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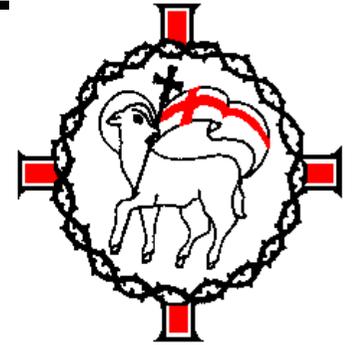
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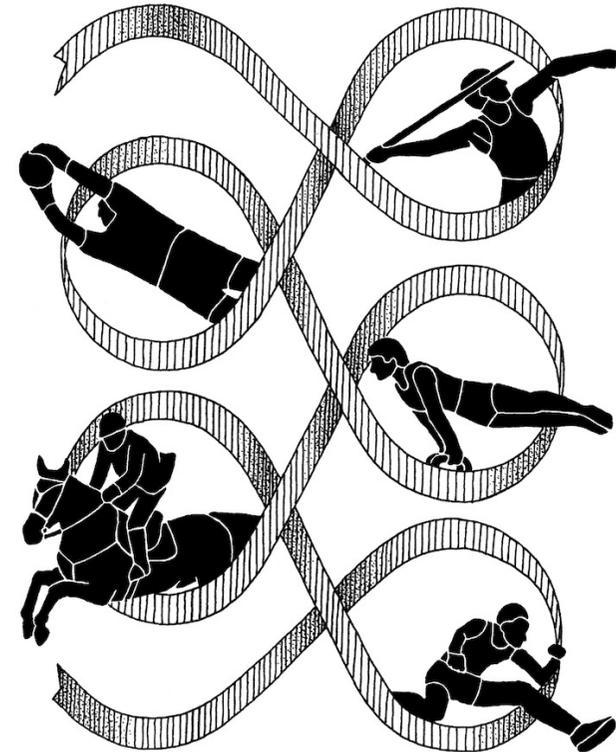
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Worship

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.

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3 June

Joel Curtis Lomas, Pilling Street, Denton

Jack James Gough, Windermere Road, Stalybridge

17 June

Zachary George Preger, Buckton Vale Mews, Carrbrook, Stalybridge

Funerals



30 May

Albert Hopwood, Queensway, Dukinfield

22 June

Leslie Adnett (78) Cambridge Street, Stalybridge

25 June

Renee Arrowsmith (81) Reece Court, Dukinfield

From Our Book of Remembrance

Jul 1	Kenneth Gee	2008	Jul 19	Hilda Saville	1986
Jul 4	Norman Carter	1966		James Arthur Wright	2009
	Leonard Haigh	1976	Jul 25	Joseph Jones Davies	1949
Jul 5	Jason James Brander	2007		Constance Marshall	2002
Jul 6	Derek Arthur Castle	2003	Jul 26	Joseph Sidney Holt	1954
	Kathleen Hague	2007		Dorothy Thomson	2003
Jul 7	Denis Ireson	1980		Arlene Lesley Lancake	2006
Jul 11	Florence Reynolds	1997	Jul 27	John Whalley	1970
	Lily Margaret Stanley	2004		Beatrice Buckley	1992
Jul 12	Robert Smyth	2004	Jul 28	Robert Docherty	2008
Jul 13	Andrew Liepins	1981	Jul 29	Matthew Gordon Wood	1981
Jul 15	Fred Holt	1951	Jul 30	Alan Jackson	1988
	Mary Emma Grimshaw	1975		Minnie Millin	1994
	David Fred Harding	2006		Alice Connor	2007
Jul 16	Margaret Mary Noonan	1997	Jul 31	Clara Cope	1961
Jul 17	Lorraine Whalley	2008		Marjorie Tetlow	2000
				Florence Cooper	2002



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 £10 per entry

This month George Vernon writes on behalf of the Fabric Committee about the upkeep of St George's.

Keeping our church alive



This article is an acknowledgement to all who have assisted in the improvements to our church over the past couple of years. Without the commitment and generosity of so many people and grants from local bodies we could not have achieved our aims. They certainly make our church more user-friendly. Now they are in place we need to look after them. Our sit-on tractor mower is proving absolutely essential in keeping the grass in the fine, neat condition it can now be found. We simply could not manage without it and are indebted to those funding it some years ago.

It is necessary to have a regular maintenance plan to ensure that our building and grounds are kept in as good a condition as possible- not an easy task with a Grade Two Listed Building. This is effectively managed by our small fabric team which really does need some recruits, all of whom would be most welcome- please step forward!!

Starting with our peaceful, garden of Remembrance; Whilst it was always intended it remain 'clean-cut' and simple- plaques and flowers decaying can sometimes detract – it seems we should reconsider these aspects in order to meet relatives expectations in this regard and the church Council will address it in due course.. Moving onto the New lighting system in church, after much testing and trying various lighting angles, I think we have landed on the best available and the effect is much improved. Together with the insulation of our loft space, and installation of new, efficient boilers, we are now seeing significant reductions in power consumption which is good news in these cash-strapped times. I

think we will all agree the new, improved pathway to the church's front door is a boon. It now offers a much improved facility, especially for weddings where dresses and shoes are better protected from being spoiled from muddy pathways as in the past.

Once again, thank you all for your contributions and work done in an effort to continually improve our church for its members and local community. On this theme in particular, I can advise that we are currently in the midst of preparing a bid to the English Heritage Lottery Fund. This is for a grant to enable us to renew our roof parapet gutters. These are in a most precarious condition and only keep out rainwater through continual repair and maintenance which very soon will not be achievable - they will have become un-repairable. Our roof too needs much attention and the whole building and surrounding perimeter wall requires re-pointing work on a significant scale. This work cannot be funded by ourselves. Fund-raising on a grand scale is our only way forward- hence our upcoming bid. We have been unsuccessful on two previous occasions owing to more urgent cases than ours taking the limited monies available. As time has gone by, let us all hope we may be luckier this time-thank you.

George Vernon

Fabric Committee

June 2012

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Readings and Psalms for July 2012

Sun 1 st	4th Sunday after Trinity	10.45	Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-15;2.23-24; Canticle: Lamentations 3.22-33; 2 Corinthians 8.7-end; Mark 5.21-end
Tues 3 rd	10.30		Habakkuk 2.1-4; Psalm 31.1-6; Ephesians 2.19-end; John 20.24-29
Sun 8 th	5th Sunday after Trinity	8.30	Ezekiel 2.1-5; Mark 6.1-13
	10.45		Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13
Tues 10 th	10.30		Hosea 8.4-7,11-13; Psalm 103.8-12; Matthew 9.32-end
Sun 15 th	6th Sunday after Trinity	10.45	Amos 7.7-15; Psalm 85.8-end; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29
Tues 17 th	10.30		Isaiah 7.1-9; Psalm 48.1-7; Matthew 11.20-24
Sun 22 nd	7th Sunday after Trinity	8.30	Song of Solomon 3.1-4; John 20.1-2,11-18
	10.45		Song of Solomon 3.1-4; John 20.1-2,11-18 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 24 th	10.30		Micah 7.14-15,18-20; Psalm 85.1-7; Matthew 12.46-end
Sun 29 th	8th Sunday after Trinity	10.45	2 Kings 4.42-end; Psalm 145.10-19; Ephesians 3.14-end; John 6.1-21
Tues 31 st	10.30		Jeremiah 14.17-end; Psalm 79.8-end; Matthew 13.36-43

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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Wordsearch for July

The Olympics are finally here! There is fantastic sporting action ahead of us this month, as the best sports men and women in the world converge on London to compete for those ultimate prizes. Just about everything the human body can do will be put to the test in the coming weeks, in a staggering variety of sports...

- Olympics
- Jump
- Run
- Swimming
- Cycling
- canoe
- Triple
- Volleyball
- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Fencing
- Diving
- Gymnastics
- Judo
- Handball
- Hockey
- Rowing
- Sailing
- Shooting
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Wrestling
- weightlifting

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Mouse Makes

I RAN TO WIN

I HAVE COMPETED WELL

I FINISHED THE RACE

In his letter to the Christians in Corinth the Apostle Paul encourages them to be like the athletes that trained for the Olympic games: to be disciplined, to keep going, and to never give up.
 READ 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

"Run your best in the race of faith and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you..."
 1 Timothy 6:12

Make your own athlete's medal:
 Glue this page onto card.
 Cut out each medal then cut out the ribbon slots (you may need help with this) Thread on 60cm of ribbon.
 Wear your medal with pride!

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Some dates for your diary—July 2012

Sunday	1st	4th Sunday after Trinity-Propser 8	10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
			12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3
Tuesday	3rd		No Morning Service
Thursday	5th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Saturday	7th	1.30p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	8th	5th Sunday after Trinity-Propser 9	8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
			10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest
			12.30p.m. Interment of Ashes
	10th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	12th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sunday	15th	6th Sunday after Trinity-Propser 10	10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest
			12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
Tuesday	17th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	19th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Saturday	21st	2.00p.m.	to 4.00pm Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sunday	22nd	7th Sunday after Trinity-Propser 11	8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
			10.45a.m. Worship For All
Tuesday	24th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Sunday	29th	8th Sunday after Trinity	10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest
Tuesday	31st	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist

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Smile Lines

With holidays approaching

Holiday: something you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer.

Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains? (A question for anyone holidaying in the Lake District or Wales!)

For those about to fly away to foreign parts

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the 'terminal'?

Why do you need a driving license to buy alcohol in America, when you can't drink and drive?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes when he had the chance?

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.



"Mrs Hargreaves, you've been watching too much of the Olympics gymnastics!"

June Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

DOWN: 1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, presents his point of view on the Olympics ...

The way I see it: Welcome to the real Olympics!

Just to set the record straight, the Olympic Games - yes, the events that will bring much of London to a standstill this month - were founded in 776BC in ancient Greece. They involved athletics, poetry and music and were held at Olympia (hence their title), a centre for the worship of Zeus. You may recall that mount Olympus - the highest point in Greece - was the dwelling place of the gods and goddesses of Greek and Roman religion.

Once the Christian faith prevailed in the Roman Empire the Games were abolished, in the fourth century AD. What we have this month is a modern revival of the Games, the brain-child of a Frenchman, Pierre de Coubertin. It was he who memorably declared that the object of the Games was not the winning but the taking part.

The ancient Olympic Games had no element of international competition, no rankings, no flags or national anthems. The youth of the world were invited to Olympia to test their prowess against others - not just athletically, as we have noted, but artistically.

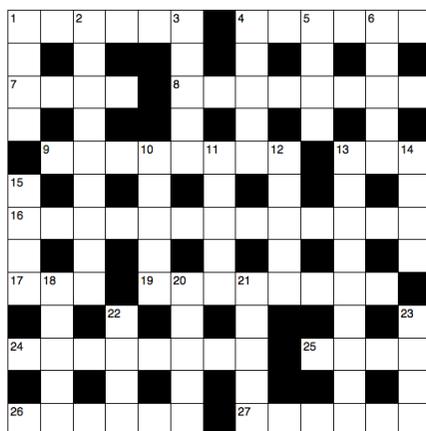
By contrast, the modern Games have become a celebration of national triumphalism, a notion far removed from the original Greek model, but also foreign to the vision of de Coubertin. He would have deplored medals tables, anthems, flag-raising and all the media hype that surrounds perceived national success or failure. Patriotic pride has attached itself to the accumulation of gold medals - many in Britain will write this year's Games off as a failure if Team GB does not win more of them than we did last time.

The ancient Games are conspicuous in the New Testament, especially in the letters of St Paul. He must have been a bit of an athletics fan, because time and again he reverts to the Games for illustrations of Christian pilgrimage. The marathon was the greatest of all the contests, and that provided him with the perfect picture of the faithful life, from the starting line to the distant finish.

The Christian competes, but not against the other runners. Our contest is with all the things that will distract us, slow us down, divert our eyes from the ultimate goal. And at the end of the marathon of life there is the prize, the 'crown of glory' - not just for the winner, but for everyone who completes the course.

'I have fought the good fight', he writes. 'I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' Not won, you notice, but finished. And for that, he says, he will receive the crown - 'and not only me but all who have longed to see him' (2 Timothy 4:8). The apostle and the founder of the modern Games would agree on one thing for sure. The prize is not for winning, but for taking part.

July Crossword



Across

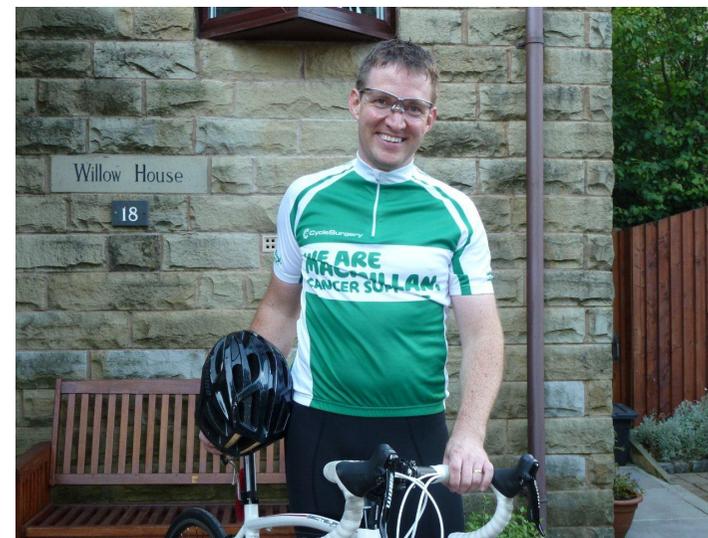
- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
 8 See 5 Down
 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

Manchester to Blackpool Bike Race

On Sunday 8th of July Matthias Hohmann is cycling from Manchester to Blackpool in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. He is hoping to complete this race in 4 hours but most of all is hoping to complete it! Dianne and the children hope he takes longer so they can play out in Blackpool for longer!! If anyone wants to sponsor him any amount welcome they can do this at www.justgiving.com/Matthias-Hohmann He has been training hard every weekend, and even cycling to work. So fingers crossed he should do it!




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Diamond Jubilee

This month we offer you the sixth in a series on Queen Elizabeth II, looking back down the 60 years of her reign. David Winter, former head of Religion for the BBC, has compiled this for us. This month we consider...

Far beyond these Shores

I imagine every British monarch has had one event during their reign that served to remind them that 'uneasy lies the head that wears the crown', as Shakespeare put it. There have been several for Queen Elizabeth, some family, some personal, but there was one long-running controversy back in the nineteen-sixties and seventies which represented an unusual challenge to her authority. It seems a long while ago now, though the country involved still manages to stir up controversy from time to time. That country was Rhodesia, or Zimbabwe, as it's now known.

Named after Cecil Rhodes, who discovered the country's enormous mineral wealth, it was one of several African lands which were the scene of political unrest fifty years ago. The others - Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) and Nyasaland (now Malawi) - moved from exclusively white rule to multi-racial government, though not without some pain.

Southern Rhodesia set its face against any such progress. The Rhodesian prime minister, Ian Smith, refused to countenance sharing power with black Rhodesians and in 1965 declared UDI (Unilateral Declaration of Independence). The Queen herself became involved, suspending the Constitution. Eventually, in 1970 the former colony became a republic with a constitution embodying permanent white majority rule. It was not recognised by the United Nations, and economic sanctions and international diplomatic pressure followed.

Eventually, the inevitable happened. Ian Smith's regime fell, and under the new name of Zimbabwe the country became an independent multi-racial nation. The transfer of government was supervised by Britain, but the new president, Robert Mugabe, failed to bring the different racial and tribal groups together and increasingly presided over what was recognised as a 'failed' state. In 2002 her membership of the Commonwealth was suspended by the other member states, and the next year Robert Mugabe took Zimbabwe out of the Commonwealth altogether.

We may remember that the young Elizabeth at the age of twenty-one had promised that her 'whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of that great imperial family to which we belong'.

Twenty years later she described very effectively the change which had come over that 'imperial family'. The Commonwealth, she said, 'bears no resemblance to the Empire of the past'.

There is surely little doubt that the whole Zimbabwean issue would have represented for her a great personal disappointment. Yet, as Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia said long ago, the transformation of Empire into Commonwealth 'was an achievement made possible because of the personality of Queen Elizabeth. Without that, many of us would have left'.

In her jubilee year, we do well to remember that her dignity, wisdom and foresight are highly valued not only at home, but across the world.

Love her, love her corgis!

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee has had an unexpected impact on little dogs with short legs, short tails and big ears: the Pembroke Welsh Corgi. After years of decline in popularity, there has been a 37 per cent interest in the breed in the past four months, as people go online, looking to buy a puppy.

The Find a Puppy website reports that nearly 6,000 people so far this year have been looking to buy a Pembroke corgi puppy. "It is a wonderful tribute to the Queen," says Caroline Kisko of the Kennel Club. "Dogs go in and out of fashion, so after a long period of worrying decline for the corgi breeds, it is reassuring to see an increase in numbers."

Corgis were first introduced to the Royal Family by King George VI. In 1933 he bought a Corgi puppy, called Dookie, from a local kennel. For her 18th birthday, the Queen was given a Corgi named Susan. The Queen currently owns three corgis: Monty, Willow and Holly. The dogs travel with her to the various residences, with Her Majesty looking after them herself, as far as her busy schedule will allow.

