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# St George's Church Stalybridge

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*For baptisms, marriages or funerals please phone the Vicar on 07393 420763.  
 Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm  
 on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.*

*To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have  
 the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance,  
 please contact the Vicar.*



## From our January Book of Remembrance

1 Jan	Ezekiel Lomas	1941	18 Jan	George William Catlow	2000
2 Jan	Edward Cooper	1980		Marian Hulme	2002
	Ernest Bramall	1982		Reginald Hewitt	2008
	Marjorie Day	1982	19 Jan	Mary Eastwood	1989
	David Cotton	2007	20 Jan	Raymond Jack Clarke	1983
3 Jan	Ivy Marshall	2006		Katherine Devlin	1988
4 Jan	William Parkinson	1943		Jean Ollerenshaw	2012
	Phyllis Peck	1981	21 Jan	Heather Alwyn Clarke	2012
	Barry Aldred	1999	22 Jan	Thomas Howard	1964
	Nellie Mellor	1977		Harry Walton	1967
5 Jan	Joseph Hibbert	1957		Eliza Emma Sidebottom	1988
	Hugh Shepley	1987	23 Jan	Jesslyn Tonge	1991
	Gertrude Sullivan	1998		Neil Hadfield	2011
6 Jan	Harry Walton	1988	24 Jan	Henry Howard	1981
	John Barratt	1996		Rhoda Hancock	1989
8 Jan	George Leonard Eakins	1981		Harold Spencer	1962
	James Norman Kelday	2000		Albert Marcel Hough	2017
	Fred Harris	1979	25 Jan	Agnes Smith	1975
9 Jan	Sarah Clews	1994		Carol Hyde	2010
	Susan Ann Maud Barnfield	1953		Joseph Middleton	2019
	Derek Greenwood	2019	26 Jan	Edith Emma Clinton	1987
10 Jan	Tom Sidebottom	1979		Nellie Wood	1987
11 Jan	Jesse Horsefield	1984		Eric James Chorlton	2001
	Drinda Jefferson	1990		Margaret Slack	2007
	Evelyn Barlow	2003	27 Jan	Fred Kay	1968
	James Watson	2014		Bridget Bower	1994
12 Jan	Ethel Battersby	1992		Ronald Bower	2000
13 Jan	Kathleen Thwaites	1992		Geoffrey Phillip Brown	1995
14 Jan	Robert Nicholson	1988		Abraham Newton	1983
	Eva Helen Ollerenshaw	1989		Veronica Quinn	1997
	Kyle Martin Cropper	2004	29 Jan	Fred Holt	1939
	Ramsden			Eddie Holden	1990
15 Jan	Norman Council	2014		Karen Jane Bradbury	2007
	James Ireson	1990		Mildred Bradshaw	2014
16 Jan	William Gudger	1963	30 Jan	Alice Saxon	1997
	Minnie Schofield	2012	31 Jan	Alice Ann Priestley	1955
17 Jan	David Lees	2011		John Robert Stanley	1990
18 Jan	William Frederick Ireson	1962		John Patrick Higgins	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 the vicar or one of the wardens. The cost for the inscription is £10 per entry

## From our December Book of Remembrance

1 Dec	Dean Stanley	1976	18 Dec	Martha Ireson	1937
2 Dec	Harriet Shenton	1976		Mary Lloyd	1999
	Harold Harrison Rowbottom	1988		Thelma Adnett	2005
	Harry Brayshaw	2001		Edith Brayshaw	2010
4 Dec	Ellen Wooley Lomas	1970	19 Dec	Jonas Ward	2000
7 Dec	Edgar Jones	1990	22 Dec	Jessie Wyld	1991
7 Dec	Moreen Branwood	1943		Gladys Jakeman	1999
9 Dec	Jack Fitchett	1951		Winifred Barnshaw	2005
10 Dec	Jane Anne Greenhalgh	1978	23 Dec	Emma Gudger	1962
	Malcolm James Donald	2008		James Stott	1983
	Walter Charles Aves	2016		Sarah Hannah Hague	1981
11 Dec	Neil Kershaw	2013		Dorothy Stott	2012
12 Dec	George Woolley Buckley	1990	24 Dec	Mona Jefferson	1988
	Joseph Kinder	1929		Audrey Fallows	2012
13 Dec	Frank Turner	1976		Sephen Karl Walsh	2019
	Raymond Stewart	2018	25 Dec	Frank Buckley	1974
14 Dec	Gertrude Barbara Fitchett	1938		James Reedy	1982
	Ernest Ives	1975		Derek Hibbert	1992
	Nora Grace Council	2008		David William Heap	1979
	Philip Edward Davenport	2010		Ivy Holt	2009
15 Dec	William Dyson Duckworth	2010		Marian Beatrice Ogden	2013
16 Dec	Eva Whittingham	1984	28 Dec	Emily Rosina Pendleton	1987
	John Hague	1968		Alfred Wilde	1988
	Minnie Press	1984		Thomas Holt	2009
	Edith Longden	2008		George Henry Burtoft	2010
17 Dec	Anthony John David Gough	1993		Alan Oldham Miller	2011
	Bertha Barnfield	1998	29 Dec	Joan Pickles	2006
	Norman Quest	2001	31 Dec	Alice Shenton	1989
	William Hadfield	2012		Joseph Lees	2000
				John White	2008

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## November Baptisms

21st November Lucianna Jean Keyworth-Jubb



### **200 Club Winners**

#### **November**

1st prize £25 no 97 Jean Watkins; 2nd prize £15 no 15 Kathleen Redeyoff; 3rd prize £10 no 71 Kathleen Childs

#### **December**

1st prize £25 no 36 Gillian Cotton; 2nd prize £15 no 40 Graham Taylor; 3rd prize £10 no 107 Ann Winstanley

*Rose will be collecting the payments for 2022 after Christmas, these should be placed in an envelope clearly marked on the front with '200 Club' and your name.*

## The Vicar writes...



In November it was announced that The Revd David Warner, Vicar of Mossley (and my husband!), has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of North Walsham in the Diocese of Norwich. It being a long commute from Stalybridge to North Walsham(!) consequently, I will be moving on from St George's in the new year.

This decision was not an easy one for us to make and comes after a long period of prayer and discernment for us both. We had both envisaged staying here for further years ahead, but we strongly feel that God is calling us on from here at this point to our new ministry in the Diocese of Norwich, and we look forward to all that the future holds.

The unexpected events of the past two years, our experiences, good and bad, the losses we have felt and the change we have encountered, have encouraged us all to reflect on all aspects of our lives. Our move will also enable us to be closer to both our families with live in the southeast and with whom we look forward to being able to spend much more time.

We are so very grateful to all those who have offered good wishes and prayers as we prepare for this next chapter and we continue to pray for God's rich blessings on the future of both of our parishes and the Diocese of Manchester as we depart.

St George's has a wonderful team in the wardens, PCC, dedicated volunteers, encouraging congregation and supportive community. I know that, through working together and with the grace of God, the ministry of this church in worship and in serving this local community has so much potential to continue to flourish and grow.

As Advent and Christmas approach, we unite in worship and prayer and in service of our community at this special time of year as we seek to communicate the truth that the God of love and peace is in our midst in Jesus Christ our Lord. Come and join in Christmas worship at St George's if you are able—like the shepherds and the wise men, come and see!

With heartfelt thanks for all that we have shared and prayers and best wishes for all the future holds.

**Penny**

## **WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH**

**Sundays 10.30am Parish Eucharist & Junior Church**

**Tuesdays 10.30am Eucharist in church**

### **COVID 19 UPDATE**

**YOU MUST NOT ATTEND if you are unwell,  
self isolating or showing any symptoms.**

***Baptisms, weddings and funerals continue with no numerical restrictions***

*A full risk assessment is in place and regularly revised.*

*We continue stringent hygiene and social distancing procedures.*

***Face coverings are encouraged, especially when moving around the building and when the building is crowded. We will keep as much ventilation as possible.***

***Social Distancing is no longer mandated. Therefore, there is no general numerical restriction on attendance at any service, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals.***

*Everyone attending church is encouraged to use the whole building and to respect the space of others.*

*The central pews in the nave will return to full use.*

*The side aisles will remain distanced for those who wish to remain distanced.*

***Hymns are now being sung.***

*You are encouraged to ensure that you are well spaced around the church.*

*You may choose to wear a face covering when singing.*

*Please continue to leave your **collection** on the plate at the back of church.*

*It will be presented at the offertory.*

***The peace may be shared physically amongst those who wish but please share only with those in your household. If you do not wish to share the peace physically, please wave the peace instead to indicate this!***

*Holy Communion continues to be received standing and using the one-way system still in place in church. You are encouraged to sanitise your hands before receiving.*

*Church of England guidance now permits receiving Holy Communion in both kinds (i.e. bread and wine) The chalice will be available for those who wish to receive it. No intinction (dipping wafers).*

### **“After 1 Corinthians 13” by Judith Merrell**

If I bake a Christmas cake and dozens of mince pies,  
but have not love, I am just another harassed housewife.  
If I decorate my house with outdoor fairy lights and a twinkling Christmas tree,  
but have not love, I am just wasting electricity for no reason.  
If I write a hundred Christmas cards and stick a newsletter in each one, but  
have not love, I only gain writer's cramp.

Love stops baking to phone a friend.

Love stops decorating to hug a child.

Love stops shopping to visit a lonely neighbour.

Love does not envy the colour co-ordinated decorations in another's house,  
nor the neatly wrapped presents under a neighbour's tree.

Love does not write vain Christmas letters boasting of this year's achievements

Love does not send cards to those who will send one back.

Love does not only buy presents for those who can return the favour.

Love does not work out how much a friend will spend on your gift and then  
seek to spend not a penny more.

Love knows the joy of giving without counting the cost.

Love is patient when faced with a queue at the post office  
and smiles at those sharing the experience.

Love does not get angry and shout at the kids to stay out of the way,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Computer games break, chocolates soon vanish.

Christmas trees drop their needles, but the gift of LOVE endures forever.

Love is not just for Christmas, it lasts the whole year through.

Christ is not just for Christmas, he wants to stay with you forever.



**Come Together  
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**Saint George's Virtual Christmas Fair**

Our Virtual Christmas Fair is now up and running, helping us to support local businesses. Many of the stall holders run their businesses from home, although some have successfully managed to open shops within Tameside. Many gifts can be personalised or made to order making them special without the price tag you may expect!

There are a small number of Church stalls, where all profit goes to Church funds. We are also be holding a Christmas draw and tickets are now on sale at £1 each available from Val Fallows. Prizes include Christmas hampers and some lovely items donated by our stall holders.

If you would like to browse through the Christmas fair, you can do so at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stgeorgesvirutalfair/>



Although we have not been able to hold a traditional Christmas fair, we are holding a 'Breakfast with Santa' event on Saturday 4th December. This will be a relatively low key event, where family groups will sit together. This has proved hugely popular and places must be booked as at the time of writing we are almost up to capacity.

**HANDMADE  
CHRISTMAS CARDS**

**are available for sale in the Church Lounge in aid of the Organ Fund**

***Do your bit for our planet  
Don't forget to recycle your  
Christmas cards this year!***



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\* **A Thought for The Year Ahead** \*  
\* "Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart \*  
\* rather than a piece of our mind." \*  
\* *Attributed to Ritu Ghatourney* \*  
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## PARISH EMAIL NEWSLETTER

To help us keep in touch we have a weekly email parish newsletter with bible readings and prayers for Sundays, information, updates, activities for Junior Church and announcements

If you don't already receive the e-newsletter and would like to, please email [revdpennywarner@outlook.com](mailto:revdpennywarner@outlook.com), send your email address by text or WhatsApp to 07393 420763 or sign up via our church Facebook page or website.



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## Some dates for your diary January 2022

Sun	2nd	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Tues	4th	10.30 p.m.	Eucharist
Thurs	6th	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	7th	1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	9th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Tues	11th	10.30 p.m.	Eucharist
Thurs	13th	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	16th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Tues	18th	10.30 a.m.	Eucharist
Thurs	20th	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	21st	1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	23rd	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns <b>Worship for All</b>
Tues	25th	10.30 a.m.	Eucharist
Thurs	27th	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	30th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns

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### The Presentation of Christ in the Temple—Candlemas



Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St George's Stalybridge

- Rev Penny's final service, followed by refreshments

2.30pm Parish Eucharist at St George's

- Rev David's final service, followed by reception in the school hall

All are invited to attend both services or either service.

## Where do we go from here?

*Lester Amann considers the visit of the Wise Men.*

Perhaps this was a question the Wise Men asked after seeing the infant Jesus. They had come from a distant land to Jerusalem. They had followed a star and expected to see a royal child. Now in Bethlehem, they saw things differently. No doubt, Mary and Joseph shared with these men their recent experiences and knew God was with them. Now the Magi had to have eyes of faith to recognise that this child was God in the flesh.

On 6th January many churches will celebrate Epiphany. On this day we remember the Eastern Men bringing their gifts to Jesus. The word 'epiphany' describes their 'revelation' or 'insight' that this was no ordinary baby. Who could they tell? Not King Herod. They had a dream warning them to return home a different way.

Their return to familiar surroundings was going to be different. They couldn't be silent about what they had experienced. Their lives were now changed. On returning home they faced new circumstances and challenges.

Doesn't this sound a bit familiar to us today? The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another. Where do we go from here? We have celebrated our Lord's birth, but now we are returning to our previous activities. The festive break is over, and we are returning to changed, often difficult circumstances.

We go into a New Year that is so different from this time two years ago. While we might be downcast with all the upsets around us, there is one thing that has not changed. It is almighty God! He is our rock. We can look to Him in this world of confusion and uncertainty. Perhaps, from now on, we shall be worshipping and serving Him in different ways. So, with the challenges that lie ahead, let's continually seek His guidance.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding....and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 7:9-6)*

*Lester Amann is a Londoner and has been a member of his local Anglican church in Ilford, Essex for 40 years. During this time he has undertaken numerous responsibilities including PCC member and church warden. For many years he regularly played the piano in the music group for services and is also a trumpet player. His work as editor of the monthly church magazine for 20 years came to an end in 2020 due to the pandemic. He was a Clinical Nurse Teacher, now retired.*

## Readings and Psalms for December 2021

<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent - Toy Service</b>
10.30	<b>Malachi 3.1-4; Canticle: Benedictus; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 96.1,10-end; Matthew 18.12-14
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>
10.30	<b>Zephaniah 3.14-end; Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-end; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18</b>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13; Psalm 34.1-6,21-22; Matthew 21.28-32
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent - Holy Communion and Junior Church Nativity</b>
10.30	<b>Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.39-45</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 Zephaniah 3.14-18; Psalm 33.1-4,11-12,20-end; Luke 1.39-45
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
23.30	<b>Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 89.2,19-27; Hebrews 1.1-4,5-12; John 1.1-14</b>
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
10.30	<b>Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14</b>
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1st Sunday of Christmas</b>
10.30	<b>1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; Psalm 119.161-168; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end</b>
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 No service

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### November Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 1, Charioteers. 9, Immoral. 10, Cairo. 11, SAE. 13, Inns. 16, Firm. 17, Accuse. 18, East. 20, Ogam. 21, Judith. 22, Seba. 23, Msgr. 25, Den. 28, Inane. 29, Entreat. 30, Chrysoprase.

**DOWN:** 2, Human. 3, Rare. 4, Oils. 5, Ecce. 6, Raising. 7, Citizenship. 8, Commemorate. 12, Assail. 14, Sat. 15, Scouse. 19, Sabbath. 20, Ohm. 24, Seeds. 25, Deny. 26, Nero. 27, Star.

## Some dates for your diary - December 2021

Thurs	2nd	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	3rd	1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>10.00 a.m. - 12.00</b>	<b>Breakfast with Santa</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns &amp; Toy Service</b>
Tues	7th	10.30 p.m.	Eucharist
Thurs	9th	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	11th	7.00 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Christmas Concert
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
Tues	14th	10.30 a.m.	Eucharist
Thurs	16th	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	17th	1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Junior Church Nativity</b>
		<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols</b>
Tues	21st	10.30 a.m.	Eucharist
Thurs	23rd	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
<b>Fri</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
		4.00 p.m.	Christingle and Blessing of the Crib
		<b>11.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
		<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th</b>	10.30 a.m.	Said Holy Communion
Thurs	30th	7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice

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### December Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.

**DOWN:** 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist. 20, Save.

## Readings and Psalms for January 2022

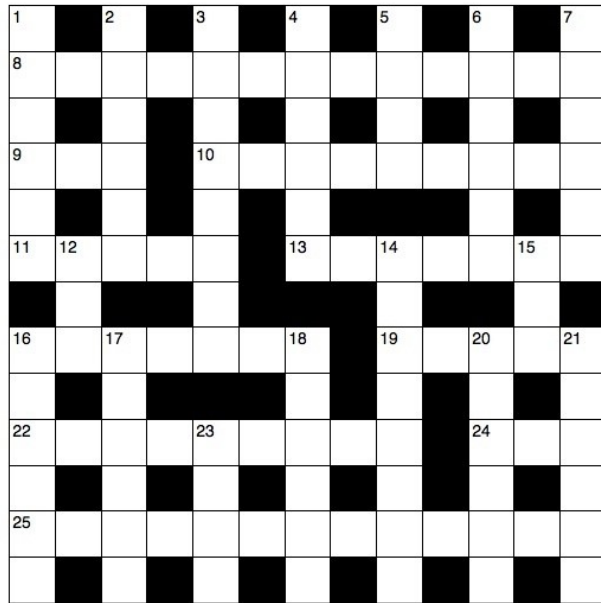
<b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12</b>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	1 John 4.7-10; Psalm 72.1-8; Mark 6.34-44
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1st Sunday of Epiphany - The Baptism of Christ</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22</b>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	1 Samuel 1.9-20; Canticle: 1 Samuel 2.1, 4-8; Mark 1.21-28
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11</b>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 89.19-27; Mark 2.23-end
<b>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Luke 4.14-21</b> <b>Worship for All</b>
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 67; Matthew 19.27-end
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4th Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Ezekiel 43.27-44; Psalm 48; 1 Corinthians 13; Luke 2.22-40</b>



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## January Crossword



### Across

8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3),  
 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3), 10 The Ten Commandments (9), 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5), 13 Des cons (anag.) (7), 16 'Though [your sins] are red as — , they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7), 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5),  
 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9), 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3),  
 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

### Down

1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6), 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6), 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy — doings heard on high' (8), 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6), 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1), 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5), 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6), 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1), 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new — ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8), 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3), 16 Vat car (anag.) (6), 17 'Be joyful — — , patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6), 18 'The parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts — — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2), 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6), 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6), 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)



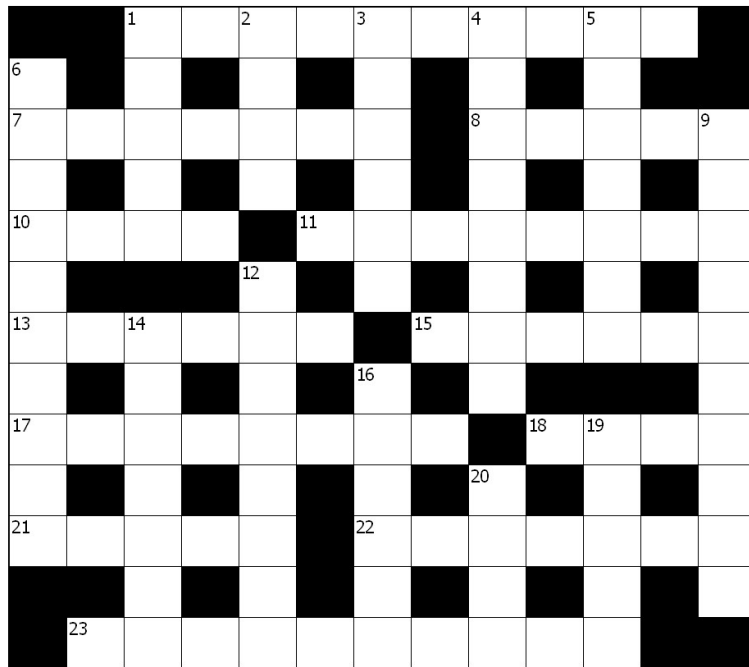
## A Green Christmas!

*Here are some simple tips to help you have a greener Christmas this year!*

- ✓ Invest in a reusable Advent calendar that can be refilled each year
- ✓ Use non plastic Christmas decorations which can be used each year.
- ✓ Send forest friendly cards – check the packet. Recycle your cards after Christmas too.
- ✓ Wrap presents using recyclable paper and biodegradable tape or fabric and ribbon which can be reused.
- ✓ Buy less! Only buy what you need—this will help to reduce lots of waste!
- ✓ Switch to LED Christmas lights they use far less energy and are brighter too!
- ✓ Don't leave your oven on for too long. Put lids on pans.
- ✓ Eat up your leftovers – don't let anything go to waste!
- ✓ Buy certified “green” or plastic free gifts. Consider charitable gifts too such as donations to charity in a loved one's name.
- ✓ Did you know you can rent a real Christmas tree instead of buying one? Or buying a living tree which returns to your garden each year!
- ✓ **Consider the real meaning of Christmas and let this influence your choices**

*There is a small team of people at St George's who are looking to form a “Green Team” joining the Eco Church programme. If you'd like to be involved, please be in touch with one of the churchwardens for more information. the Eco Church programme.*

## December Crossword



### Across

1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10), 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7), 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5), 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4), 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8), 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6), 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith \_\_\_\_\_ (6), 17 Stormy (8), 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4), 21 Arson (anag.) (5), 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7), 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

### Down

1 '\_\_\_\_\_ and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5), 2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as \_\_\_\_\_ as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4), 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6), 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19-20) (8), 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7), 6 'Offer your bodies as living \_\_\_\_\_, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10), 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10), 12 One who accepts government by God (8), 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7), 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6), 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5), 20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will \_\_\_\_\_ his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)

## Children's Page

**Mouse Makes**  
Colour the tree then colour in one star each day until Christmas. Leave the large star at the top of the tree to colour in on Christmas day!

What's on the Christmas Tree?

Presents at Christmas under the tree,  
A red Christmas stocking waiting for me,  
But what really is Christmas,  
What is it about?  
Just look and the Bible and you will find out!  
It's about **JESUS** - the best present of all,  
**JESUS** our **Saviour**,  
God's gift to us all!

**A STAR** shows the way to Jesus  
Read Matthew 2:1-12

**ANGELS** bring messages from God  
Read about Gabriel's message in Luke 1:26-38  
Read the shepherd's story in Luke 1:26-38

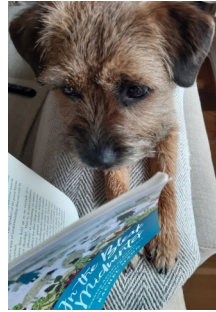
**LIGHTS AND CANDLES** remind us that Jesus lights our way to God  
Read Luke 2:29-32

**PRESENTS** remind us of God's special gift to us ... **JESUS!**

**"For God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." John 3:16**

## Paws for thought

Its Advent! Time to get ready for Christmas and this year I'm doing my best to do it properly. I'm not bothering with all of the wrapping presents (the Sellotape gets stuck to my paws). The only interest I have in turkey is when its cooked and ready for me to eat, so instead I'm concentrating on quiet learning and reflection to prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas.



Penny and I are reading Rev Rachel Mann's book, "In the Bleak Midwinter: Through Advent and Christmas with Christina Rossetti." Its available online so why not get a copy and join us? Another idea is to read a chapter of the Gospel of Luke each day, from 1<sup>st</sup> December through to Christmas Eve (you can catch up quickly if you are beginning a few days late!) There are 24 chapters, so by Christmas Day you'll know the whole of Jesus' story! (I won't tell you what happens in chapter 24, but its great!)

Penny, David, and I are doing lots of preparing in a different way too - for our new adventure in Norfolk. I've heard that there is a beach very close by so I'm looking forward to paddling my paws on a regular basis!

Our time in Stalybridge has brought some unexpected turns, and some good times! We have been very grateful to those who have supported and encouraged, especially during challenging times.

Its daunting to move on but I know as well as you do, that if you put your paw in the hand of God and he will guide you. Its good to remember that.



Thank you for all your love and prayers over the past couple of years.

I hope my letters have cheered and encouraged you along the way – its always good to "Paws for Thought." Perhaps I might send you a "pupdate" from Norfolk when we've settled in...

With love, Buddy



## Stalybridge War Memorial Campaign



On Saturday 13th of November, a Remembrance Walk was organised by St. George's Church, Stalybridge. The group met at the Stalybridge War Memorial, where Frank Harrop pointed the expected position of the extension to the Stalybridge Memorial would be. The extension would contain the names the five casualties recognised as buried or commemorated at St. George's Church whose names are missing from the Stalybridge War Memorial. Then starting on the left of the memorial over to the right the names of all the remaining twenty casualties either buried within St. George's Churchyard or Commemorated there were pointed out. The walk then continued up to St. George's Churchyard where in a circular route the graves and commemorations discussed at the memorial were pointed out, including a brief history of each casualty.

Refreshments were served in church and there was opportunity to light a candle and remember the fallen in the peace of church whilst listening to Remembrance themed music and watching a slideshow of the men remembered in our churchyard.

***We are very grateful to Mr Frank Harrop for all of his hard work and preparation for the event. Thank you to all who donated to the campaign for the extension to the memorial – a total of £53.20 was raised at St George's.***

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### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE?

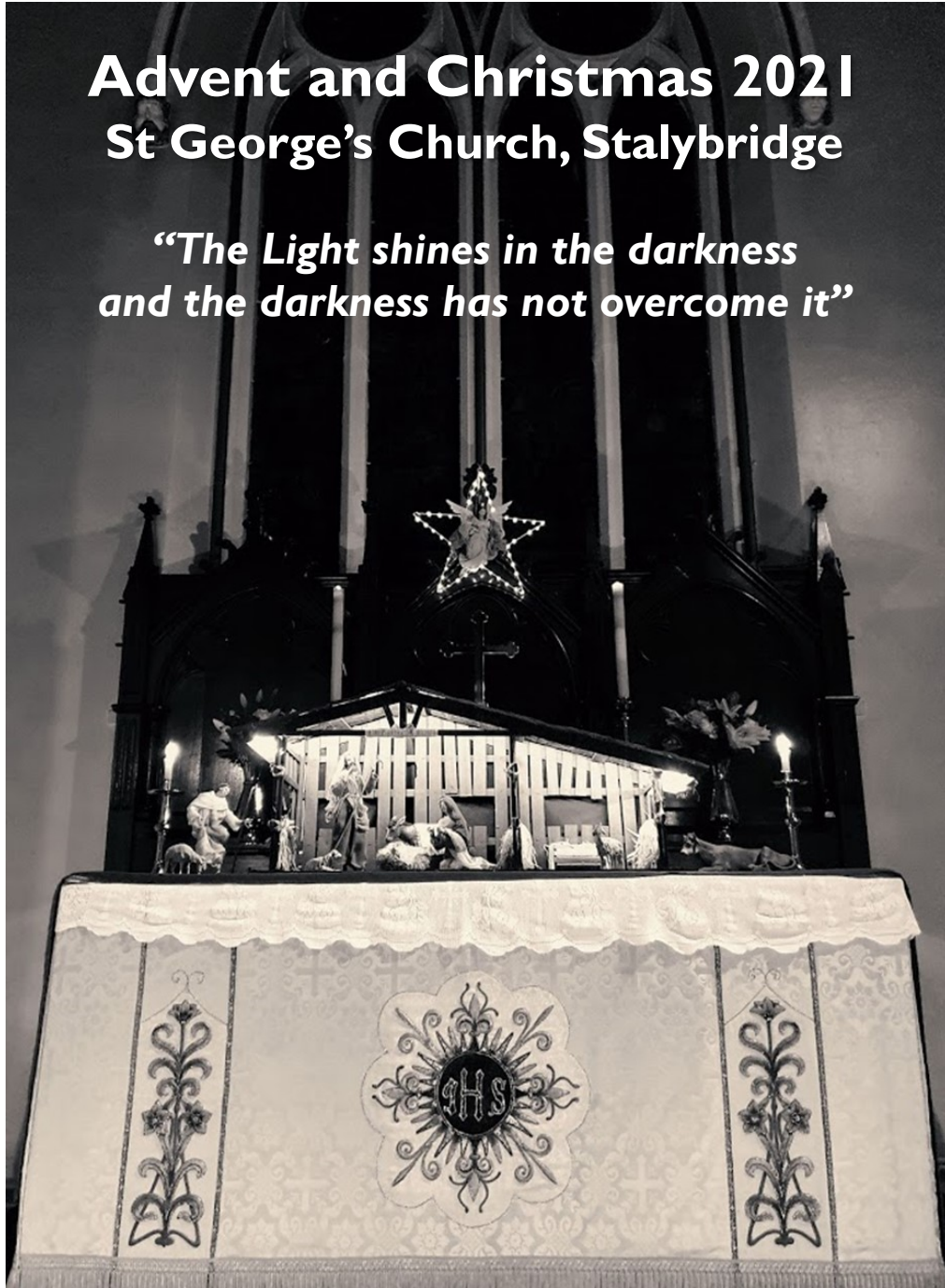
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**Advent and Christmas 2021  
St George's Church, Stalybridge**

*“The Light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it”*



**Sunday 5th December  
10.30am Holy Communion: Toy Service**

Donations of NEW toys invited for  
Action Together Toy Appeal

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
7pm A Christmas Concert**  
by Tameside Community Voices

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
10am-4pm Church Open with Memorial Trees  
Hang a star on the tree to remember loved ones this Christmas

**Sunday 19th December  
10.30am Holy Communion  
and Junior Church Nativity**

**6pm Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Friday 24th December  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
4pm Christingle and Blessing of the Crib  
11.30pm Midnight Mass**

**Saturday 25th December  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
10.30am Holy Communion**