

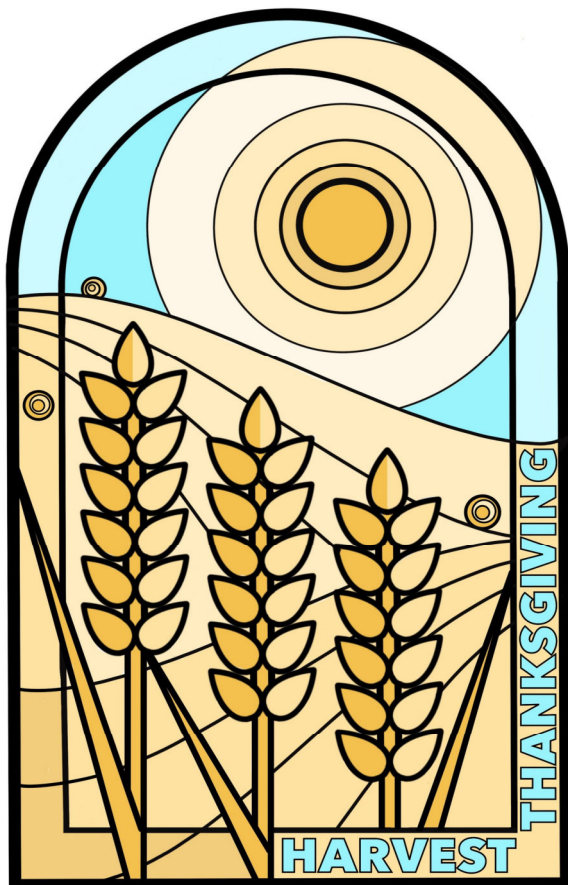
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Do you have favourite story or character or verse from Scripture? Although we take all of God's word seriously and try to learn from it, some people or miracles or lines from the Bible can come to mean more to us than others. One of my favourite phrases at the moment is from the Letter to the Hebrews: 'since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.' The writer is encouraging the readers to think about all those people of faith who have lived lives which honoured God, and who tried to live according to God's will despite the many difficulties and persecutions they underwent. This is meant to be an inspiration for the readers and for us.

None of us can be Christians in isolation. We all need the support and love of other people not only in our lives generally but in our faith as well. We ourselves can be an inspiration and support to others, although we may not always know it.

The writer of Hebrews cites many famous heroes and prophets as men and women to whom the readers can look for examples of faith, commitment and endurance, and whom they might emulate in their own lives. Very few of us are called to suffer as some Christians have in the past and continue to do in many countries across the world, but we are called to live lives of commitment and discipline, worship and prayer.

So, I wonder who you look to as a Christian, as someone who best demonstrates the loving service, compassion and faith which is God's will? I also wonder where you draw the energy and empowerment you need to live your faith day-to-day? One place I hope is in our churches where worship continues Sunday after Sunday, and where as the writer of Hebrews says, we know that we are part of a large community not just in Mossley, Roughtown and Stalybridge but across the world. That praying, worshipping, serving community is the 'cloud of witnesses' which the writer of Hebrews knew was so important for sustaining and encouraging our own faith. Gathering together as people of God is so important for ourselves and others. It enables us to witness to the world, and our neighbours and friends about the love of God and the hope we find in Christ.

Who do you look to in your 'cloud of witnesses' and who might look to you to be in theirs?

Yours in Christ,

Revd Denise

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Service Details

Sundays

9.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns and Junior Church
every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday in the month.

9.30am Worship for All - a simple Sunday service for everyone
of all ages, including Holy Communion,
every 4th Sunday in the month

**Please note the above service times will change to 9.30am
from Sunday 4th August 2024**

Tuesdays

10.30am Holy Communion

**For baptisms, weddings, funerals and all other enquiries please contact
the Vicar on 07741 269102 or Therevd.dowen@yahoo.co.uk**

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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.dowen@yahoo.co.uk
or 0145732193

Or speak to the warden, Val

Parish Share

(Money, Money, Money)

In July, I along with our treasurer Andrew, met with two representatives from St John's House (the Diocese) to discuss our parish share. We were originally asked for a contribution of £34,157 for 2024 which would have been a real struggle for us to meet. However, at the meeting a new figure of £17,500 was agreed for this year (agreed with some persuasion it has to be said!)

As you can see this is a substantial reduction from the previous sum and one which the PCC have already agreed to. I have to say that I'm grateful to Carolyn and Richard who were the Diocesan reps for their understanding and willingness to listen.

We very much want to make sure that we pay the new parish share in full and that's where you can all help. Our financial donation to the work of the church isn't only a practical thing to keep the church going and to support the mission of the church across the Diocese, it is actually our generous response to God's generosity to us. Our regular giving to the church should reflect our love for God and all that he has done for us.

I wonder when you last increased your regular gift? If you currently give £5 per week, could you increase it to £6 or £7? If you give £10, could you make it £12 or £13, etc.? A small increase would make a big difference to our income, especially if you're also able to gift aid.

Thank you,

Revd Denise



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Readings and Psalms for September 2024

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| Sun 1st | 14th Sunday after Trinity |
| 9.30 | Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9; Psalm 15; James 1.17-end; mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23 |
| Tues 3 rd | 10.30 1 Corinthians 2.10b-end; Psalm 145.10-17; Luke 4.31-37 |
| Sun 8th | 15th Sunday after Trinity |
| 9.30 | Isaiah 35.4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2.1-10,14-17; Mark7.24-end |
| Tues 10 th | 10.30 1 Corinthians 6.1-11; Psalm 149.1-5; Luke 6.12-19 |
| Sun 15th | 16th Sunday after Trinity |
| 9.30 | Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-8; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end |
| Tues 17 th | 10.30 1 Corinthians 12.12-14,27-end; Psalm 100; Luke 7.11-17 |
| Sun 22nd | 17th Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Festival |
| 9.30 | Joel 2.21-27; Matthew 6.25-33 <i>Worship for All</i> |
| Tues 24 th | 10.30 Proverbs 21.1-6,10-13; Psalm 119.1-8; Luke 8.19-21 |
| Sun 29th | 18th Sunday after Trinity - St Michael and All Angels |
| 9.30 | Genesis 28.10-17; Psalm 103.19-end; Revelation 12.7-12; John 1.47-end |

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200 Club

July winners

1st prize £25 no 59 Alex Pickup ; 2nd prize £15 no 16 Linda Hurst;
3rd prize £10 no23 Janet Shove

August winners

1st prize £25 no 36 Gillian Cotton ; 2nd prize £15 no 42 Valerie Grech;
3rd prize £10 no 108 Scott Lees

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.

St George's Virtual Balloon Race was a great success raising £143 for much needed church funds.

The winners were generated randomly by the company who runs the race.

1st prize was won Steve Barton who received £30 in Amazon vouchers

2nd prize was won by Val Fallows, who donated the prize money back to church funds.

3rd prize was won by Mary Shaw

We will be running another virtual balloon race for Christmas.

We'll need to wrap up warm for this one!



Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 23rd November.

We will also be running the Virtual Christmas Fair - this is held entirely on Facebook and allows those who are unable to get to the fair to take part.

If you would like a stall at either fair, please speak to either Chris Crabtree or Val Fallows

The costs are:

£10 for just the virtual fair

£10 for 1 table at the fair on 23rd November

£15 for 2 tables pushed together

£18 for 2 tables pushed together, plus the virtual fair.

Brunch with Santa

This will be held on Saturday 7th December. There will be a morning sitting and afternoon sitting.

If you would like to book a place, please send an email to:

brunchwithsanta@yahoo.com

Stating how many adults, how many children, name and age of each child.

Some dates for your diary - September 2024

| | | | |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| Sun | 1st | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Eucharist with hymns |
| Mon | 2nd | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Tiny Tots |
| Tues | 3rd | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| Wed | 4th | 6.30 p.m. | Brownies |
| | | 7.30 p.m. | Guides |
| Thurs | 5th | 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 | 6th | 11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736 |
| Sun | 8th | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Eucharist with hymns |
| Mon | 9th | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Tiny Tots |
| Tues | 10th | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| Wed | 11th | 6.30 p.m. | Brownies |
| | | 7.30 p.m. | Guides |
| | | 7.30 p.m. | Informal Meditation and Prayers, St John's, Roughtown |
| Thurs | 12th | 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 |
| Sat | 14th | 11.00 am - 3 pm | Heritage Open Day |
| Sun | 15th | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Eucharist with hymns |
| Mon | 16th | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Tiny Tots |
| Tues | 17th | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| Wed | 18th | 6.30 p.m. | Brownies |
| | | 7.30 p.m. | Guides |
| Thurs | 19th | 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 | 20th | 11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736 |
| Sun | 22nd | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Eucharist with hymns Harvest Thanksgiving |
| Mon | 23rd | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Tiny Tots |
| Tues | 24th | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| Wed | 25th | 6.30 p.m. | Brownies |
| | | 7.30 p.m. | Guides |
| Thurs | 26th | 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 | 29th | 9.30 a.m. | Parish Eucharist with hymns |

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

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Education Sunday

Education Sunday takes place on 8th September, as our children return to school after the summer break. It's good opportunity to ask what God thinks of children and how we can reflect this in our schools, churches and families.

Children are valuable to God:

'Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' (Matthew 19:13-14).

Jesus' action shows the importance of children to God. In many cultures around the world, children are often abused, exploited or disregarded. God is committed to caring and protecting them and calls us to do the same.

Children need nurture and guidance:

'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.' (Proverbs 22:6 ESV). Gardeners will often attach plants to a pole or trellis to guide their growth. Children also need solid structure to keep their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual growth on track. We can support them in their growth and development, and we can be a godly example to them.

Children need discipline:

'Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.' (Proverbs 29:17). This is not easy and requires the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Discipline is a sign of love, reflecting how God deals with us (Hebrews 12:7). In this way, they'll become adults who fulfil all that the Creator wants them to become.

As Jesus said, *'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me'* (Mark 9:37).

Let's see more Children in Church!

“The Calling” by Roger Fields

In the pews, they squirm and wriggle,
Little hearts with spirits biggle.
They fidget, giggle, and explore,
While grown-ups pray and ponder more.

Their shoes don't match, their socks are wild,
They whisper secrets, dreams, and smiles.
They draw on bulletins, play with ties,
And sometimes, they even close their eyes.

Their wiggles tell a sacred tale,
Of innocence and wonder, without fail.
For in their restlessness, we find,
A glimpse of heaven, pure and kind.

So let them wriggle, let them roam,
These little souls who call this home.
Their fidgets are a holy sign,
That God's love is here, so divine.



Come back to our church

Have you ever been to our church before? Perhaps for a wedding, a baptism, or funeral? Or how about if you visited us even longer ago – when you were a child?

Whoever you are, and whenever you came to us, we would love to see you back again. It is our Harvest Festival on 22nd September so maybe that would be a good time to start back, but we meet every Sunday at 9.30am and every fourth Sunday we have a simplified family service. We're a friendly lot and you will be given a warm welcome, and there is coffee and biscuits after the service.

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A note from Larry



Dear Everyfurr,

Look what has happened! I had to go to the V.E.T.! Mummy shoved me in the horrible box and took me to a strange place. There were dogs there too. I was very scared but mummy and the V.E.T. said I was very brave, and the V.E.T. was quite nice really. I even got some Dreamies for being a good boy.

Mummy said it was my own fault I got poorly because I had a fight with the mean cat next door and that I should be more careful in future.

Mummy also said I should be grateful that I'm all better now as some animals and even humans don't get better even after they've seen a nice V.E.T. or a hufurr V.E.T. I am glad I'm better but I feel sad that some animals and hufurrs are very poorly. Mummy says Jesus is very close to those hufurrs and that I should say a special prayer for them and their families. I always join my mummy when she says her prayers so I'll make sure I remember to ask God to take care of people who are sick like I was. Do you pray for poorly people you know?

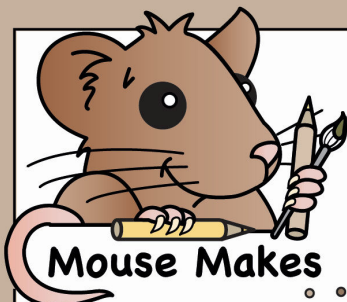


Mummy says even if our prayers don't make them better, we know hears God and will bring them peace and comfort. I think those things are very important, so I'm going to pray (purray!) extra hard that God will give every hufurr who is poorly those things. Will you as well?

Yours purfully,

Larry T Catte

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

"May the peoples
 _____ you, O God!
 May all the peoples praise you!
 The land yields its harvest;
 God, our God blesses us."

Psalm 67:5-6 NIV

"God ... has shown kindness by
 giving you rain from heaven
 and crops in their seasons.

He provides you with
 plenty of _____. He fills
 your hearts with joy."

Acts 14:16-17 NIV

"Honour the Lord with your wealth
 and the first part of your harvest."

Proverbs 3:9 ERV

"Let us fear and respect
 the Lord our God.

He gives us autumn and
 spring _____
 at the right time.

He makes sure that we
 have the harvest at
 just the right time."

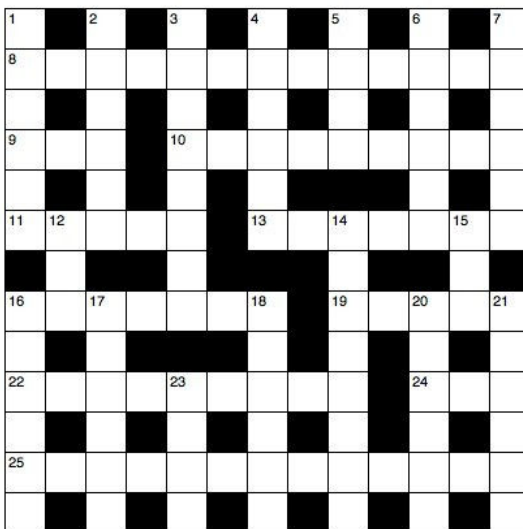
Jeremiah 5:24 ERV

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Find the words from the questions too!

September Crossword



Across

8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6), 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3), 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4), 11 ‘Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ’ (Malachi 1:3) (5), 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7), 16 ‘Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger’ (John 8:6) (7), 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5), 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9), 24 and 2 Down ‘Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ’ (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6), 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6), 2 See 24 Across, 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8), 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6) 5 The Bible’s shortest verse: ‘Jesus — ’ (John 11:35) (4), 6 ‘Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?’ (Isaiah 49:15) (6), 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6), 12 ‘Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem’ (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3), 14 Second city of Cyprus (8), 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1), 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6), 17 Braved (anag.) (6), 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6), 20 ‘Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight’ (Isaiah 5:21) (6), 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)



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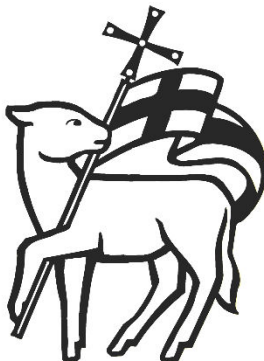
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Visit to the
Community of the Resurrection
Mirfield
Friday 18th October

The Community of the Resurrection is a monastery with Anglican monks in Mirfield, West Yorkshire.

We will join them for services at midday followed by Holy Communion.

We hope that a member of the Community will be able to speak to us about some aspect of Christian life with an opportunity to ask questions. There are large grounds and if the weather is good, we will have a walk around them.

Lifts to Mirfield will be provided and we will take our own packed lunches.

There will be a small charge to cover the cost.

If anyone is interested in coming, please speak to Revd Denise who will be happy to answer any questions you have about the day.

Please search: [Mirfield - Community of the Resurrection](#) to find out more.

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Baptisms

14th July

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28th July

Jesse Jason George Monks



Weddings

26th July

Craig David Westwell & Heather Louise Knight

Funerals

12th July

Mark Stoneley

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...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

From Our Book of Remembrance

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|--------|-----------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| 1 Sep | Thomas Martin | 1974 | 21 Sep | Arthur Shaw Castle | 1995 |
| | Freda Butler | 2010 | | Joseph Wynne Bithell | 2013 |
| 2 Sep | Mabel Ethel Shaw | 1988 | 23 Sep | Mary Louise Harris | 1975 |
| | Ida Mawdsley | 1998 | | Harold Barnfield | 1992 |
| 4 Sep | Eric Clegg | 1993 | | Edith Jubb | 1992 |
| 5 Sep | Betty Denby | 1963 | | Peter Barratt | 2011 |
| | Norman Dawson | 1985 | 24 Sep | Harry Mitchell Lister | 1929 |
| | Ruth Sutton | 1997 | | George Ronald Scott | 1979 |
| 7 Sep | George Sayce | 1985 | 26 Sep | Mary Williams | 2012 |
| | Mary Sidebottom | 1987 | 28 Sep | Alma Cuttle | 1985 |
| 8 Sep | Harold Thwaites | 1957 | | Mary Jane Higgins | 2005 |
| 9 Sep | William Grimshaw | 1974 | | Raymond Peter Redfern | 2007 |
| 10 Sep | Boris Buckley | 2006 | | Janet MacKenzie | 2014 |
| 11 Sep | Derek Augustus Cooper | 2022 | 29 Sep | Harry Rawsterne | 2009 |
| 12 Sep | Graham Brown | 2021 | 30 Sep | Reginald Aldred | 1998 |
| 19 Sep | Joseph Alun Davies | 2012 | | | |

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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:

1st Wednesday of the month

at 11a.m.

at Morrisons Cafe, Dukinfield

Our aim is to enjoy life, no matter what and have fun and socialise.

Our message is:

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We look forward to new members and volunteers to join us. Come in for a brew and a chat.

Don't be shy...Give us a try!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

Contact:

RAKSHA on - 07368 816232

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