



The Parish Church of
St George, Stalybridge

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Diocese of Manchester

FAITH IN GOD

HOPE IN JESUS

LOVE AND SERVICE TO ALL

Second Sunday before Lent

23rd February 2025

Welcome to St George's Church

We seek to serve our local community and share friendship, support, encouragement in times of difficulty and of joy. If this is your first visit, please do say hello to one of the churchwardens or welcome team.

*For all enquiries, including Baptisms, weddings,
Home Communion or home visits,
please contact the
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Upcoming services at St. George's:

Tuesday 25 th February	10.30pm	Midweek Eucharist
Sunday 2 nd March	9.30am	Parish Holy Communion with hymns

The Collect for the Second Sunday Before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Genesis 2.4b-9,15-end

Luke 8.22-25

Today's Hymns

153 Eternal Father, strong to save

684 Thou who's almighty word

37 Angel voices, ever singing

137 Crown him with many crowns

Hymns During Communion

428 Love divine

286 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

47 As we are gathered

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD *Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the World.*

PRAY FOR THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER *Pray for our Diocesan Bishop: Bishop David Walker. Suffragan Bishops: Bishop Mark. The Revd Dr Matthew Porter: Bishop of Bolton. Archdeacons: Karen Best, Rachel Mann, Karen Smeeton. Area Dean: Daniel Ramble.*

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD *Please pray for our King and the people and leaders of all Nations. For peace in the world and for all working for peace and an end to terrorism. For all refugees and asylum seekers.*

PRAY FOR THIS PARISH AND COMMUNITY *Please continue to keep in your prayers, Revd Denise Owen, the Wardens and PCC.*

FOR THE SICK, THE BEREAVED, THOSE IN TROUBLE *please pray for those who are known to you.*

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED *Please pray for all those recently departed.*

ANNIVERSARIES: *Mary Theresa Brierley, Philip Grocott, Harry Nuttall, Leslie Barber, Herbert Newton, George Henry Maddock, Edward Cooper, Francis Frederick Lawes, Lucy Wilson, Edith Lees, Winifred Ada Christian, Maud Green, Clara Wardle, Elsie Violet Shaw, Jessie Birch, Robert Fowden, Samuel Terence Broadbent, Elsie Hopwood, Agnes Goodwin Ollerenshaw, Mary Bailey, Tom Bowden, Joan Wheatley, Thomas Cowman, George Harry Hobson, Allen Marsden, Betty Curtis and Kenneth John Dodd*

NOTICES

Our Spring Fair will be on Saturday 10th May 11am -2pm. If you are able to help on a Church Stall, please speak to Val or Chris. We are asking for donations, if you are able to help with any of the following, it would be really appreciated:

- Bottles for the bottle stall (please give to Michael)
- Raffle prizes (please give to Val or Chris)
- Toiletries and Gift sets (please give to Julia)
- Books – they do not need to be new (please give to Val or Chris)
- Items for Mystery Bags – items will be wrapped and people choose a bag or gift at random. It could be anything from a notepad to makeup to smellies to chocolates. There are different categories: children under 3, children over 3, male, female. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents lying around, or you see something in a local pound shop, please consider donating. If you are able to wrap them, that would be great (please indicate which category to put them in), but if you can't it's not a problem (please give to Val).

Leap Year Money Box

You may remember that on 29th February, to celebrate Leap Year, we launched the Leap Year Money Box. The idea was to save just one coin per day, any denomination of your choice, for the whole of this leap year, ending on 28th February 2025.

Well we're almost there! Have you finished yours? Or haven't you started yet! Just a reminder the just one penny a day will give us £3.66! Five pence per day is £18.30, ten pence £36.60 You get the idea! 366 random (British)

coins would be wonderful!! We know that these are hard times so whatever you are able to give would be so much appreciated and very much needed! I'm sure Andrew, our Treasurer, would be very grateful if you were to change the coins and pay in a cheque or bank transfer to church, however, we have more than enough volunteers to count your cash!! Any contributions will be very gratefully received!

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Saturday 8th March - **A Mission Community 6 get together at St John's, Hurst.** All are welcome and we will think about what we would like to do together as churches and parishes in the Mission Community. It will begin at 10am with refreshments.

Confirmation - Our Mission Community Confirmation service will take place on Sunday 11th May at 6pm. Confirmation means making a public affirmation that you want to follow Christ. There will be preparation sessions when we will explore our faith together. Please see Revd Denise for more details.

As part of our commitment to growing our Church, we are aiming to be more proactive in following up after baptisms. We are looking for someone to help with the administrative element of this. The role would require collating the names and addresses of baptism families, and keeping the record up to date. Sending Easter and Christmas cards, as well as invitations to special services. If you think you would be able to help, please speak to Denise or Val for more information. A DBS check may be required.

If you have any notices to share, please contact John or Vicky at stgeorgesnotices@gmail.com