done. We still remain under the umbrella of St George’s Church, using the church bank account.

Our guests continue to be very generous with their donations. Sadly, four of our guests have passed away this year. Donations to our funds in their memory total over £400. This has enabled me to buy a Bluetooth speaker for music which I download. This gives me a better resource for downloading music which our guests love. The rest of the donations will be used for special outings – ten pin bowling and a garden party are on the list! We are finding that when the guest has passed on, the carer still needs to come for support. As our numbers have reduced somewhat (now an average of 20 per meeting) this is not a problem at the moment, but in the long term this may need addressing with maybe a separate support group for carers.

Once again, my sincere thanks to our Volunteers and all the church family who support our efforts. If you or anyone you know would benefit from our services, please get in touch with me on 07714235736.

Chris Crabtree

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Readings and Psalms for April 2024

Tues 2 nd	10.30	Acts 2.36-41; Psalm 33.4-5,18-end; John 20.11-18
Sun 7th	2nd Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	Acts 4.32-36; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-end
Tues 9 th	10.30	Acts 4.32-end; Psalm 93; John 3.7-15
Sun 14th	3rd Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	Acts 3.12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36b-48
Tues 16 th	10.30	Acts 7.51-8.1a; Psalm 31.1-5,16; John 6.30-35
Sun 21st	4th Sunday of Easter - Celebrating St George	
	10.30	Acts 4.5-12; John 10.11-18 <i>Worship for All</i>
Tues 23 rd	10.30	Acts 11.19-26; Psalm 87; John 10.22-30
Sun 28th	5th Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	Acts 8.26-end; Psalm 22.25-end; 1 John 4.7-end; John 15.1-8
Tues 30 th	10.30	Acts 14.19-end; Psalm 145.10-end; John 14.27-end

Prayer for April 2024

based on John 20: 19-end

Almighty Father,
In these weeks after Easter, help us to receive afresh
the new life Jesus' resurrection makes possible.
Lord, come to us. Walk through the locked doors of our fears.
Bring us your peace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit.
Send us onto our daily front lines to share your resurrection
peace and hope and love with those who are lost and lonely.
Thank you for meeting us in Jesus, our Lord and our God.
We are your Easter people. Hallelujah.
Amen.

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Smile Lines - we all need a little something to laugh at these days!

Children's exam papers

The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays...

What is a nitrate?

Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

Unusual names.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.

Learning to speak Latin.

Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.

Two polar bears. Four seals.

How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?

It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.

Mrs Orpheus.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal.

All the cows will escape. The cars drive into the fields. There is nowhere to hide.

Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?

You might walk into it.

What is a vibration?

There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s.

Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Around Hadrian's garden.

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Some dates for your diary - April 2024

Thurs	4th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
Fri	5th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	7th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Tues	9th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	10th	7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Informal prayer at St John the Baptist, Roughtown
Thurs	11th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
Fri	12th	2 p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sat	13th	7.30 p.m.	Quiz Night
Sun	14th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		1 p.m.	Parish Meal
Mon	15th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	16th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	17th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	18th	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	19th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	21st	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	22nd	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	23rd	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	24th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	25th	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	28th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns

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

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Cat's eyes: How a pub trip made the world's roads safer!

In 1934, the late Percy Shaw almost crashed while driving home from the pub on a foggy night in Yorkshire, in England. He was saved when his headlights were reflected in the eyes of a cat and it gave him a brilliant idea.

He invented reflective studs for the road and called them cat's eyes. He patented his invention based on the 1927 reflecting lens patent of Richard Hollins Murray. A year later, Reflecting Roadstuds Ltd was formed to manufacture the devices. Sales were initially slow, but approval from the Ministry of Transport and the blackout in the Second World War gave a huge boost to production and the firm grew in size making more than a million roadstuds a year, which were exported all over the world. Such a success was the invention of the "cat's eye" that he was awarded an OBE for services to exports in 1965.

All in the month of April

Did you know - It was:

300 years ago, on 7th April 1724 that the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's St John Passion was performed for the first time, at a church in Leipzig.

200 years ago, on 19th April 1824 that Lord Byron died. One of the greatest British poets and a leading figure in the Romantic movement, he died of sepsis/fever while fighting for Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire. Aged 36.

175 years ago, on 10th April 1849 that American mechanic Walter Hunt was granted a US patent for his invention of the safety pin. He immediately sold the rights for \$400, which is about \$12,000 today. The company he sold it to made millions from it.

150 years ago, on 5th April 1874 that Johann Strauss II's operetta Die Fledermaus was performed for the first time, in Vienna.

125 years ago, on 29th April 1899 that Duke Ellington, American jazz/swing pianist, composer and orchestra leader, was born.

100 years ago, on 17th April 1924 that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios (MGM) was founded when Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and Louis B Mayer Pictures merged.

Also 100 years ago, on 23rd April 1924 that the British Empire Exhibition opened in Wembley, London.

90 years ago, on 3rd April 1934 that British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud.

75 years ago, on 4th April 1949 that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded.

Also 75 years ago, on 7th April 1949 that the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific was opened in Broadway.

70 years ago, on 26th April 1954 that the Soviet Union transferred Crimea from Russia to Ukraine. In 2014 Russia annexed Crimea, but it is not recognised internationally, and a number of sanctions were imposed on Russia as a result.

60 years ago, on 15th April 1964 that twelve men convicted of carrying out the Great Train Robbery in England in August of 1963 were jailed for a total of 307 years. They were given some of the longest sentences in British criminal history.

50 years ago, on 6th April 1974 that the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

40 years ago, on 17th April 1984 that British police officer Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead during a demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy in London. This led to an 11-day siege by the police.

30 years ago, on 26th April 1994 that the first post-apartheid multiracial elections were held in South Africa, with 18 million blacks eligible to vote for the first time. Nelson Mandela was elected president, and took office on 10th May.

25 years ago, on 5th April 1999 that Libya handed over to the United Nations two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie.

20 years ago, on 1st April 2004 that Google launched its free email service, Gmail.

10 years ago, on 14th April 2014 that the Boko Haram Islamic terrorist group kidnapped 276 female students from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. Some of the girls escaped, some were rescued, or have been reported dead. But over 100 are still missing, fate unknown.

SPRING FAIR

This year St George's Spring Fair will be held on 11th May between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

If you would like a stall please speak to Chris or Val.

Posters will be available in church soon, so please take one to help advertise what we hope will be a very successful



We will be launching our 'Virtual Balloon Race' at the fair so please ask Chris or Val if you would like to buy a balloon.

Raffle Prizes.

We are creating some hampers as raffle prizes so if you are able to donate any goodies to help fill these, we would be very grateful. Please give any items to Val



A note from Larry



Dear Everyfurr!

It's me Larry! Hooray! I can have Dreamies again! Yum, yum! It's Easter so no more giving up stuff! This is a photo of me having a nice rest on my tree. It's very comfy with a lovely soft cushion. I like to sit on it and look out of the window at my beautiful view. I live a very hard life as many kitties do... looking handsome, waiting for the next meal and finding the best places for a nap, so I need to take time to relax and recuperate every day.

Mummy says even God had a day off!

Imagine that! And God told us we should have time to rest as well. I love sitting in the sun and enjoying the warmth, like in this picture. Do you have a special place that helps you rest and relax? If it's not a sunny day (which is often!), I like to lie on mummy's fluffy blanket. She doesn't even dare move me off!! Tee hee!! Be more Larry and take time to do something you really enjoy!!!

Yours purfully,

Larry T Catte

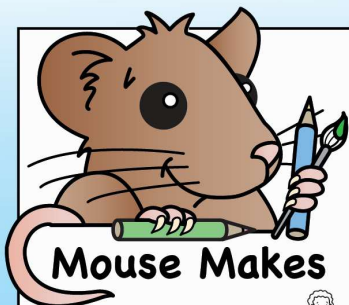
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200 Club

March winners

1st prize: £25 no112 Gary Walker, 2nd prize: £15 no87 Chris Crabtree,
3rd prize: £10 no 39 Val Fallows

Thank you for your continued support of the 200 Club. There are still some numbers available so if you would like to join the club please speak to Rose. The cost is £12 per number you hold for the full year.



Mouse Makes

How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?

Read

John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?

Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch?

Read John 21: 11

Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked: "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered. He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some." So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net.

Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



READ

the story in **John 21**

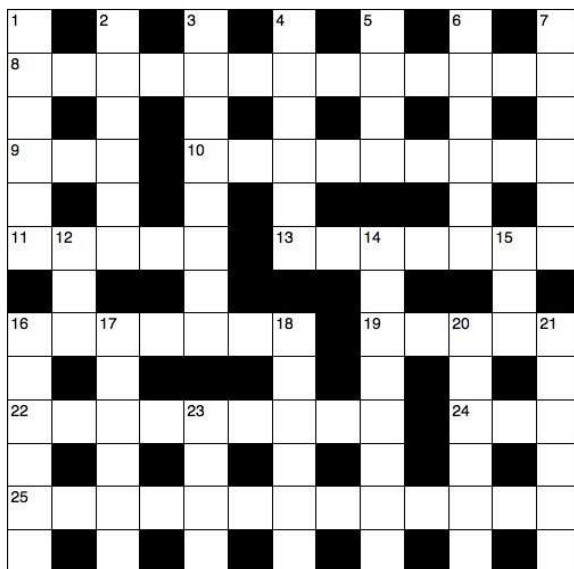


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April Crossword



Across

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13), 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3), 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9), 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5), 13 Muslim holy month (7), 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7), 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5), 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9), 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

DOWN

1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6), 2 Festival of the resurrection (6), 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8), 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6), 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4), 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4), 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3), 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3), 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8), 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3), 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6), 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5), 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2), 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6), 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6), 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)



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Saint George's go to the football

On Monday 1st April a group of us from Saint George's Stalybridge went to watch Stalybridge Celtic at home. We were lucky enough to get a deal in the hospitality suite - so we were treated to a delicious roast chicken dinner followed by chocolate cake - obviously we had to have a few drinks from the bar to support local businesses. 😂

Then it was a quick dash to the covered seats in order to avoid the downpour of rain, but we managed to find the perfect seats where we could watch the game in comfort.

The game was exciting from the start, with both sides missing good chances. However the place erupted in the 36th minute when Celtic scored.

The second half didn't disappoint. However with just ten minutes to go, every Celtic supporter held their breath when Celtic gave away a penalty. The place again erupted when the goalkeeper saved the penalty!

The final result was
Stalybridge Celtic 1 - Mossley FC 0

Even though we were not all football fans, the afternoon was a great event. It gave us the opportunity to chat outside of church and get to know each other a little better. We all agreed that it was a success and we will do it again.

Hopefully a few more will join us next time.

March Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. 9, Passover. 11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot. 15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane. 20, Own house. 21, Lisa. 22, Flogging. 23, Stye.

DOWN: 1, Wrong act. 2, Nazarene. 4, Health. 5, Assemblies. 6, Envy. 7, Turn. 10, Before long. 12, Iscariot. 13, Take care. 16, The Son. 18, Loaf. 19, Unto.

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

10th March

Teo-Louie Takondwa Hayward

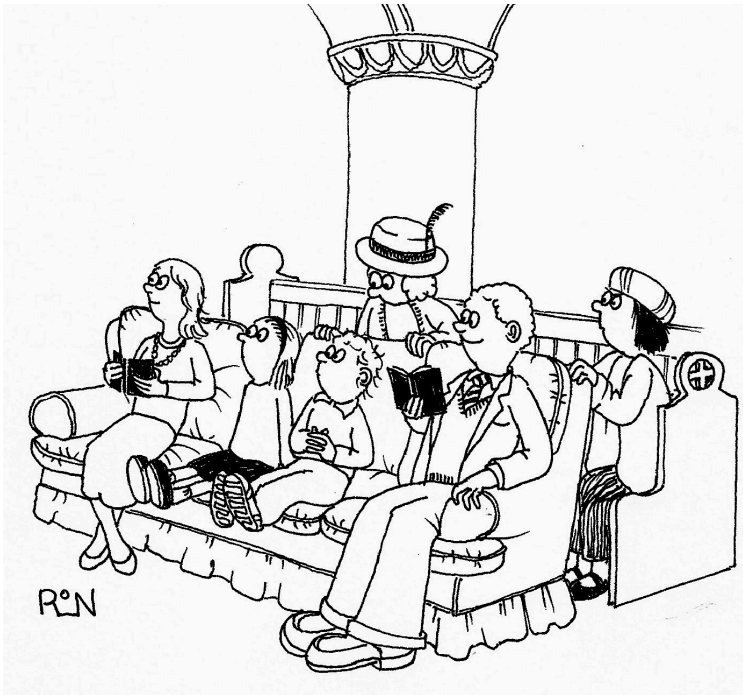


Funerals

22nd March

June Buckley

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Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class

From Our Book of Remembrance

Apr 3	Alan Wilson	1970	Apr 17	Bertha Stanley	1965
	Fred Peck	1977		Dennis Baxter	2001
	William Dawson	1982	Apr 18	Edith Smith	1988
	Joan Brocklehurst	1994		Ada Sayce	1989
	Christine Hall (nee Higgins)	2023	Apr 19	Mary Elizabeth Parkinson	1944
Apr 4	Grace Lee	1975		Bertha Stanley	1965
	Geoffrey Birch	2006		Doris Hibbert	1970
Apr 5	Percy Dudleston	1979		Samuel Cook	1989
Apr 6	Herbert Brocklehurst	1975	Apr 20	Mary Wright	1989
Apr 7	Ellen Ratcliffe	1937		Louis Bowler	1990
	Ian Stephen Duncan	2020		Lena Schofield	1997
Apr 8	Alistair William Rose	1983	Apr 22	Mark Allen Cowley	2009
	Forbes		Apr 23	Jennie Cook	1995
Apr 9	John (Jack) Ireson	1987		Bob Dentith	2021
	Kenneth Langton	2007		Keith Dean Trudgeon	2023
	Howard Steven Fogg	2008	Apr 24	Joan Lindley	1983
	Robin Edward Morris	2015		George Wardle	1997
Apr 10	Walter Bramall	1977		Doreen Lilian Pritchard	2009
	Minnie Talbot	1984		Graham Webster	2009
	Freda Mary Day	1987	Apr 25	John Jepson Thomas	1991
Apr 12	Jacqueline Ruth Gillaspay	1987		Alice Ann Walton	1998
	Andrea Louise Johnson	2004	Apr 26	Elsie Beatrice Dugdale	1974
Apr 14	Helen Shaw	1996		Beatrice Isabella Brien	1985
	Neil Kershaw	2013		Harry Blackburn	2003
Apr 15	Ernest Norris	1965	Apr 27	John Kenyon	2001
	Joseph Parry	2007	Apr 28	Ada Broadbent	1962
	Alice Banks	2009	Apr 29	Laura Wright	2007
Apr 16	Joseph Shaw	1961			
	Emily Spencer	1990			
	Harold David Robinson	2021			

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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

TAMESIDE (S.A.S) GROUP

Stroke Awareness Support Group

Affiliated to the Stroke Association

We are a social group for all who have survived a stroke, their families, friends and carer.

We meet on:

Wednesday

10.30 am till 12.30 pm

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