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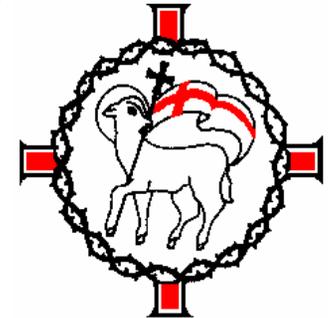
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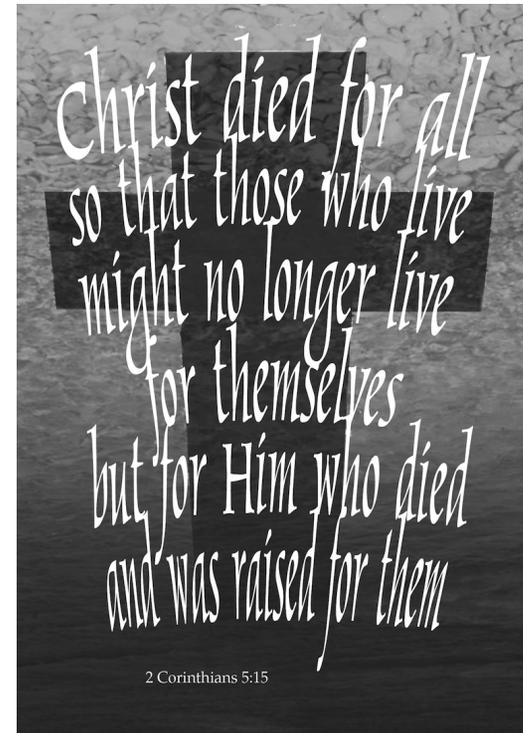
# St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



Diocese of Manchester



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**May 2011**

## St George's Church Stalybridge

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### Worship

#### Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Sunday School (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

#### Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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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 one of the clergy or Wardens.

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## Happy 400th Birthday, King James Bible!

On 2 May it will be exactly 400 years since the King James Version of the Bible was first published. The Authorised Version, as it is also known, has sold more than one billion copies since it was first published in 1611. It is arguable that there has been no more important single publication, as its impact on culture and language over the last 400 years has been huge around the world. Not only has it inspired great art, music and literature, but it has changed lives and shaped whole societies.



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"HAVEN'T YOU ONE WITH A WHITE NECK?"

## Readings and Psalms for May 2011

<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> 10.45 Acts 2.14a,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-end
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 Proverbs 15.28-end; Psalm 119.9-16; Ephesians 4.7-16; Mark 13.5-13
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> 8.30 Acts 2.14a,36-41; Luke 24.13-35 10.45 Acts 2.14a,36-41; Psalm 116.1-3, 10-end; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Acts 7.51-8.1a; Psalm 31.1-5,16; John 6.30-35
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> 10.45 Acts 2.42-end; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-end; John 10.1-10
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Acts 11.19-26; Psalm 87; John 10.22-30
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> 8.30 Acts 7.55-end; John 14.1-14 10.45 Acts 7.55-end; John 14.1-14 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Acts 14.19-end; Psalm 145.10-end; John 14.27-end
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> 10.45 Acts 17.22-32; Psalm 66.7-18; 1 Peter 3.13-end; John 14.15-21
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 Zephaniah 3.14-18; Psalm 113; Romans 12.9-16; Luke 1.39-49

## April Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate. **DOWN:** 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome

## From the Registers

### Baptisms



#### 13th March

Charlotte Grace Arrundale, Saxon Avenue, Dukinfield  
Olivia Grace Lamb, Lassell Fold, Hyde

#### 20th March

Oliver John Dockerty, Stonecliffe Avenue, Stalybridge  
Megan Sian Unwin, Broadhill Road, Stalybridge

#### 17 April

Olivia Louise Hurley, Elm Tree Close, Stalybridge

### Funerals



### From Our Book of Remembrance

May 1	Stephen Mark Young	2009	May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979
May 2	Annie Selby	1975		William Hamnett Tonge	2006
	Derek Kay	2009	May 17	William Henry Priestley	1950
May 4	Harry Wright	1981		Bessie Travis	1991
	Martha Keating	1996	May 18	Abel Ollerenshaw	1967
May 6	Evelyn Parkinson	1902	May 19	Clarice Barber	1976
	William Cooper	1970		William Dale	1967
	Martha Kinder	1987	May 21	Gladys Lowe	1996
May 8	Agnes Winifred Barker	1979	May 22	James Geoffrey Brayshaw	1970
May 9	Alice Day	1966		George Henry Cope	1970
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
	Redeyoff			Agnes Waddington	2007
	Mary Miller (nee Higgins)	2010	May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986	May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
May 15	May Blease	1999	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
	Mary Woolley	2008	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010

### 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 or one of the clergy.

The cost for the special inscription is £7.50 per entry

*As we have no 'From the Vicar' at the moment some members of the congregation have kindly agreed to take it in turn to write the lead article. This month Keith gives us an insight into the role of a Chaplain.*

Dear All,

As most you are aware, about the turn of the year I started in my role as a part time member of the chaplaincy team at Manchester International Airport. The origins of this go back almost four years to when I was in training and as part of that training we had to spend forty hours in a secular placement. This could be done over a period of time, or, as I did it, over a dedicated week. For reasons which are still not clear to me, chaplaincies in hospitals seemed the most popular among my colleagues but, as I personally can't get out of the places fast enough (don't ask me why – like most people I've had good reason to be thankful for them over the years) I decided against this. The next most popular was the prison chaplaincy service which, speaking as a retired copper, seemed to me to pose potential ethical problems so I looked around. As I was (and still am) a chaplain to the Sea Cadet Corps I enquired about a period with the Royal Naval Chaplaincy Service but Ministry of Defence regulations scuppered that plan! During my last years with Greater Manchester Police (GMP) I had become friendly with the Railway Mission chaplain for Greater Manchester but I would have had to obtain a Personal Track Safety Certificate (for visiting trackside installations not accessible to the public) which cost money for both the two day course plus the medical examination. The irony of this situation was that I was qualified until I retired from the police, because I was a member of the team that policed the Metrolink network! Hence I spent a week at the airport in August 2007 and went back for a review with the lead chaplain a few months later to enable him to compose his report. It was at this juncture he asked me if I would be interested in joining him in the future if a vacancy cropped up. Last autumn I received a telephone call asking me if I was still interested and, if so, could I attend for interview, the next day!

I never thought that ten-plus years after retiring from GMP I would be answering questions about firearms, explosives, aviation security and world politics/warfare but such is the requirement for security vetting to enable me to go pretty well anywhere in that vast complex employing some twenty thousand people, many on shift patterns of one sort or another. The country's third biggest airport is a 24/7/365

operation and the chaplaincy is under the direction of the lead chaplain who happens to be Anglican and his assistant who is a Roman Catholic deacon, ably assisted by a personal assistant who knows the airport like the back of her hand. There are a number of volunteers like myself of various denominations plus a Rabbi and an Imam.

So what do chaplains do? First, something about what they don't do. They don't go about courting popularity with the airlines so as to enjoy discounted air travel! As with all chaplaincies the essence is to be available to people (staff and passengers) of all faiths or none. Note I say 'faiths' as opposed to 'denominations' because the distinction is important; not every chaplain can be present at all times so initial contact may have to be referred to somebody else depending upon the circumstances. In the short time I have been there I have been involved in repatriations of people in straitened circumstances, a family returning home after the death of their three year old child abroad and whose body was to follow and the meeting of an estranged mother (from abroad) and son in connection with a Scottish police enquiry. The chaplaincy also assists the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from time to time when minors or young women are returned home, e.g. taken abroad by one parent after a dispute or in the latter case it could be from a forced marriage. During the severe weather in the New Year there were many stranded passengers of many nationalities arriving off flights diverted to Manchester at short notice, as well as crews, all in unfamiliar surroundings. Great credit should be paid to the staff who made such arrangements as were possible under the circumstances. More than once I have been approached and asked to pray for someone in trouble abroad or perhaps in prison, not always related to travel. Prayer rooms for use by all faiths are available in all terminals; note that they are not referred to as 'chapels' which could imply use by Christians only. I was surprised but gladdened to discover that it is not unknown for Christians and Muslims (airport workers) to pray at the same time as each other during their meal break time. Good news indeed!

Morning prayers (Christian) are normally said Monday to Friday in the prayer room in terminal one at 0830 and if I am on an evening duty evening prayer too. So, if you are passing through please keep your eyes peeled. You just never know who may have spotted you – it has happened already.

Keith.

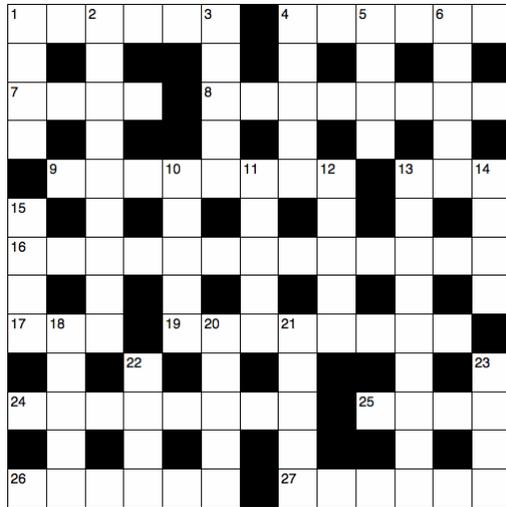
## Some dates for your diary May 2011

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist &amp; Baptism with Guest Very Revd. Roger Govender</b>
		<b>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3</b>
Tuesday	3rd	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist Archdeacons Visitation at
Wednesday	4th	7.30p.m. St. Michael, Ashton-under-Lyne
Thursday	5th	Election Day - Open All Day For Voting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Revd. Roger Farnworth &amp; Junior Church</b>
Tuesday	10th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.30p.m. Deanery Synod Eucharist presided by Bishop Mark
Thursday	12th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Saturday	14th	11.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Spring Fair
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b> <b>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3</b>
Tuesday	17th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council
Thursday	19th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10.45a.m. Worship For All</b>
Tuesday	24th	10.45a.m. Holy Eucharist
Thursday	26th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Revd. Canon Ron Cassidy</b> <b>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1</b>

### 8.30a.m. Holy Communion Service from February 2011

During the time that we are without a Vicar - the 8.30a.m. service of Holy Communion will be celebrated only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

## May Crossword



### CLUES

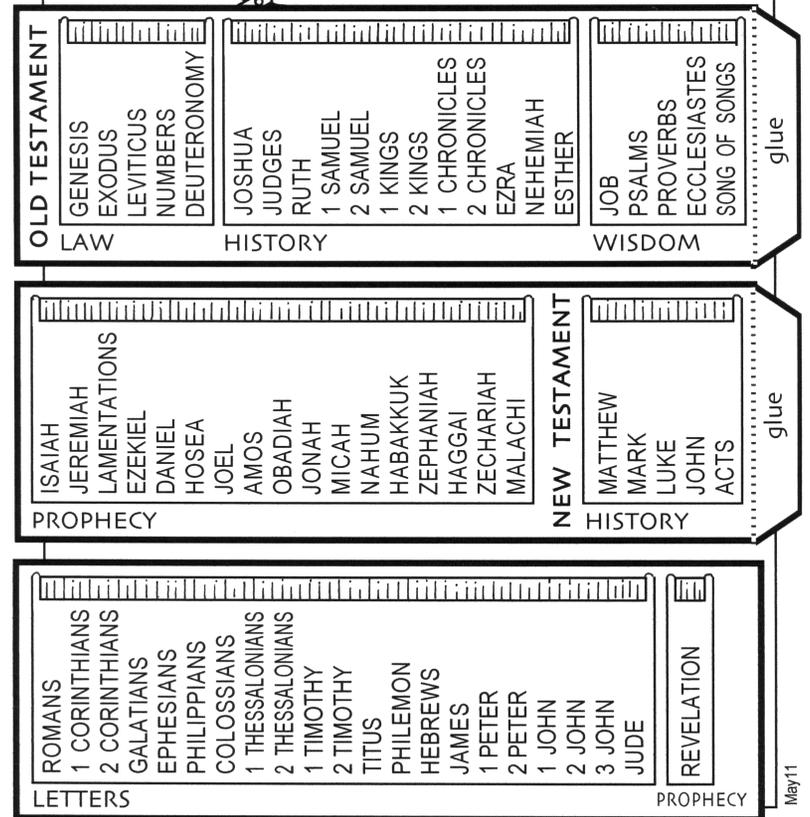
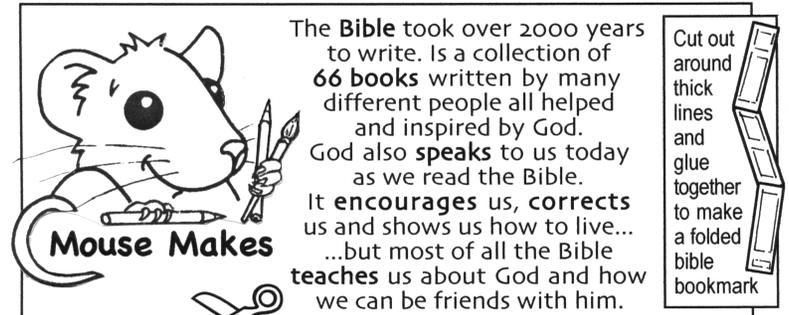
#### Across

1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6), 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6), 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4), 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8), 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8), 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3), 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13), 17 Rap (anag.) (3), 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8), 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8), 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4), 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone —' (Isaiah 53:6) (6), 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

#### Down

1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4), 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9), 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5), 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5), 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4), 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5), 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5), 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5), 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5), 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9), 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4), 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4), 18 Cares (anag.) (5), 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5), 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3), 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4), 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

## Children's Page



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### With a little help from my Friends

On 5<sup>th</sup> May one member of St. George's, Ruth Wrigley will celebrate her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. In 2005 she was given the news that her sight was so poor she was to be registered blind. She told me "I always remember the date – 29<sup>th</sup> December – because I thought to myself and a very happy new year to you too!"

Nowadays she manages to cram quite a lot into each week. One day each week she gets a taxi, picks a friend up, goes to a bank for her housekeeping, then on to the supermarket for shopping. Between them they choose ready meals for the week then, shopping done, they are off to The Time of your Life club in Stalybridge. At home later another of her young friends Joan Vickers (80 this year) reads out the cooking instructions while Ruth writes them out in big letters with a thick black pen. Pierce lid or peel off cover; 2 minutes or 5 in the microwave. Then with an elastic band to hold them on and she's sorted for the week. As Joan hasn't been too well this winter Ruth's twin daughters have been standing in for her.

Margaret and Alan or Rose will bring Ruth to church for our Sunday and Tuesday services, to the Fair Trade afternoon teas and anything else that's going on. We do miss her once a month at our Tuesday service when she's off with her friends in the walking group organized for the blind by Tameside. They visit different local places like Portland Basin in Ashton, and the park in Hyde where there is a brilliant café in Baylay Hall. The Park Café is well worth a visit. It has been set up to give people with learning disabilities the opportunity to improve their chances of getting a job by working in a busy café.

Not one to sit still for long Ruth is our Tuesday washer or wiper-up after coffee and often comes to church to help clean the brasses with Margaret. When harvest time comes round member of our church visit her garden to cut lots of the greenery which helps decorate the church.

As the song by the Beatles says, Ruth gets by with a little help from her friends and from all of us we send our love and best wishes to her on her 88<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations and a very Happy Birthday Ruth.**



## Summertime.

It sure is nice to have those warm summers back again. Even nicer to be able sit out in the garden and do a spot of sunbathing, or if you are of a mind, get some gardening done and maybe a chat with a neighbour or a passing friend. Then, as the evening comes and the house is a little warm and stuffy, what a relief to leave a window or two open. Yep! Something we've all been looking forward to after such a long cold winter.

Sadly, there are other people who have been looking forward to this time of year! They are the opportunist thieves, the distraction burglars and con men. This is the time of year when crime in our communities increases at an alarming rate. However, there are simple steps we can all take to help prevent damage to our property, our personal belongings such as TV's computers and/or laptops, mowers and even garden furnishings from being stolen.

It really is a simple case of being more aware and security conscious. By all means enjoy the lovely weather, enjoy chatting, enjoy gardening and enjoy doing nothing but lie around just dozing. But please lock all your doors and windows when you go out or retire to bed.

Don't leave any kind of gardening equipment lying around; criminals will use anything they can lay their hands on to gain entrance to your homes which more often than not leaves you with expensive repair bills and often emotional distress.

Its best not to be a victim so please exercise care and if you should see anything suspicious please telephone the police. They would rather attend to a false alarm than make a visit to a distressed victim of crime.

One very good way of helping to protect your valuables and property is to become a member of a Home-watch scheme. Check to see if there is one in your area and if no scheme exists, then maybe you could consider helping to start such a scheme?

If you live in this parish please feel free to contact PC Mike Devine or any member of his team, they are, SC 00747 Tracey Edwards & PCSO's Gary Etechells and Sue Parker.

You can contact them on 0161-856-9511/9549 Mobile No 07766994992 conversely send an email to [tameside.east@gmp.police.uk](mailto:tameside.east@gmp.police.uk) when a member of the team will get back to you and explain the benefits of belonging to a scheme.

## Thank You

On retiring as your Warden I want to thank and pay tribute to all those who make the warden's task easier. The fabric committee keep our building repaired and our graveyard tidy, the grass is cut, rubbish is cleared and we now have a scheme where for a small sum the headstones can be cleaned.

It probably isn't common knowledge that for most improvements in the church we have to have a faculty from the Diocese, this can be quite a complicated and lengthy process, but once again it has been taken on by a member of our congregation, for which I have been very grateful.

Our services are enhanced and enriched by the organist and choir, also our linen is kept in pristine condition.

All our brass work is gleaming, and that doesn't happen without some elbow grease.

All our Clergy are conscientious and where we would be without them I don't know.

So please join with me in praying for and supporting our present Wardens Janet and Gillian as they take on the legal responsibility for St. George's during our time without a Vicar.

Nancy

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## THANK YOU, NANCY

If we had a penny for all the jobs you've done  
Whilst you have been churchwarden (which sometimes isn't fun!!),  
We would, indeed, be richly blessed – and that we truly are  
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Reliable and faithful, approachable, discreet,  
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Your unassuming manner belies a heart of gold  
And, as you pass the mantle on, we think you should be told  
That we are truly grateful for the selfless things you've done,  
And hope that your "retirement" is a long and happy one.

# SPRING FAIR

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
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## Wordsearch for May

After Easter there are 40 days until Ascension, and this year that takes us all the way through May. May is a time of flowers, festivals, concerts, fayres.... it is a time to be out and about! In May we also remember Mark the Evangelist and Philip and James, the apostles. May closes with what the Church calls the Feast of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, which looks back to when Mary left Nazareth and went over the mountains to Hebron, south of Jerusalem, to see her cousin Elizabeth. The event is related in Luke 1:39-57. Feeling the presence of the unborn Jesus, John, upon the arrival of Mary, leaped in the womb of his mother.

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