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*Then sings my soul...*

“HOW  
GREAT  
THOU ART”



**September 2021**



## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

### Baptisms

#### 8th August

Dior River Mai Little

Abbie Thomas

Leah Betts

#### 15th August

Matilda Grace Harrop

#### 29th August

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### Marriages

#### 7th August 2021

Robert Marsden and Rebecca Harris-Trew

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## 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



## The Vicar writes...

*“Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” Martin Luther King Jnr*



With tentative steps having been made throughout recent months, and us gently moving forward, this September might feel like we are taking the first real steps in beginning to rebuild as we are hopeful that many church activities will begin again. Groups for all ages are busy preparing for a fresh start, in a safe and positive way.

We host our Macmillan Coffee, Cake and Conversation on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September between 1pm and 3pm and that marks the start of church being open for all, every Thursday 1pm-3pm for refreshments, chat, crafts and simply a space to be with others or to have some quiet time in church. We are looking forward to Junior Church returning, choir beginning their practices again and we hope to celebrate a joyful Harvest Festival at the end of September!

The summer has seen weddings and baptisms celebrated once more, and we continue to care for grieving families by leading funerals, burials, and memorial services for their loved ones. Worship has continued. The life of the church is as alive as ever as we continue in our calling, to love and serve God and to love and serve our parish in God’s name.

We are very conscious however that Covid 19 has not gone away and will continue to monitor the situation and our response very carefully nevertheless those steps will be taken in faith.

For many this will be the first Parish Magazine you will have received in over a year. It has been of deep regret that Covid has meant that our regular rounds had to cease, and we are so delighted now to be able to deliver our full round once more! Thank you to all who make that possible and to all who subscribe and support. We are not charging for these copies and instead will have a full “relaunch” of the magazine for the year ahead – details to follow in October’s magazine.

With prayers and all good wishes as we take these next steps in faith. If there is anything that we can do to support you or your family, please do be in touch.

Rev. Penny

## **Sundays**

**9am Said Parish Eucharist**

**10.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns**

*We keep 2 services to help facilitate the needs of as many as possible.*

**First Sunday of the Month: 6pm Sanctuary – Evening Prayers**

*(online and streamed to our Facebook page)*

## **Tuesdays**

**10.30am Eucharist in church**

**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.*

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



### **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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## COVID 19 STEP FOUR UPDATE

*If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens.*

*Face coverings are no longer mandatory but are encouraged, especially when moving around the building.*

***Social distancing** 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** will now be sung on Sundays at 10.30am.*

*You are encouraged to ensure that you are well spaced around the church. You may choose to wear a face covering when singing.*

*It is expected that the choir will return in September for practice, and October for services.*

*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 pew. 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).*

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## DEMENTIA CAFÉ RETURNS!

You may remember (!) way back in January 2020, we started an initiative to host a Dementia Café here at St George's. We had only held three or four meetings when we were forced to close due to Covid. The rest, as they say, is history. I am thrilled to announce that we are reopening as from **17<sup>th</sup> September**.

Many of us have been affected by the diagnosis of dementia to a friend or relative and know first hand how devastating this disease can be. We aim to give the guest and their carer a safe place to get together for a chat, to share experiences, access vital support, take part in quizzes, crafts, games, music and not least enjoy a cuppa and cake!

We have already got a great band of volunteers and I plan to have a get together with them at church at 11.00am on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, to have a recap and also to get our heads around the measures which we need to put in place for everyone's safety and wellbeing. If you have not previously volunteered but would like to be involved then please come along on the 11th.

The meetings will be held on the first and third Fridays of the month between 1.30pm – 3.30pm. The only stipulations are that the guest must have a diagnosis of dementia and be accompanied by a carer. Whilst we are still feeling our way post Covid, places may be booked by ringing/texting me on 07714235736.

Chris Crabtree

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### August Crossword Solution

#### ACROSS

1 Mosaic; 4 Scales; 7 Cana; 8 Claudius; 9 Sadducee; 13 SLM; 16 Self-confident; 17 Sad; 19 Radiuses; 24 Shepherd; 25 Bind; 26 Astern; 27 Arthur

#### DOWN

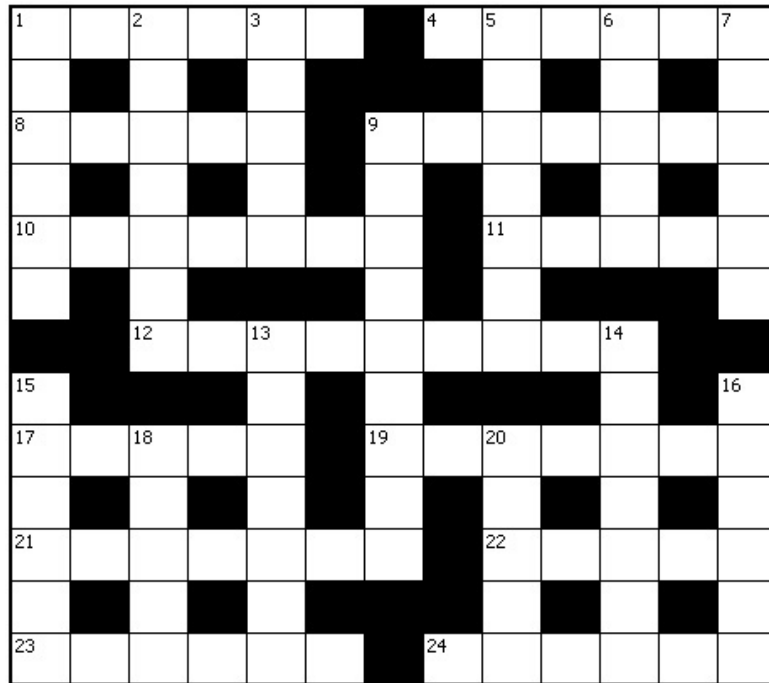
1 Mock; 2 Sandalled; 3 CICCU; 4 Share; 5 Aide; 6 Equal; 10 Décor; 11 Caned; 12 Elihu; 13 Sherebiah; 14 Moth; 15 Uses; 18 Ashes; 20 ASEAN; 21 India; 22 Apse; 23 Eder

### 200 Club

#### August Winners

1st prize £25 no14 Dorothy Davenport; 2nd prize £15 no88 Beth McManus; 3rd prize £10 no34 Karen Wright

## September Crossword



### Across

1 'Through [Christ] we have gained .... by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6), 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6), 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5), 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7), 10 Belgium's chief port (7), 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5), 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9), 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5), 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7), 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5), 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5) 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6), 24 'Out of the... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

### Down

1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6), 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7), 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5), 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4), 6 Lonny (anag.) (5), 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6), 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9), 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7), 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3), 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6), 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6), 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5), 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5).

## Readings and Psalms for September 2021

- Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** 14th Sunday after Trinity  
**10.30** Isaiah 35.4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2.1-10,14-17; Mark 7.24-end
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Colossians 2.6-15; Psalm 8; Luke 6.12-19
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** 15th Sunday after Trinity  
**10.30** Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-8; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 22.23-28; Philippians 2.6-11; John 3.13-17
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** 16th Sunday after Trinity  
**10.30** Wisdom 1.16-2.1,12,22; Psalm 54; James 3.13-4.3,7-8a; Mark 9.30-37
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30 Proverbs 3.13-18; Psalm 119.65-72; 2 Corinthians 4.1-6; Matthew 9.9-13
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Thanksgiving  
**10.30** Joel 2.21-27; Matthew 6.25-33  
**Worship for All**
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Zechariah 8.20-end; Psalm 87; Luke 9.51-56



### Sunday 5th September

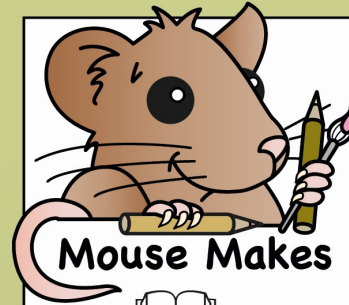
**We are delighted to welcome Junior Church back into the building!**

Young people are invited to bring their backpacks/book bags/school bags to be blessed for the academic year ahead (teachers can bring theirs too!) Each will receive a gift to remind them that God's blessing is with us always.

# that Slimming World feeling!

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Read this story in  
1 Kings 17:7-16

## The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.

She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said, "Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:  
WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW  
STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE  
OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY  
DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY



## Paws for thought

It was wonderful to see lots of humans from St George's Church at the vicarage here in Mossley for our tea party a few weeks ago. We managed to enjoy tea and cake outside in the garden and it only rained 15 minutes before the end – perfect timing!



I love having people to visit, however, I have to say that on this occasion I was a little disappointed. I am used to being the centre of attention. I have spent my whole life being the only vicarage pet and therefore receiving plenteous treats from visitors, but this time, those pesky hens in the back garden stole the show, being fed by all the children who attended!! Well really! Next they'll be trying for their own magazine column, "Homiletics by Hens" or something ridiculous!

Thankfully one guest had some spare treats in her pocket (thank you for sharing, Ava!) so I didn't miss out completely. It's probably good to share the limelight sometimes, I suppose, and the hens aren't allowed to live in the house like I am so, I will let it go... this time!

Lots of love,  
**Buddy**  
(and the hens!)



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# COFFEE, CAKE AND COMPANY

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

1pm-3pm

at St George's Church, Stalybridge

Cakes, drinks and conversation

– a friendly afternoon raising funds for a great cause!  
Please come along and invite your friends and family too!



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The next Confirmation service is **Sunday 10th October at 3pm at St George's, Stalybridge.**

(We will also welcome 3 candidates from St George's, Mossley too.) Bishop Mark Davies, the Bishop of Middleton will be the confirming Bishop.

**Preparation for confirmation** is a great opportunity for those being confirmed to reflect, discuss, and learn more about the Christian faith and the commitment that they are making in confirmation. There will be two preparation sessions in total. During these sessions we will look at what confirmation is, the Eucharist and receiving Holy Communion, what it means to be God's church and how faith impacts our lives.

*The two sessions will both be held at St George's Church, Stalybridge and are on:*

**Sunday 12th September 2pm-5pm**

**Saturday 2nd October 2pm-5pm**

*It is really important that those who intend to be confirmed attend both of these sessions.*

Please be in touch with Rev Penny for more information and if you would like to be confirmed.

## George's Kitchen

Many of you coming back to church for the first time following the lockdowns will have noticed a sparkling new kitchen! This has been funded by The Big Local Lottery fund to provide wholesome, nutritious food for those, primarily in the Ridge Hill area, who are isolated or vulnerable.



A happy band of volunteers have so far prepared and cooked hundreds of meals which have been enjoyed by many. St George's House was our first point of call to 'test' our processes and having passed the test, we are now ready to go out into the community.

Our meals are delivered frozen, ready to defrost and cook. They include Chicken Casserole, Beef Casserole, Cottage Pie, Tuna and Broccoli Pasta Bake and Pasta Bolognese. We also have vegetarian options. There is no charge for our meals.

If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from receiving one of our meals, then please speak to Val Fallows or Andrew Watkins.

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### **\*\*TAMESIDE COMMUNITY VOICES\*\***

are pleased to announce that we're back rehearsing in St. George's once more after an 18 month absence. Our comeback rehearsal is Thursday 9th September and we can't wait!!!

Ever since the start of the pandemic we have had rehearsals at home using Facebook and the take up was very good and some weeks attracting over 80 members and friends singing along to songs from our repertoire. We surprisingly managed to learn 4 new pieces during this time apart.

We also met for an outdoor picnic and sing on Arlies Lane field in July 2020 and 2021 which gave us a real boost. But to be able to sing again in St. George's and to possibly look forward to our next concert will be so welcome.

We are so grateful to be ... 'back where we belong'. Thank you



## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 9am Said Holy Communion 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL Worship for all**

*Harvest gifts are invited for the Booth Centre,  
working with the homeless in Manchester & for Tameside East Foodbank  
(donations will be divided between the two)*

*Please donate coffee, sugar, biscuits, squash, tinned meat, potatoes, veg and beans, rice, noodles, pasta and sauces, jam, cereal, porridge oats, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary towels, shower gel and other toiletries.*

## **The Lord will help us**

I came across a lovely verse from the Bible which really made an impact on me so I thought I'd share it with you. It comes from 1 Samuel 7 verse 12

*'Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." '*

During the current challenging time when we've had so many things to be concerned about and the temptation to seek to organise tomorrow before it arrives it's a good reminder to remember that the future is in God's hands and He can be trusted. As Samuel honoured God, He took care of Israel's enemies (verse 10).

He set up a stone to remind the people that the Lord has helped them thus far and the future is secure. So I have set a stone outside my house (see picture) as a reminder to me that I can find my rest in God every time I leave my house.

Maybe you could do the same and follow Samuel's example.

*Joyce Hansell*

