

Church in the community Matt 5:14-16, Acts 2:44-47, Phil 2:3-5



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy Easter! Yes, even though the Easter weekend is over, as you all know in the Church the season of Easter continues.

The death and resurrection of Jesus are the most important events in history, and we should remain

joyful about our salvation through Christ and continue to celebrate as much as we can.

The Easter story is amazingly dramatic and involves many different people and characters, friends, enemies, ordinary people, and religious and political leaders. Inevitably we think of the disciples and all that they experienced and did after the resurrection. This is a reminder that the story didn't end when Jesus rose from the dead, or even when he ascended into heaven. The story goes on through Pentecost, through history and into our own lives.

One of the things that I am constantly thankful for and in awe of is that God through the Holy Spirit comes and lives in us. This is the same Holy Spirit who was in Christ and who came with power at Pentecost. We know these things because we've heard them so often but sometimes and especially during Easter we may think about what this means for me and you and how we live. The same power with which Christ was raised is now living in me and you. That's the point of what Jesus came to teach. We share in the resurrection. We share in that most astonishing and powerful of events. That divine life which still overflows and two thousand years ago overcame death is now in us. The first disciples knew this very powerfully and went on to teach and proclaim the message of The Good News. We also believe and share in that message of Good News. It's a message of life and peace, love and hope.

No wonder we celebrate for weeks and weeks after what seems to be 'the main event'. So, I say again Happy Easter. May you continue to celebrate all year around and may this wonderful season remain full of joy and hope for you and yours.

Yours in Christ,

Revd Denise

Service Details

<u>Sundays</u>

9.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns - 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

<u>Tuesdays</u>

10.30am Holy Communion

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Prayer for Ascension Day

Dear God, our loving, sending and almighty Father, Thank you that because Jesus died, rose and ascended into heaven, You were able to send your Holy Spirit to empower Your disciples then and today. That, equipped by that same Spirit, we can confidently work for Your kingdom to come on earth, as in heaven.

Lord, in these strange, topsy- turvy days, where earthly rulers terrify and destroy and disappoint, we rejoice that You are the Sovereign Lord of all things, and all times, and all places.

You, our God and Father, truly reign. We are Your people. We are secure within Your love and protection. Thank you that at the name of Jesus *every* knee shall ultimately bow - and we pray, thankfully in His name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



St. George's Church

Saturday 10th May 11 am - 2 pm CHURCH WALK, STALYBRIDGE



Lots of stalls some old favourites some new ideas.

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Readings and Psalms for May 2025

Sun 4 th	3rd Sund 9.30	ay of Easter Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8			
Tues 6 th	10.30	Acts 7.51-8.1a; Psalm 31.1-5,16; John 6.30-35			
Sun 11 th	4th Sunday of Easter 9.30 Actsb9.36-end; Psalm 23; Revelation 7end; John 10.22-30				
Tues 13 th	10.30	Acts 11.19-26; Psalm 87; John 10.22-30			
Sun 18 th	5th Sund 9.30	ay of Easter Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35			
Tues 20 th	10.30	Acts 14.19-end; Psalm 145.10-end; John 14.27-end			
Sun 25 th	9.30	6th Sunday of Easter Acts 16.9-15; John 14.23-29 <i>Worship for All</i>			
Tues 27 th	10.30	Acts 16.22-34; Psalm 138; John 16.5-11			
Thurs 29 th	Ascensio 19.00	n Day Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-end; Luke 24.44-end			

200 Club April Winners

1st prize £25 no 45 Sharon Billington; 2nd prize £15 no 15 Dr Raska Khan; 3rd prize £10 no 25 Judith Fairbrother

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 Dementía Cafe, Church Walk, Stalybrídge, SK15 1DL



11.30am – 2.00pm – Lunch provided. Ring Chris on 07714 235736 to book your place!

2 nd May	V E Day 80 th Anniversary Party!!
16 th May	Lunch at Notcutts Garden Centre
6 th June	Bowling on the lawn - weather permitting!!
20 th June	Garden games - weather permitting!!!

Whilst every effort will be made to adhere to the programme, changes may be made (depending on what we feel like doing!)

Christian Aid Week – 11th to 17th May



For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has been working with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 29 countries in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

This annual week invites Christians in the UK to help fundraise for the work by holding community events and taking on individual challenges. It has been called 'seven days of fundraising fun – your way'.

This year you might like to consider taking on the '70k in May Challenge'. It is simple to do: just travel 70k during the month of May, in whatever way you want. Invite your friends and family to sponsor you or even complete the challenge with you.

More info at: <u>https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/</u> <u>christian-aid-week</u>

Some dates for your diary - May 2025

Thurs	1st	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
			Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	2nd	11.30 a.m 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sat	3rd	1.00 p.m.	V.E. Day Afternoon Tea
Sun	4th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	5th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	6th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	7th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	8th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
			Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
_		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	10th	11.00 a.m 2.00 p.m.	
Sun	11th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Man	1046	6.00 p.m.	Confirmation Service
Mon Tues	12th	9 a.m 11 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Tiny Tots
	14th	6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion Brownies
weu	1401	7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m.	Informal Meditation and Prayers, St John's,
			Roughtown
Thurs	15th	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	16th	11.30 a.m 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	18th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		11.00 a.m.	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Mon	19th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	20th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	21st	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	22nd	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
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Tues		10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	2911		Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.00 p.m.	Ascension Day Service

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



St George's Church Lounge Saturday 3rd May 1.00pm-5.00pm

Come along and share in our VE Day Celebrations with an Afternoon Tea Share memorabilia (and a few little extras!)

There is no charge but donations to the Royal British Legion would be very welcome

APCM

The APCM will be held on Sunday 18th May – after the service. This is when we vote in new PCC members, appoint assistant wardens and wardens. If you would like to be considered for any of these roles, please speak to Denise or Val, and complete a nomination form. You will need to be nominated and seconded.

Being on the PCC is great way to influence what happens in your Church, so please do consider being part of it.

Grave Tidy Service

While we try to keep all of the graveyard clean and tidy all year round, it is getting to that time of year when everything seems to spring up! So we offer a grave tidy and attendance service from April to October. The service is to ensure particular graves are



de-weeded, well trimmed, neat and clear of leaves and twigs. We also clean the memorial. All of this is just £30 per year.

Remembering VE Day – 80 years on

80 years ago, on 8th May 1945, VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of World War 2. It was celebrated as a public holiday, and came exactly a week after German radio announced the death in action of Adolf Hitler.

In reality, Hitler had committed suicide on 30th April. His successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, quickly negotiated an end to the war with the Allies – at the same time trying with some success to prevent as many Germans as possible from falling into Soviet hands.

Field Marshal Montgomery accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces in the Netherlands, north-west Germany and Denmark at a ceremony near Hamburg on 4th May. All German forces then surrendered to Supreme Allied Commander General Eisenhower on 7th May at Reims, France. Soviet leader Josef Stalin had his own ceremony, in Berlin.

The announcement that the war had ended in Europe was broadcast to the British people by the BBC late on 7th May. It was decreed that there would be a national holiday the next day, and the stage was set for huge celebrations. Prime Minister Churchill had been assured that there was enough beer in the capital, and commemorative items, including VE Day mugs, were quickly produced.

St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by thousands of people, and churches throughout the country rang their bells. The Royal Family played a central role, appearing eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace while huge numbers of people flocked down The Mall.

In the United States, VE Day coincided with President Harry S Truman's 61st birthday: he dedicated the victory to the memory of his predecessor, Franklin D Roosevelt, who had died of a stroke less than a month earlier. But both Truman and Churchill pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. That final victory was still more than three months away.

Of course, the end of a war could never be neat. In Europe the last known shots on the Eastern Front were actually fired on 11th May, and on 25th May the battle of Odžak ended in a Yugoslav Partisan victory. Tragically, in French Algeria, Muslims celebrating the end of the war (some also peacefully protesting for independence) were "inexcusably" massacred by colonial authorities and militias – leading eventually to the Algerian War nine years later.



A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY!

We have been given the very generous gift of a brand new, all singing, all dancing (not quite but you get the drift!) sewing machine, still in the box, worth almost £200!!

We are selling raffle tickets at the bargain price of £2 for a strip of five tickets. All proceeds will go to church funds. The draw will take place at the Spring Fair on 10^{th} May.

Now if, like me, you don't know one end of a needle from the other, do not despair!! On-line sites such as Vinted, E Bay are the ideal platforms to sell on the machine and make you some money (which if you're feeling REALLY generous you could then donate to church funds?!!)

Tickets are on sale in church and at all of our community groups between now and the draw date.

Smile Lines ...

Genesis and politicians

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," said the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But you forget," interrupted the politician, "somebody had created the chaos first!"

A gracious rival

Some modern politicians might take a lesson in graciousness from Edward Campbell, the great British statesman of the 1930s.

Once when Campbell was opposing Thackeray for a seat in Parliament, the two contenders, in the course of their campaigning, met and engaged in friendly conversation. On taking leave of his rival, Thackeray remarked: "May the best man win!"

"Oh no," Campbell replied, "I hope not - I want to win!"

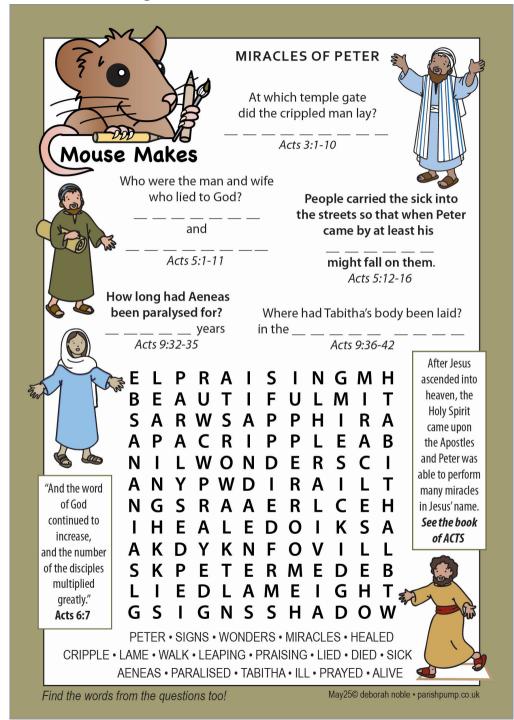
Children's parties

The main benefit of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children out there who are more awful than your own.

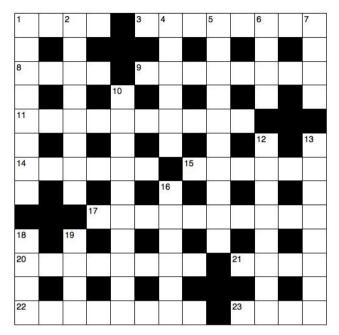
Why you should be careful

The owner of a new sports car was reluctant to allow his wife drive it, even to the local shops. After she insisted, he finally relented, cautioning her as she departed, "Remember, if you have an accident, the newspaper will print your age!"

Children's Page



May Crossword



Across

1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4); 3 Luis must (anag.) (8); 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4); 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8); 11 Anglican form of church government (10); 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6); 15 Ministers of religion (6); 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10); 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8); 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4); 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8); 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

Down

1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8); 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8); 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6); 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10); 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4);
7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?'(Romans 10:15) (4); 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10); 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8); 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3) 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6); 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4); 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)



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These donations really mount up and since joining a large amount has been raised JUST by people using easyfundraising when they shop online!!

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News from Robert T Tuxxie



Dear Everypurr,

Here is a picture of me with my penguin.

My mummy says I'm not very clever (RUDE!) but I have learnt what to do! It took me a long time because it's very complicated and mummy had to show me lots of times, but now I know! It has Dreamies in it and now I know how to get them out! I just knock it over with my head and the Dreamies come out. It's fun at first, but I don't understand

why I can't just have Dreamies without doing all that running around and extra work. It's very hard being a cat sometimes, I don't think my mummy realises. She made me practice a lot until I got it right all on my own.

Mummy says we can all learn new things and we should especially learn more and more about Jesus. She says he wants us to know more about him and to get to know him better. She tells me something new about Jesus everyday. Did you know that when he died on the cross, he didn't stay dead, he rose to life again! That's sounds like very exciting news to me. Even more exciting, my mummy says Jesus is still alive and lives with us. Almost as good as my penguins with Dreamies in! (Mummy says I shouldn't write that because Jesus is the best news there's ever been.) Sorry mummy!!

Yours purfully,

Robert T Tuxxie

April Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell.
11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur.
22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.
DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist.
7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche.
16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.



Why Do We Do That?

Have you ever wondered why we have the Peace in the middle of our services?

You may have noticed that there are a number of ways that the Peace can be introduced, all of them based on verses from Scripture. They also change according to the different liturgical seasons. It comes after the Bible readings, sermon and Intercessions, when we 'break open the word,' and before the Eucharistic Prayer when we 'break open the bread and wine'. But why do we do it?

This is quite a challenging part of our worship because it should be more than greeting our church friends. It's more about having an opportunity to be reconciled to anyone we may have an 'issue' with. Someone we may have been annoyed with or who may have hurt us or who we may even be in conflict with.

You can see why I said this was a challenging part of the service, being reconciled with someone and trying to mend a broken relationship is a very hard thing to do especially in the short time given to the Peace. This reminds us of St Paul's teaching about the Eucharist. In 1 Corinthians Chapter 11 St Paul warns against receiving Holy Communion 'in an unworthy manner'. Ideally, we prepare to receive Communion through prayer before the service and by participating as fully as we can in the worship. The Peace is another opportunity to make sure we are ready in mind and spirit to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

We also talk about 'sharing the Peace'. In some churches this means greeting as many people as possible with the words, 'The peace of the Lord', or however we choose to offer peace. In other churches 'sharing the Peace' is done only with those nearest to us in the pews. In this way the Peace is shared throughout the church because one person passes the Peace on to the next all the way around the church until everyone has been greeted.

Is there anything we do in church that you're curious about? Please do ask because almost everything we do in church has a particular purpose.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

27th April Albie Bryan Gerrard



Gift Day Sunday 22nd June



Do you feel able to make an extra financial contribution to St George's?

We are planning to have a celebration Gift Day on Sunday 22nd June. This is an opportunity to make a thanksgiving offering for the work and mission of this beautiful church. We hope to buy a new music system in order to enhance our worship. At the moment we still use CDs on occasion to accompany our hymn singing, but the CDs are beginning to crack and fail and will soon no longer be useable. A new sound system would be much easier to operate and provide more flexibility. The system we are looking at will cost around £2500. We do not expect to receive all this through Gift Day, but we do hope to make a decent dent in this amount. So, could you help? Any amount of money would be very gratefully received and if you are able to gift aid, please do. We understand that finances are for many people very difficult currently and we wouldn't want anyone to struggle, but if you can make an extra contribution above and beyond your regular giving may I say in advance, 'Thank you.'

From Our Book of Remembrance

May 1	Stephen Mark Young	2009	May 18	Abel Ollerenshaw	1967
	Kenneth Doggett	2013	May 19	Clarice Barber	1976
May 2	Annie Selby	1975		William Dale	1967
	Derek Kay	2009	May 21	Gladys Lowe	1996
May 4	Harry Wright	1981	May 22	James Geoffrey Brayshaw	1970
	Martha Keatting	1996		George Henry Cope	1970
May 6	Evelyn Parkinson	1902		David Alan Smith	2019
	William Cooper	1970		David Alan Swift	2019
	Martha Kinder	1987	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
May 8	Agnes Winifred Barker	1979		Agnes Waddington	2007
May 9	Alice Day	1966		Myrtle Constance Prescott	2016
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988	May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
	Redeyoff			Albert Hopwood	2012
	Mary Miller(nee Higgins)	2010	May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986	May 26	Ian Peter Blake	2009
	Wendy Rosemary Miles	2016		Christopher Allan Shaw	2022
	Patricia Mitchell (nee	2024	May 28	Margaret Theodora Roberts	2017
	Williams)			David John Partington	2022
May 15	May Blease	1999	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
	Mary Woolley	2008		Raymond Herbert Russell	2013
	Charles Swainson	2012	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010
May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979			
	William Hamnett Tonge	2006			
May 17	William Henry Priestley	1950			
	Bessie Travis	1991			
	Richard Barratt	2006			



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 $\pounds 10$ per entry

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