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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing this after a few hours of rain! It was raining a little yesterday and I think it has rained overnight. Who would have thought that we'd be celebrating rain in the middle of summer? It's usually something we enjoy complaining about and perhaps even dread if we're planning to go on holiday in this country. However, after the many days of very hot weather and equal number of days without rain we've experienced recently, I think we all now welcome it.

These weeks of sunshine have been wonderful in some ways, although a bit too hot now and again, but they've also put stress on wildlife and on the green areas of the country. I'm sure we've all heard about wildfires or seen the smoke from fires that were burning locally. This is a reminder to me that creation is all interconnected. All living things depend on access to clean water. As humans we are dependent on the fruitfulness of the earth for the food we eat and when the balance of this interdependence is disrupted, all living creatures, humans included begin to suffer. Very sadly, it seems as if the climate is changing and changing irreversibly, if so, the future will be very different from the past.

When I read the opening lines of Genesis where creation is described as good, and then after the creation of humankind very good, I wonder if that's how grandchildren and great grandchildren will see things. Will the climate be so different in the future that people will look back on cool weather and rain with nostalgia? For myself, I hope that the days of very high temperatures are over for this year at least. I also wonder what I could be doing personally to lessen my impact on the environment and to live more sustainably. I believe God gave us the earth as our home so that we can flourish and thrive, but it is also home to an amazing variety of plants and animals, the earth is their home too, and we need to share it with them. This is very different from exploiting creation and causing damage, damage which is very difficult, if not impossible, to reverse.

I thank God for the beauty of the world we see around us, and that creation will be valued and protected.

Yours in Christ,

Revd Denise

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Service Details

Sundays

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

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

Please note: there will be NO Holy communion On Tuesdays 9th, 16th and 30th June and 7th July

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Services at St George's in September

Sun	6th	9.30 a.m. Back to Church Parish Eucharist with Junior Church Prizegiving
Tues	8th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	13th	9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist with hymns
Tues	15th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	20th	9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist with hymns
Tues	22nd	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	27th	9.30 a.m. Harvest Festival Service
		11.00 a.m. Harvest Bring and Share Lunch
Tues	29th	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Everyday Histories



Saturday 12th September 10.30am -3pm

Sunday 13th September 11am-3pm

The church will be open with an exhibition of photos and documents demonstrating the central place St George's played and continues to play in the everyday lives of local people.

Refreshments available

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Welcome to Saint George's

It's wonderful seeing the number of children attending church increasing.

It doesn't matter if your 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

Ridge Hill Lane WMC

Main room can be booked free of charge
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Readings and Psalms for September 2026

Tues 1st 10.30 1 Corinthians 2.10b-end; Psalm 145.10-17; Luke 4.31-37

Sun 6th 14th Sunday after Trinity - *Back to Church Sunday with Junior Church Prizegiving*

9.30 Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20

Tues 8th 10.30 1 Corinthians 6.1-11; Psalm 149.1-5; Luke 6.12-19

Sun 13th 15th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.1-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

Tues 15th 10.30 1 Corinthians 12.12-14,27-end; psalm 100; Luke 7.11-17

Sun 21st 16th Sunday after Trinity - *Harvest Thanksgiving*

**9.30 Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Luke 12.16-30
*Worship For All***

Tues 22nd 10.30 Proverbs 21.1-6,10-13; Psalm 119.1-8; Luke 8.19-21

Sun 27th 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-end; Psalm 25.1-8; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

Tues 29th 10.30 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 no22 Michael Davies; 2nd prize £15 no50 Liz Kieran;

3rd Prize £10 no64 Joyce Vernon

August Winners

1st prize £25 no104 Mavis Russell; 2nd prize £15 no67 Ann Hudson;

3rd Prize £10 no87 Chris Crabtree

Thank you for your continued support of the 200 Club. The cost is £12 for each number you hold for the full year, there are still some numbers available and new members are always welcome. If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

She Did It! – 5km Walk for Crohn’s & Colitis UK



A huge well done to Christine who completed her 5km walk for **Crohn’s & Colitis UK** in June — and in the beautiful surroundings of the Lake District.

This challenge was taken on for a cause close to her heart, and thanks to the generosity of our church family, an amazing £460 has been raised to support the charity’s work.

She would like to pass on her heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated. A thank^you letter from Crohn’s & Colitis UK is available to read in the church lounge.



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Some dates for your diary - September 2026

Tues	1st	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	2nd	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	3rd	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	4th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Mon	7th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.30 p.m.	Sewing Group
Wed	9th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m.	Informal Meditation and Prayers, St John's, Roughtown
Thurs	10th	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	12th	10.30 a.m.	Heritage Open Day
Sun	13th	11.00 a.m.	Heritage Open Day
Mon	14th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.30 p.m.	Sewing Group
Wed	16th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	17th	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	18th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Mon	21st	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.30 p.m.	Sewing Group
Wed	23rd	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	24th	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
Mon	29th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.30 p.m.	Sewing Group

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



Girlguiding

GIRLGUIDING SUCCESS

Congratulations to St George's Brownie Leader Heather Lees who was recently awarded her 40-year Service Award by the Manchester County Girlguiding Commissioner. Heather has been in Girlguiding since she was 7 years old. Firstly, as a Brownie before moving on to our Guide Unit where she gained her Queens Guide Award. Aged 14 years she then moved on to the Stalybridge and Dukinfield Ranger and Venture Scout Unit and soon became the Chairman of the Manchester County Youth Forum Group. At this time our original unit 5THStalybridge (St George's) Brownie Unit had such a long waiting list for girls waiting to join that it was decided to open a second Brownie Unit to be called 11th Stalybridge (St George's) Brownie Unit (which is our current Unit today).

Heather, at the age of 16 years, became a Young Leader with the new Unit. At the age of 18 years she was appointed as an Assistant Guider with the Unit, where she remained for several years gaining her Assistant Leaders Warrant, her Pack Holiday Licence as well as numerous First Aid and Life Saving Qualifications.

On Mrs Davies' retirement as Brown Owl in 2005 Heather became the Unit Leader. The Brownies chose the name "Pixie Owl" for her (which is the name she is still known as today!!)

We also have to say Congratulations to Elisabeth McMullin, who has become St George's first Brownie to complete all 6 of Girlguiding's Brownie Theme Challenges, (Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Fun out of Doors, Take Action and Things for my Future). For each Theme, Elisabeth had to learn 4 New Skills, gain at least 1 New Interest Badge, and Take Part in at least 3 hours of Pack Activities. Well Done Elisabeth!!

Elisabeth has now moved on to our Guide Unit and we send her our Best Wishes for success in the Future.

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A New Sewing Group Finds Its Home

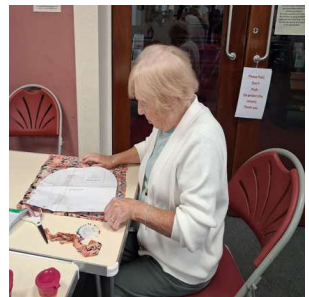
Over the summer, a local sewing group found itself without a venue when their community centre closed for the holidays. They asked if they could meet in our church lounge — and from the very first Monday afternoon, the room was filled with chatter, creativity, and the gentle hum of the sewing machine.

The group welcomes all abilities, from complete beginners to experienced stitchers, and has quickly become a warm, sociable space where people can learn new skills, share ideas, and enjoy each other's company.

Thanks to support from Jigsaw Homes, the group now has a brand new sewing machine to use each week, making it even easier for newcomers to join in.

What began as a temporary summer arrangement has turned into something more lasting. The group has decided to continue meeting at our church even after the holidays — every Monday from 1.30pm to 3pm — the cost is £2 per session and everyone is welcome.

With three photos showing their first sessions, it's clear this little group has stitched itself happily into our church community.



Why not join them?

Come for the sewing, stay for the company.

News from Robert T Tuxxie



Dear Everypurrr,

Why does my mummy take photos of me all the time? It is very tiring and very annoying! Just when I am dropping off to sleep or having a nice peaceful wash out comes her phone and I have to 'pose'. Why can't she leave me alone? She says she needs lots of photos of me to show all the people she meets who want to see me but even so, it gets a bit much sometimes. On the other hand, I like the idea of

people showing pictures of their kitties to each other. I think people might show pictures of other animals but I don't really care about those. Everyone knows cats are best! Mummy says I am wrong and that all animals are special but I think she's the one who's wrong. Mummy also says that all creatures are a reminder of the beauty and variety of what God created and gave us to enjoy and take care of. Mummy kind of takes care of me. She gives me food and scratches but I don't get many treats. I haven't had a Dreamie for hours and hours. Is it any wonder I don't like having my photo taken? There is no reward! Do you have favourite pictures on your phone? Are they all cats?

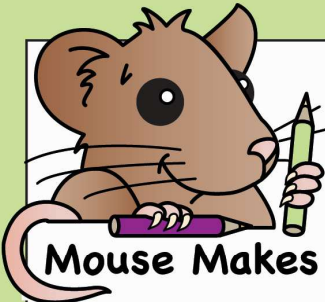
Yours purfully,

Robert T. Tuxxie

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"Delivery for whoever ordered the trendy alternative to a basket of groceries..."



Mouse Makes



READ
John 15:1-17

THE TRUE VINE

Who is the vine?

John 15:1

What does Jesus
ask us to do?

"Go and bear

John 15:16"

What happens
to the branches
that do not remain
in the vine?

Thrown into the

and

John 15:6

How many
times does Jesus
use the word
FRUIT?

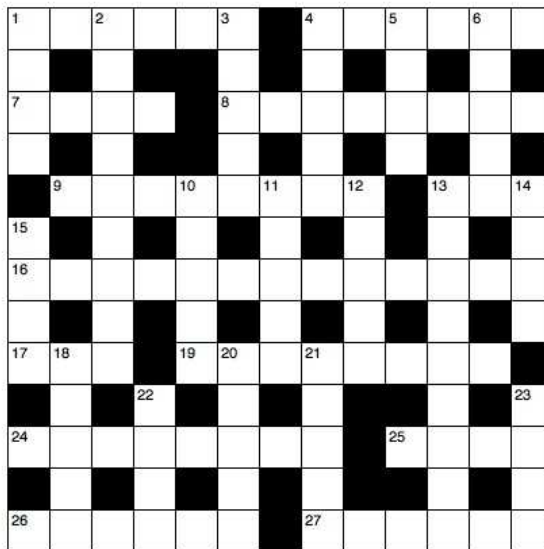
What does
Jesus command?
To _____
one another.
John 15:12,17

How many
times does Jesus
command us
to LOVE
one another?

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September Crossword



Across

1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6), **4** Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6), **7** 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4), **8** It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8), **9** Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8), **13** 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3), **16** Members of the Church of Scotland (13), **17** 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3), **19** Mock(Luke14:29)(8), **24** Disgrace(Psalm44:13)(8), **25** First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4), **26** Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6), **27** Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

Down

1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4), **2** 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4), **3** O raid (anag.) (5), **4** 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5), **5** Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4), **6** What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5), **10** 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5), **11** Do ten(anag.) (5), **12** Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5), **13** Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9), **14** 'Each one should — his own actions'(Galatians 6:4)(4), **15** Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4), **18** 'But I am afraid that just — — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3), **20** Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts(5), **21** One of the four sons of Asher(Genesis46:17)(5), **22** Be distressed (Proverbs24:19)(4), **23** He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)



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FRANKLIN GRAHAM
GOD LOVES YOU *TOUR*
MANCHESTER

Saturday 3rd October
at
6pm

In the July and August magazine I mentioned the God Loves You Tour. I wrote about 'I am Andrew', the initiative associated with the tour encouraging people to invite a family member or friend to attend the big event or to invite them to the church. It's called 'I am Andrew' or 'I am Andrea', because it was the Apostle Andrew who introduced Simon, later St Peter, to Jesus for the first time. The idea is that we would feel comfortable with those we know well to invite them to the Tour or to church where they would come to know God's love. The God Loves You Tour event is taking place at the Co-op Live Arena and free transport is being laid on. Is this something you are interested in attending? There will be music, a talk by Franklin Graham and the opportunity for people to consider whether they want to follow Jesus. If so, please let Revd Denise know so that she can make sure you have transport to the event. Or do you feel more comfortable inviting someone to church on a Sunday morning? The more confident we are in asking people, the more likely they are to (eventually!) say, 'Yes. I'll give it a try.'

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Back to School - facing that first Day

No matter how old we are, we can probably remember our first day at school – being left at the door, meeting children we did not know, separated from the adults we did know and had trusted since the day we were born. But on the other hand, there was the excitement: a big step along the road of life, new friends to make, another adult to become important in our lives. Yes, quite a lot to handle when you're rising five!

And that's what hundreds of thousands of children are going to experience this month. Parents may have prepared them for it, and they may in a slightly apprehensive way be looking forward to it, but it must feel to the five-year-old like a massive step into the unknown.

Not much less is the anxiety of mum, who leaves her precious child, proudly resplendent in their new school uniform, in the Reception class-room. Will he or she suddenly panic, and cry for that familiar parental cuddle? Will they feel abandoned in an alien setting? Will they like the teacher?

Of course we'll be praying for them, and we know that like millions of others before them they will very probably eventually decide that their schooldays were among the best of their lives. But end of class can't come soon enough for mum on that first day! How wonderful when they come running out, laughing and excited, clutching a piece of paper with some obscure crayon marks on it – written evidence of their first day's education.

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Join the Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on 25th September

Why not consider attending – or even hosting – a Macmillan Coffee Morning? Many are going to be held soon, on 25th September, but you can hold one whenever you like.

About 50,000 coffee morning events are held around the country each year.

The first Coffee Morning happened in 1990. It was a small affair with a simple idea: guests would get together for coffee and donate the cost of their drink to Macmillan. It was so effective that Macmillan did it again the next year - only this time nationally. Since then, the tradition has grown, until now an estimated 1.2 million coffee mornings have been held since the tradition first began.

These days, Coffee Mornings come in all shapes and sizes. They can range from small home gatherings to large corporate events; school fundraisers to a gathering with a local community group. But they all have one thing in common - they raise vital funds to support the almost 3.5 million people in the UK living with cancer.

More details at: <https://www.macmillan.org.uk>

Rose Queen Gracie's news



We hope you have all had a lovely summer.

On 4th July, we went to Harvest Queen Grace's At Home. It was a lovely service and we enjoyed going on the stalls afterwards.

Thank you to everyone who bought one of our Quizzes. We have made £45. Reverend Denise will draw the winner at the All-ages service on 6th September.

We have still got some numbers available to try to win a jellycat. Numbers are £2 each and the prizes are a medium Blossom Bunny or a smores jellycat.

Looking ahead, we are going to have a stall at St George's, Mossley Autumn fair which is on 24th October and in November we are having a toy tombola and 'Play your cards right' at the Christmas fair at St George's, Stalybridge.

Gracie

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Memory Walk at Heaton Park

On 3rd October Chris Crabtree will be taking part in the Memory Walk at Heaton Park in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. This is a cause very close to Chris' heart and your support would be very welcome, however small. If you feel able, please consider sponsoring her.

The sponsor form is on the Dementia Café noticeboard in the church lounge.

From Our Book of Remembrance

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		Derek Bardsley Noonan	2025

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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