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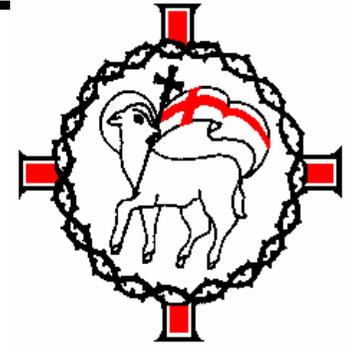
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Worship

Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Sunday School (4 th 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.

For Baptisms, marriages and funerals please phone the Vicarage and follow the information given.

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From the Registers

Baptisms



4 September

Roman Vincent Harris, Eskdale Terrace, Stalybridge
Paris Angel Harris, Eskdale Terrace, Stalybridge

18 September

Ella Mae Pymm, Turf Lane, Chadderton
Jacob William Crowther, Minster Court, Beverley, E. Yorkshire

Marriages



3 September

Sharon and Tony Beresford (Rededication of marriage vows)

24 September

Roy Moody and Alexandra Susan Chorlton

Funerals



24 August

Harry Prince (71) Tower Street, Dukinfield

1 September

Alan Dyke (69) Ridge Hill lane, Stalybridge

8 September

Marjorie Quarmby (75) Demesne Crescent, Stalybridge

20 September

Alan Yates (76) Clarendon Road, Denton

22 September

Derek Platt (81) The Sycamores, Hyde, formerly of Stocks Lane,
Stalybridge

23 September

Richard Atherton (78) Victoria Street, Stalybridge
Harold Cooper (90) Holme Lea Residential Care Home, Astley
Road, Stalybridge

Keith Stewart writes this month lead article:

Dear All,

The first week of July saw me on my travels again, this time to Bangor in North Wales to attend the annual conference of the Society of Catholic Priests of which I am a member. I travelled by train and I have to say that I found the journey slightly depressing. Why? Well, back in 1962 I left school in Chester and started work on what was then British Rail, at Chester. Prior to that, many family holidays were taken at various places along the North Wales coast and all our trips in those days were by train. Then as now, yours truly was something of a train buff (apparently this is an unofficial qualification for Anglican clergy!) and so I became quite familiar with the route from Chester, past its famous Roodee racecourse and over the border towards Prestatyn, Rhyl, Abergele, Colwyn Bay and so on. In those days it was four tracks nearly all the way, every station had its own signal box, buildings and sidings, etc., plus (steam) engine sheds at Rhyl, Llandudno Junction, Bangor and Holyhead. This latter was the principal port for the ferries to/from Southern Ireland and received large imports of live cattle which were transported by special freight trains to many parts of the country.

Today, most of that old railway infrastructure has gone, much of it as a result of the cuts implemented by Doctor Beeching and most of it is now a simplified, conventional two track route controlled from just a few signal boxes covering wide areas. The new A55 Expressway road now occupies much of the coast, quite literally in places, complete with its no-expenses spared tunnels at various places and in some locations the entire railway line was moved to make way for it. Still, nothing can remain as it was forever, nor other things, including the church.

As you will have seen elsewhere, this year marks the four hundredth anniversary of the King James Bible, rarely heard in many churches today, including St. George's. It was, therefore, quite uplifting for me to be able to preside recently at an evening service of Holy Communion to mark our anniversary Sunday, using both this bible and the Book of Common Prayer, the latter, of course, containing the appropriate Collect, Epistle and Gospel reading between its covers. As one of the (sadly) few attendees remarked, much simpler that needing a specially printed service booklet, pew sheet and bible. Some of us are old enough to remember attending church when that was the norm but, as I say above, nothing last forever. However, here's something to think on. Have you ever thought why it is that whenever there's a 'church' item in a radio or television programme, it is always quotes from these two books that are used? Considering that Thomas Cranmer didn't intend the Book of Common Prayer simply to be followed slavishly, it's worth considering if his work has permeated much deeper than we think. Will the "News of the World" still be quoted four hundred years hence? Here, I must declare an interest; I am also a member of the Prayer Book Society. Not bad for a self-confessed "Philistine" if I say so myself!

Please allow me to make it plain that I am not against Common Worship such as we use at St. George's and many other churches, but, if you look at the book from which the material is drawn, you will soon see that it offers a multiplicity of alternatives from which to choose. Nothing wrong with that, but it can make things seem a little strange if visiting another church, e.g., if on holiday. A few years ago,

Juliana and myself attended a morning service of Holy Communion at a small village church in another part of the country at which we were each handed two hymn books, a service booklet, a pew sheet, a bible and.....a prayer book! I must stress were made very welcome even if we had problems following the service!

Change of course is constantly happening, or evolving, but sometimes it is worth pondering if it is always for the right reasons. The late doctor Beeching is often held up as responsible for cutting much of Britain's rail network, especially in the more remote parts of our country. I don't think this is altogether fair, after all wasn't he commissioned to do so by the then Minister of Transport, one Ernest Marples? Of course, the fact that the latter had some connection with the road building firm Marples-Ridgeway might just have been a coincidence, mightn't it? I wonder if that situation would be tolerated today? Not all change is bad.

So, back to the object of my sojourn in Bangor. We were accommodated in excellent facilities at that city's university and kindly allowed the use of a nearby Roman Catholic Church for morning and evening prayers plus a service of Holy Communion. This was a very kind gesture by that church but it should not lead the reader to misunderstand what the Society of Catholic Priests is about. This is an Anglican organization, whose members may be in full time ministry, self-supporting (such as myself) or in the various branches of Anglican chaplaincy services and is open to both male and female priests.

The Society has the following objects:-

The formation and support of priestly spirituality, and
The promotion of catholic (note the small "c") evangelism.

As with all societies, it has its rules for guidance and the good of all, but we don't prowl around in darkened shrines with lighted candles! I find membership enlightening, helpful, down to earth and fun. On being admitted, the new member (who, remember, can be male or female) is required to make certain promises which should be renewed annually, such as at the Annual General Meeting. It is here, of course that the Society's prayer is heard and which I reproduce below:-

Father,
We thank you that you have called us to your service,
to feed your people by word and sacrament.
By the power of your Spirit,
keep us faithful to you and to those in our care.
Keep united in the bonds of peace and love the members of our Society,
that by sharing in Christ's priesthood here on earth,
we may come to share in the joys of his eternal kingdom,
where He reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever. Amen.

With every blessing

Keith.

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Readings and Psalms for October 2011

Sun 2 nd	15th Sunday after Trinity
10.45	Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.8-16; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-end
Tues 4 th	10.30 Jonah 3; Psalm 130; Luke 10.38-end
Sun 9 th	16th Sunday after Trinity
8.30	Isaiah 25.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14
10.45	Isaiah 21.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22. 1-14
Tues 11 th	10.30 Romans 1.16-25; Psalm 19.1-4; Luke 11.37-41
Sun 16 th	17th Sunday after Trinity
10.45	Isaiah 45.1-7; Psalm 96.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22
Tues 18 th	10.30 Acts 16.6-12a; Psalm 145.1-7; Luke 10.1-19
Sun 23 rd	Bible Sunday
8.30	Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12; Matthew 24.30-35
10.45	Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12; Matthew 24.30-35 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 25 th	10.30 Romans 8.18-25; Psalm 126; Luke 13.18-21
Sun 30 th	All Saint's Day
10.45	Revelation 7.9-end; Psalm 34.1-10; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12
15.00	Lamentations 3.17-26,31-33; Psalm 27; John 6.37-40

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.

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	Walter Meadowcroft	1980		Herbert Battersby	2009
2 Oct	Joseph Parkinson	1966	16 Oct	William Parkinson	1899
	Minnie Duffin	2004		Gillian Checkley	2007
3 Oct	Harry Shaw	1986	17 Oct	Albert Wood	1972
	Paul Thomas Sykes	1992	19 Oct	Harry Hamilton	1975
4 Oct	Harry Lees	1984		Dorothy Turner	2006
	Barbara Robinson	2007	22 Oct	Stuart Priestley	1968
	Vera Redfern	2008	23 Oct	Sidney Moorcroft	1989
	Gladys Worsnip	2002	25 Oct	Myfanwy Spencer	1985
6 Oct	Esther Wheal	1983		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
8 Oct	Olivia Haigh	1988	26 Oct	Dennis Selby	1981
9 Oct	Ethel Stokes	1981		Alice Kershaw Wood	1983
	Alfred Benjamin Street	2007	27 Oct	Paul Quarmby	2004
10 Oct	George Harry Garnett	1993		Norrie Stewart	2007
	Paulette Davenport	2009	28 Oct	Ethel May Nuttall	2007
11 Oct	Margaret Bates	1980		Lily Burgess	2010
12 Oct	Alice Brierley	1985	29 Oct	John McKee	1986
	Ellen Ridgway	2001		Kyle Richard Turner	1987
13 Oct	Doreen Kay	2004		Eric Lister Jones	1995
14 Oct	George Alan Wilson	2010		Edna Smyth	2004

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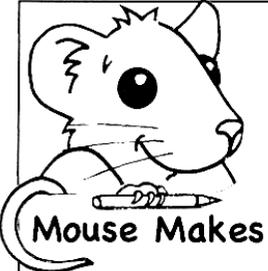
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To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book,
and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a
word with one of the wardens or one of the clergy.

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The gospel is good news. But Jesus never said it was
easy news.

Charles Colson



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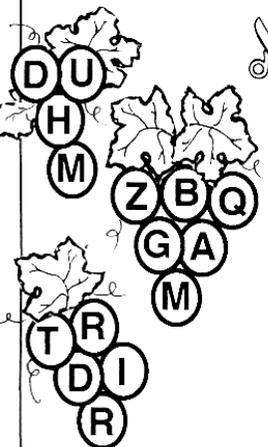
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Jesus said:
I am the VINE

Jesus said
"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be

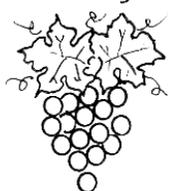
you are the branches





Change each letter on the grapes to the one after it in the alphabet then rearrange to find the words

John 15:1



clean and bear more fruit...
...A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.
I am the vine, and you are the branches.
Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me."

John 15
verses 1-2,4-5

Some dates for your diary - October 2011

Saturday	1st	7.00p.m.	Quiz Night
Sunday	2nd	10.45a.m.	15th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 22 Parish Eucharist & Junior Church with Guest Revd Dr Chris Bracegirdle
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 1
Tuesday	4th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	6th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Meeting 1st Practice
Friday	7th	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Cllr C. Patrick - Surgery
Sunday	9th	8.30a.m.	16th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 23 Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Baptism with Guest Revd Avis Gordon - Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 1
Tuesday	11th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	13th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sunday	16th	10.45a.m.	17th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 24 Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
Tuesday	18th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8.00p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thursday	20th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Saturday	22nd	2.00p.m.. to 4.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon
Sunday	23rd	8.30a.m.	Last (18th) Sunday after Trinity - Proper 25 Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m.	Worship For All
Tuesday	25th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	27th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sunday	30th	10.45a.m.	All Saint's Day Parish Eucharist with Guest Revd Chris Bracegirdle - Junior Church
		3.00p.m.	All Soul's Service

QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER

St George's is holding a Quiz Night in the church lounge on Saturday 1st October 2011 starting at 7.00p.m.



Cost is £4 per team of 4 with a maximum of 10 teams. Cost includes supper of Potato or Cheese Pie. Bring your own alcoholic drinks

These have always been very popular and enjoyable nights so if you would like to enter a team please sign on the list in church or e-mail stgwarden@hotmail.co.uk

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Inspired by 'Changing Rooms', James had painted the medieval stonework of Holy Trinity a fetching shade of lime green.

September Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Foreigners. 7, Accepts. 8, Pilot. 10, Toss. 11, Knitwear. 13, Foment. 15, Came to. 17, Lighting. 18, Nisi. 21, Yearn. 22, Worn-out. 23, Fatherless.

DOWN: 1, Facts. 2, Ripe. 3, Insane. 4, Nephtoah. 5, Relieve. 6, Faithfully. 9, Terrorists. 12, One tenth. 14, Magdala. 16, Answer. 19, Irons. 20, Tree.

I know it is only the start of October but it's time to start thinking again about our shoe box appeal and the article below may give you some new ideas for what to put in yours.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes and the Olympics

This autumn, when it comes to choosing gifts for your shoe box for needy children in Eastern Europe and Africa, why not do an 'Olympic themed' shoe box? As well as giving you the chance to do something a bit different with your shoeboxes, this is also your chance to send

sporty items out to needy children in our world – children who might otherwise not have the chance to experience the joy of sport for themselves.

GIFTS: You might want to include a tennis ball, skipping rope, baseball hat, small football, inflatable beach ball, stop watch, sweat bands, swim goggles, toy medals or some other sports-related gift that would bring a smile to a child!

BOX: Decorate your shoebox with Olympic stickers, drawings or even try and get hold of wrapping paper with a sporty theme.

MESSAGE: Add a message to your child, stating that the shoebox has come from the home of the next Olympics and that you hope they enjoy the sports items you've included in your box for them to play with.

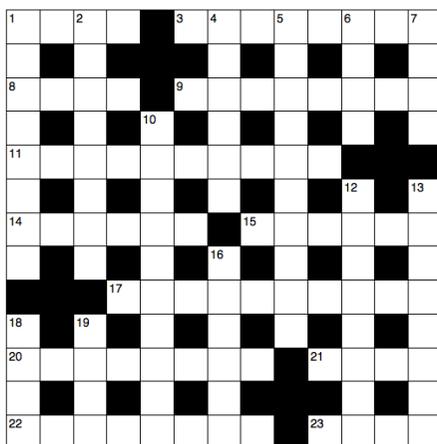
For more details of the Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal speak to George Vernon or visit: www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/

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Don't forget British Summer Time ends at 2 am on Sunday 30th October. The clocks go back one hour.

October Crossword



Across

- 1 Grandson of Mered and his Judean wife (1 Chronicles 4:18) (4)
 3 He said of Jesus, 'This man has done nothing wrong' (Luke 23:40-41) (8)
 8 Herb with pleasantly scented roots, present in the Beloved's orchard (Song of Songs 4:13) (4)
 9 What God brought Sarah with the birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:6) (8)
 11 Port on the Red Sea where King Solomon built ships (1 Kings 9:26) (5,5)
 14 Donald —, Archbishop of Canterbury 1974-80 (6)
 15 Cereal (Ezekiel 4:9) (6)
 17 Jesus' description of a Pharisee (Matthew 23:24) (5,5)
 20 Not as widely used at church services nowadays as used to be the case (8)
 21 '— all your anxiety on him because he cares for you' (1 Peter 5:7) (4)
 22 One of the three strands of Methodism united in 1932 (8)
 23 'They broke bread in their homes and ate together with — and sincere hearts' (Acts 2:46) (4)

Down

- 1 The rebuke of 3 Across, 'Don't you fear God... since you are under the same —?' (Luke 23:40) (8)
 2 Horse-drawn vehicle used by King Solomon (Song of Songs 3:9) (8)
 4 Dearer (anag.) (6)
 5 One-time editor of Punch and controversial writer and broadcaster who became a noted Christian, Malcolm — (10)
 6 'When you sit to dine with a ruler, — well what is before you' (Proverbs 23:1) (4)
 7 'God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both — and Christ' (Acts 2:36) (4)
 10 One description of the inspired nature of scripture (10)
 12 'The Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be — — —' (1 Corinthians 15:28) (3,2,3)
 13 Recognized as valid (1 Samuel 3:20) (8)
 16 A long A (anag.) (6)
 18 'For God does not — favouritism' (Romans 2:11) (4)
 19 Comes between Joel and Obadiah (4)



Fairtrade, Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us. We have enjoyed doing them and it has been very pleasant to get together with our friends and occasional visitors. We hope we are friendly and welcoming with time to chat and have tea/coffee and cakes. Our recent "treat" has been home-made scones (with Fairtrade jam) made by my friend and neighbour Dilys. They have been a great success and she makes them as her contribution, at no cost to us.

Many requests have been made for Dilys' recipe and so here it is.

Tea scones.

1lb 8ozs flour

Half a level teasp.salt

6 ozs Marg.

3 ozs caster sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$ pt milk.

Rub fat into flour, add sugar,

Use milk to make a soft dough.

Roll out to half an inch thick and brush with milk before baking in a preheated oven gas mark 8/450 deg F for 7-10 minutes.

Makes 30 scones

 We make some money in the kitchen, between £20-£60, which goes to the current appeal, at the moment it is the "Boiler Fund".

From the sales of Fairtrade products, usually between £70-£100, we get 10% for church funds and, as we say, every little helps!

We meet once a month so do try and join us. It helps to keep us in the family of the church, in comfort and at leisure, to enjoy each other's company. All who come into our little gatherings are welcomed and we like to think we are "open" for anyone who is not a regular member of our church.

Our next Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday, 22nd October, in the lounge, which is fully accessible, from 2pm until 4pm.

Thank you all once again, from Rose, Ann and all the helpers.

Sunday 23rd October is Bible Sunday

With this in mind we have invited Mr Ron Brammer from the Gideon Society to speak to us at our 10.45 service.

He will have a display in the lounge which will also be at our Fair Trade Afternoon on the day before—Saturday 22nd October.

He has also sent us the item below to explain their work.

Janet.

About the Gideons

The Gideons is an association of Christian business and professional men and their wives who believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

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They place Bibles in hotel bedrooms where a succession of readers can find the Word of God. New Testaments are placed beside hospital beds and in homes for the elderly. Personal copies are presented to young people in senior schools and they are encouraged to read a section every day. Personal copies are also presented to students in universities and colleges, and members of the medical profession, police, fire and ambulance services and the armed forces.

The Association started in 1899 in the U.S.A. and in Britain in 1949. Its members now distribute Scriptures in more than 175 countries. Over one billion copies have been distributed world-wide by The Gideons.

The Gideon logo is a jar with a flaming torch, like those used by Gideon's army in their night attack, set on a dark blue background and surrounded by a gold circle which represents the trumpet (for the full story read the book of Judges chapters 6 & 7).



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How would you explain God?

This was written by an 8 year old, Danny Dutton for a homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God.

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your Mum and Dad's head asking him for something they said you couldn't have.

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in my town. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his Father and he told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

"His Dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp or to school, but God can. It is good to know he's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids."

"But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God."