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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 Book of Remembrance

1 Mar	Thomas Cowman	1984	13 Mar	William Bateman	1978
	George Harry Hobson	1984		Donald Feetham	1997
	Mary Bailey	1969		Beatrice Kelsall	1981
	Tom Bowden	1972		Christine Higgins	2010
	Joan Wheatley	1972	14 Mar	Frank Stones	1990
	Allen Marsden	1995	16 Mar	Daniel James Greenhalgh	2020
	Betty Curtis	2014	18 Mar	Thomas Williamson Thomson	1983
	Kenneth John Dodd	2017		Alma Nuttall	1991
2 Mar	George Jubb	1978		Roberto Luigi Pravisani	2005
	Gerard Postings	1996		David Rawsterne	2009
3 Mar	Tom Broadbent	1989	19 Mar	Thomas Green	1966
4 Mar	Jean Boyle (nee Smith)	2011	20 Mar	Ernest Sidebottom	1988
5 Mar	Dennis Harrison	1985	21 Mar	James Shenton	1964
	Rose Ann Quest	1991		John Duxbury	1985
6 Mar	James Wilkinson	1985		Regan Joseph Michael Tetlow	1988
	Albert Barber	1987		Frank Cooke Jackson	1993
	James Eric Hinchliffe	1999		Emmeline Elizabeth Heap	1997
	Barry Mutch	2008	23 Mar	Harold Moore	1996
	Ellen Johnson	2018		George James Crossland	2002
7 Mar	Henry Saxon	1977		James Wright	2001
	Sadie Shaw	1984		Ian Stuart Wharton	2014
	Jessie Mary Daly	1986	24 Mar	Alice Hardon	1989
8 Mar	Jane Norris	1969	26 Mar	Denis Patrick Daly	1984
	Margaret Cawley	1985		Samantha Jane Dunlop	1984
9 Mar	Gordon Wheatley	1998		Edward Noah Clayton	1989
	Joseph Sharpe	2000		Hilda Graham	2009
	Norman Nield	2005	27 Mar	Herbert Battersby	1965
10 Mar	Lewis Dain Gudger	2014		Theresa Aldred	1999
	Rosemary Andrew	2017		Mary Bardsley	1994
11 Mar	Sarah Ann Allsop	1986	28 Mar	Patricia Carter	2014
	Enid Longden	2014	29 Mar	William Spencer	2000
	Brian Jones	2008		Olive Stephenson	1985
12 Mar	Herbert Bardsley	1981		Bernard Joseph Walsh	2012
	James Turner	1987	30 Mar	Norman Stokes	1970
	Harold Webster	1987		William Forde Clarke	2005
	Mabel Sweeney	1991		John William Arthur Dale	2008
	Basil Kirk	1989		Maureen Bebbington	2016
	Mary Bailey	2014	31 Mar	Tom Grimes	1980
				Mark Press	1981



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

A huge thank you to everyone who is making sure that the life and ministry of St George's Church is continuing, albeit in different ways during this time.



We are continuing to collect for **Tameside East Foodbank**. If you'd like to contribute with items, do be in touch with Rev Penny.

We are doing our best to communicate with as many people as possible, by telephone, email, social media, post and running errands. Volunteers are still helping Penny to phone around church members and others who would like contact, so that we can keep in touch.

Please do be in touch if you would like to speak with someone, or you know someone who would (with their permission) or if there is anything we can do to help.



General Lay Training Pathway from the Diocese of Manchester

This new pathway opens up and offers wider access to current lay training courses and comes out of the Diocese of Manchester's vision to see all lay people empowered, enable and equipped; not just those seeking authorisation or licensing through our existing programmes such as Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) and Reader Ministry.

We currently have nine lay training courses available and the closing deadline for applications is **Sunday 7 March**.

- Children & Families Ministry
 - Community Outreach & Social Action
 - Ecology & Creation
 - Mission & Evangelism
 - Parish Admin, Finance & Governance
 - Pastoral Outreach & Listening
 - Prayer & Spirituality
 - Worship & Liturgy
- Youth Work (plus specialism)

**For more information, please see the
Manchester Diocesan Website or contact The Vicar.**



The Vicar writes...

Change is beginning to happen now. Spring is emerging ever more determinedly by the day, the numbers of Covid 19 cases are decreasing, the number of those vaccinated is increasing and the sun has even been making more frequent appearances over the past few days! The past weeks of "lockdown" have been extremely challenging but however small and still in the distance it seems now, hope is in sight. We look forward to the days when we can meet together again and fully embrace life and freedom.

One of the wonderful things that spring brings is a reminder of the speed with which the beauty of nature blossoms around us from tiny, seemingly insignificant shoots – from the dark and cold of winter and the hardness of the frozen ground there shoots forth new life and in the blinking of an eye flowers open and leaves unfold and appear on the trees. Birdsong has already picked up a pace as lighter days are heralded by a choir that certainly is still able to sing and praise God and the morning!

In his book, "Candles in the Dark", Rowan Williams writes of the first national "lockdown." He says, "*The God who begins the story of his world-shattering life in the midst of creation with that tiny, imperceptible change in the body of Mary, is still a God who works with tiny and hidden changes. In each of us, body and spirit, that same God is working now, so that Christmas and Good Friday and Easter will come alive in us, in ways we can't begin to imagine.*"

We continue our journey through Lent this March and at the end we enter into Holy Week, once more recalling the days of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection – a journey through days of darkness, hope and new life which promise us transformation and newness of life now and in the world to come.

With prayers and all good wishes,
Penny



Sundays

10.30am Parish Eucharist in church

12.15pm Junior Church (online)

6pm Sanctuary – Evening Prayers

(online and streamed to our Facebook page)

Tuesdays

10.30am Eucharist in church

Funerals in church can continue with a maximum of 30 people (including children) and no congregational singing.

Please be in touch if you need to discuss arrangements for baptisms and weddings.

A full risk assessment is in place and regularly revised.

We continue stringent hygiene and social distancing procedures.

You must not interact with anyone outside of your household/bubble. Please take your seats immediately as you arrive

and leave the building at the end of worship, when directed.

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

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APCM 2021

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 18th April 2021 after the morning service (time TBC)

Details to follow in the April Magazine.

Revision of the Electoral Roll: Please be in touch on 07393 420763 or email stgeorgestalybridge@gmail.com if you would like to be added or removed from the church electoral roll, or to make any corrections to your details which are held.

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St. George's College, Jerusalem A River Through the Desert A Lent Pilgrimage

We are invited by The Revd Liz Devall to join in a Lent Course with St John's Hurst Cross, alongside the Parish of Mossley also. The course is by St George's College, Jerusalem. Those taking part are

There are six sessions focusing on the physical features of the Holy Land to explore our faith through Lent. We meet on zoom on the following days at 7pm – don't worry if you missed the first session, you can join in as you wish.

Week 2 The Water Well	Wednesday 3rd March at 7pm
Week 3 The Mountain	Wednesday 10th March at 7pm
Week 4 The Sea	Wednesday 17th March at 7pm
Week 5 The Road	Tuesday 23rd March at 7pm
Week 6 The Garden	Wednesday 31st March at 7pm

Note the change of day from Wednesday to Tuesday on Week 5.

Each week the video and reflection will be sent via our weekly email newsletter. You can then watch the video before the zoom session and reflect on the questions for discussion.

If you wish to join us on zoom please let me know and we will send you the information to join.

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Monday 8th March 2021

A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change.
So let's all choose to challenge.

How will you help forge a gender equal world? Where can you name and challenge prejudice so we can make a better, equal future for women and men.

Celebrate women's achievement.

Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality.

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PARISH E-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.

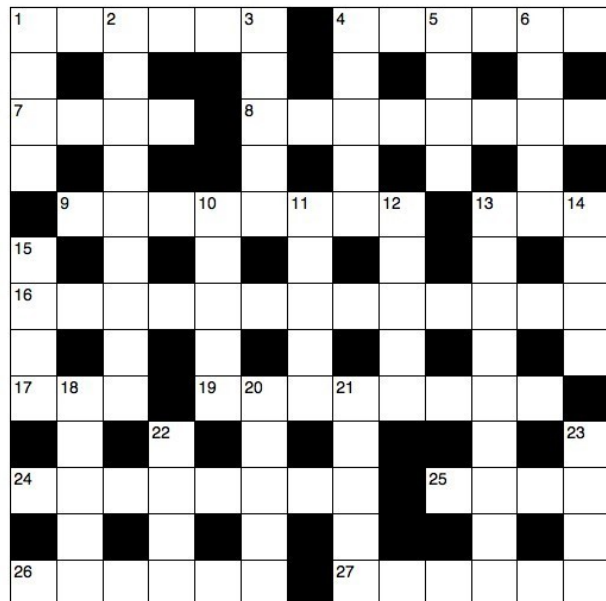
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March Crossword



Across

1 The earth is one (6), **4** 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6), **7** 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4), **8** The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8), **9** 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8), **13** Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3), **16** Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13), **17** Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3), **19** Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8), **24** What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8), **25** The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4), **26** 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6), **27** Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Down

1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4), **2** Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9), **3** Gospel leaflet (5), **4** Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18), **5** Tugs (anag.) (4), **6** To put forth (5), **10** Nationality associated with St Patrick (5), **11** Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5), **12** 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5), **13** At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9), **14** 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4), **15** Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4), **18** 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5), **20** Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5), **21** Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5), **22** Does (anag.) (4), **23** The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

Readings and Psalms for March 2021

Tues 2nd 10.30 Isaiah 1.10,16-20: Psalm 50.8,16-end; Matthew 23.1-12

Sun 7th **3rd Sunday of Lent**
10.30 **Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2. 13-22**

Tues 9th 10.30 Daniel 2.20-23; Psalm 25.3-10; Matthew 18.21-end

Sun 14th **4th Sunday of Lent *Mothering Sunday***
10.30 **Exodus 2.1-10; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19. 25b-27**

Tues 16th 10.30 Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; Psalm 46.1-8; John 5.1-3,5-16

Sun 21st **5th Sunday of Lent**
10.30 **Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33**

Tues 23rd 10.30 Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 102.1-3,16-23; John 8.21-30

HOLY WEEK

Sun 28th **Palm Sunday**
10.30 Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.1-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-end of 15

Tues 30th 10.30 Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-14; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36

Wed 31st 20.00 **Stations of the Cross online**

February Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN: 1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

that Slimming World feeling!

NEW

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MONDAY
AFTERNOON/
EVENINGS**

AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, STALYBRIDGE

Giving thanks for our vaccines!
From the Diocese of Manchester newsletter



The Diocese of Manchester has partnered with Christian Aid to give people an opportunity to give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccine and help others in crisis across the world.

Recognising the deep sense of relief and gratitude experienced by many people after being vaccinated, the two organisations have come together to enable people to pass the blessing on by making a donation to Christian Aid's Coronavirus Appeal.

Funds from the appeal are helping vulnerable communities around the world access soap, water, food and vital health information in the face of the pandemic. Many communities around the world face an uncertain wait for a vaccine as questions remain around the cost and timing of a global vaccine programme.

Christian Aid partners have so far directly helped over half a million people in 27 countries including distributing food packages to nearly 60,000 people struggling to feed their families after losing work during lockdown and the economic downturn.

Going forwards, Christian Aid will support vaccination programmes in communities by providing data on hard-to-reach populations to local health services and by working with trusted community figures to challenge misleading information about the virus and vaccination as well as any stigma faced by those who contract Covid-19.

Christian Aid's Head of Community Fundraising and Public Engagement Chine McDonald said: "The coronavirus pandemic has shown us that none of us are safe, until all of us are safe. It has been amazing to see the speed at which the vaccines have been rolled out in the UK – every jab in someone's arm brings us closer to the end of Covid-19.

"But the reality is that richer countries like ours are getting more access to vaccines, while the poorer countries in which Christian Aid works are left at the back of the queue. As a Christian organisation, we believe that every person is equal in the sight of God and worthy of living lives with dignity, equality and justice.

"We're delighted to work together with the Diocese of Manchester to give people an opportunity to say thanks and help protect our global neighbours while the vaccine is out of reach."

You can donate online here or leave a donation in an envelope marked "Thanks for Our Vaccine" in church

<https://events.tapsimple.org/page/christian-aid/giving-thanks-for-our-vaccines-in-the-diocese-of-manchester>

Paws for thought



Spring is definitely here now and its making me feel energetic! Now that the morning are brighter and the sun sets later I get far more playtime in the garden! I'm writing this quickly because the sun is out and I have a new ball to play with - I'm afraid I have to keep my priorities in order.

A message for the dogs of the parish I want to tell you about my exciting plans for Eastertide. I'm taking the lead in a fundraising activity in April and May and I'm encouraging you and your humans to join me! I want to support St George's Church and a charity that helps our human friends (I'm still thinking about which one as there are so many good ones to choose from!) I'm planning the details with churchwarden Val, and we'll

have lots more to tell you next month – including details of how to sponsor us, per mile or per paw-step!

A message to humans Please support your canine friends and neighbours in our fundraising endeavour! Everyone is encouraged to join in if they want to, so even if you are a human not owned by a dog but you like walking, you are welcome to join in too! We can all collar our friends and family into sponsoring us too!

The days are becoming brighter all round; there is much to be thankful for and much positivity and hope for the future. I'm looking forward to doing what I can and encouraging others to make a difference – we are in this together! I can't wait to give you all of the details next month... watch this space!

With love to you all,
Buddy



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The Real Easter Egg Orders

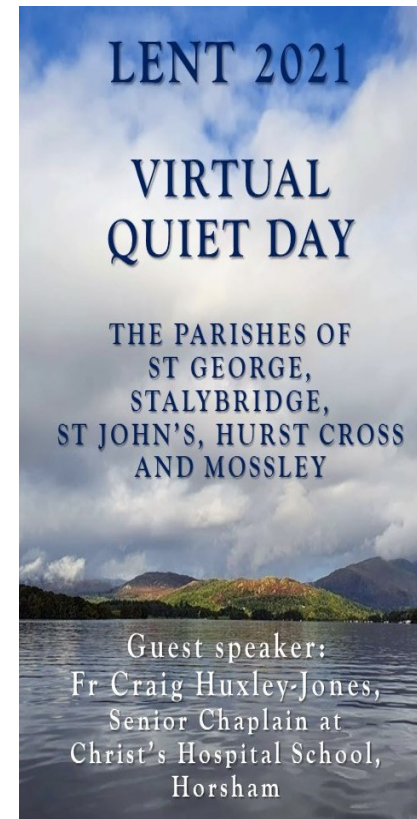
Orders are being taken for Fair Trade "Real"
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Last orders Thursday 18th March.

Eggs are to be available from Thursday 25th and may be picked up from church or delivered to doorsteps if local.

Please be in touch with Rose if you would like to order on 0161 303 1731.

Please put money in an envelope with your name and "Easter Eggs" and leave it in church.



Saturday 13th March

10am – 4.30pm

Make space and time for reflection and prayer with this special quiet day at home, with prayers and reflections via Zoom, prayer materials and prayer activities.

You are welcome to join in as much or as little as you wish.

Programme for the Day

*10am Morning Prayer and 1st Address
followed by time for individual prayer & reflection
12noon Midday Prayer and 2nd Address
followed by time for individual prayer & reflection
or optional prayer activities via Zoom
4pm Evening Prayer and 3rd Address*

*Please be in touch for further information
and the Zoom login details.*

Do you want to fast this Lent?

(Words of Pope Francis 2017)

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Holy Week this year will be celebrated in church with opportunities for worship online also. Most restrictions will still be in place, therefore services will be small and simple.

The telling of the story of our salvation will continue to be at the centre of all our worship during this most special week.

PALM SUNDAY 28th March

10.30am The Blessing of Palms and Parish Eucharist
2pm Family Worship via Zoom and Facebook

Tuesday 30th March

10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 31st March

8pm Stations of the Cross via Zoom

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April

8pm EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER

followed by the Stripping of the Altars and Watch of Prayer until 11pm

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April

10.30am THE LITURGY OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April

8pm The Easter Vigil

The first Eucharist of Easter, welcoming the light of Christ

EASTER DAY 4th April

9am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

12.15am Junior Church meets online

6pm Sanctuary – online worship for Easter Sunday

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**Family Worship
Sunday 28th March at 2pm**

Join via Zoom or watch live on Facebook
(those joining via Zoom will not be visible on the Facebook livestream)

If you'd like to join in, please have the following ready for our activity - making Easter gardens!

*A tray containing some soil,
Grass seeds or moss.*

Small stones.

A large stone.

A piece of small white cloth.

A small flower pot.

6 sticks (with string) to make into 3 crosses.

All are welcome to join in!

Please be in touch for the login details if you would like to join in by Zoom.

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200 Club

February Winners

1st prize £25 no 6 Rose Hayward , 2nd prize £15 no 49 Rod Mellor,
3rd prize £10 no 9 Jean Mc Manus