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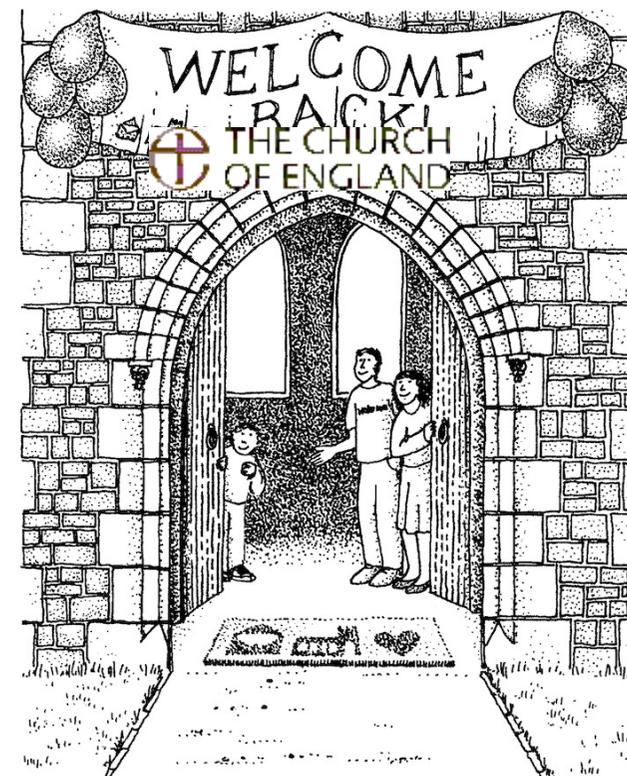
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September 2012

St George's Church Stalybridge

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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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From the Registers

Baptisms



5 August

Finlay Luke Procter, The Lakes, Maeen 2, Villa 50, Dubai, UAE
Sienna Alice Tracey, Crowwood Drive, Millbrook, Stalybridge

19 August

Alexa Louise Speakes, Hamilton Street, Stalybridge

Weddings



25 August

David Peter Wilde and Hannah Deborah Craig

Funerals



26 August

Interment of ashes

Joyce Hopwood (87) Elm Tree Close, Stalybridge

31 August

John Marshall (93) Fir Trees Nursing Home, Dukinfield, formerly of West Street, Stalybridge

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Sep	Thomas Martin	1974	10 Sep	Boris Buckley	2006
	Freda Butler	2010	23 Sep	Harold Barnfield	1992
2 Sep	Ida Mawdsley	1998		Mary Louise Harris	1975
	Mabel Ethel Shaw	1988		Edith Jubb	1992
4 Sep	Eric Clegg	1993	24 Sep	Harry Mitchell Lister	1929
5 Sep	Betty Denby	1963		George Ronald Scott	1979
	Ruth Sutton	1997	28 Sep	Alma Cuttle	1985
7 Sep	George Sayce	1985		Mary Jane Higgins	2005
	Mary Sidebottom	1987		Raymond Peter Redfern	2007
8 Sep	Harold Thwaites	1957	29 Sep	Harry Rawsterne	2009
9 Sep	William Grimshaw	1974	30 Sep	Reginald Aldred	1998



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

Wherever you are!

I have been thinking recently about the above song title that was made famous by the Military Wives Choir (and most recently Tameside Community Voices!) and it set me thinking about what it is like to be a Christian in our world today.

There are many people that we meet in our day to day lives that have no church connections at all and the only way they are going to find out about how much they are loved by God and what Jesus has done is what they see and hear in the newspapers, on television or by meeting those of us who can witness to that fact.

However, if we leave it to newspapers and television they are often not reliable when it comes to telling the truth. Quite often they go in for sensationalism instead of portraying the love and care Jesus has for everyone – as that can come across as not being newsworthy. Yet, we have probably the greatest news EVER that needs far more coverage than anything else that is broadcast in the media.

A dear friend shared this little story with me and I think it is so true. It is about a scientist who supposedly discovered a cure for a major disease that was killing everyone on the planet and yet that scientist chose to keep this information all to himself and not share the cure.

We would think that would be a crazy thing to do, wouldn't we? Yet we who know that Jesus died so that our sins might be forgiven and that our future is secure knowing that He is preparing a place for us in Heaven – and this is available for EVERYONE if only they too would welcome Him into their lives – are often as reluctant as the scientist in telling others this Good News (The Gospel).

So going back to the song 'Wherever you are' it serves as a timely reminder that we are a witness for Jesus on a daily basis wherever we are and people are viewing our relationship with Him by the words we say, the actions we take and the way we live our lives.

May I finish by sharing a poem that sums up all these thoughts really well:-

The Gospel According To You by Leroy Brownlow

There's a Gospel according to Matthew; To Mark;
To Luke, and John too.
There's another Gospel that many are reading...
The Gospel according to You.

The teachings we find in the Bible
Are facts we know to be true;
You must live them to make them the Gospel...
The Gospel according to You.

Many read not the words of the Bible,
I will tell you what some of them do...
They are reading the book You are writing...
The Gospel according to you.

There's Great Power in Gospel Preaching,
The Bible teaches this is true.
But the sermon most likely to influence others
Is the Gospel according to You.

God help us to be faithful to Jesus...
To live all His teachings so true,
So that all may see His Spirit
In the Gospel according to You.

You are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day;
By things that you do; By things you say.
Others read that gospel, whether faithless or true!
Say! What is the Gospel According To You?

Joyce Hansell

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Readings and Psalms for September 2012

Sun 2 nd	13th Sunday after Trinity 10.45 Deuteronomy 4.1,2,6-9; Psalm 15; James 1.17-end; Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23
Tues 4 th	10.30 1 Corinthians 2.10b-end; Psalm 145.10-17; Luke 4.31-37
Sun 9 th	14th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 Isaiah 35.4-7a; Mark 7.24-end 10.45 Isaiah 35.4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2.1-10,14-17; Mark 7.24-end
Tues 11 th	10.30 1 Corinthians 6.1-11; Psalm 149.1-5; Luke 6.12-19
Sun 19 th	15th Sunday after Trinity 10.45 Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-8; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end
Tues 18 th	10.30 1 Corinthians 12.12-14,27-end; Psalm 100; Luke 7.11-17
Sun 23 rd	Harvest Thanksgiving - Back to Church Sunday 8.30 Joel 2.21-27; Matthew 6.25-33 10.45 Joel 2.21-27; Matthew 6.25-33 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 25 th	10.30 Proverbs 21.1-6,10-13; Psalm 119.1-8; Luke 8.19-21
Sun 30 th	17th Sunday after Trinity 10.45 Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29; Psalm 19.7-end; Luke 9.38-end

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 September

September sees the close of the Paralympics, as it is time to go back to school, and Back to Church (Sunday). This year also marks several notable anniversaries. It is 50 years ago this month that the Beatles recorded their first single, 'Love Me Do'; 40 years this month since the American swimmer Mark Spitz became first person to win seven gold medals at a single Olympics games; 20 years this month since the Black Wednesday sterling crisis; and 15 years this month since the UK was plunged into mourning at the funeral of Princess Diana.

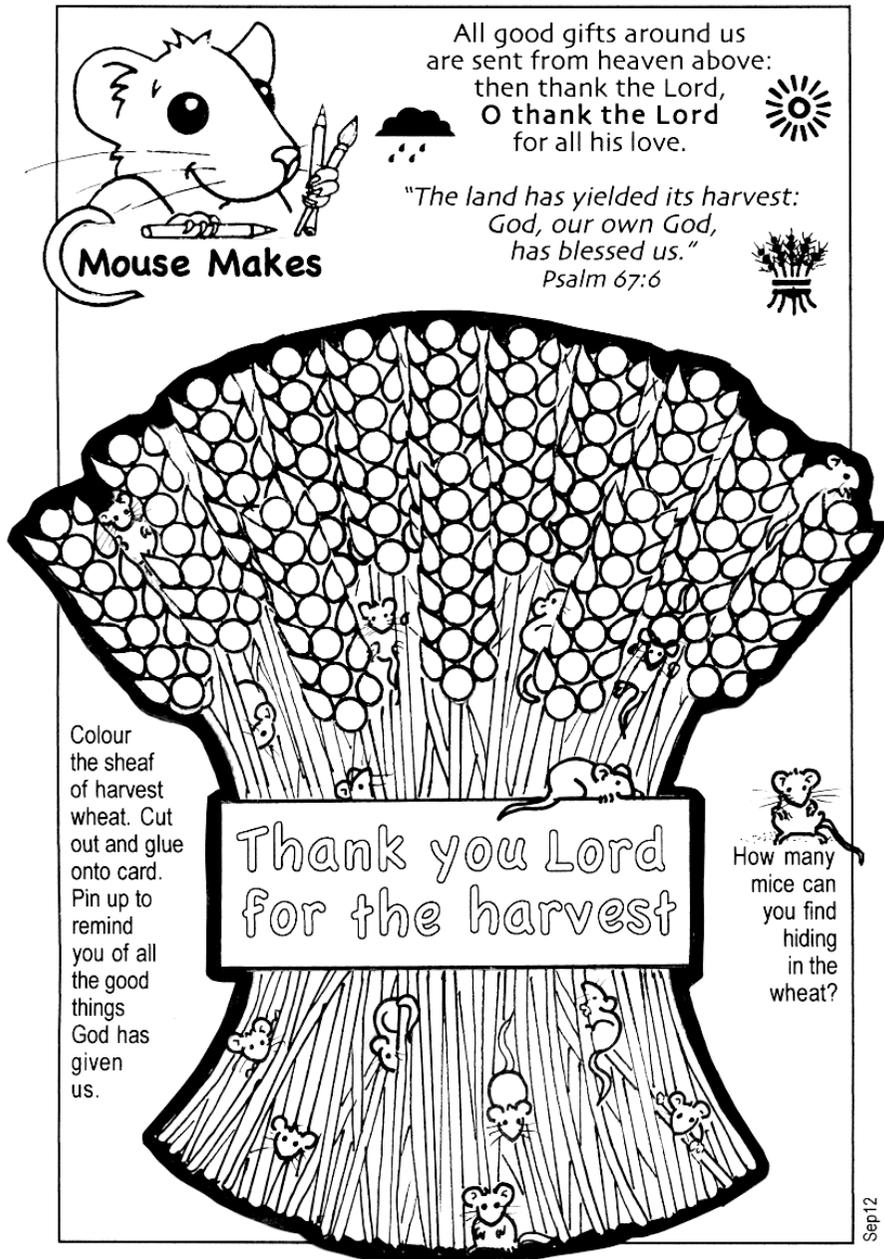
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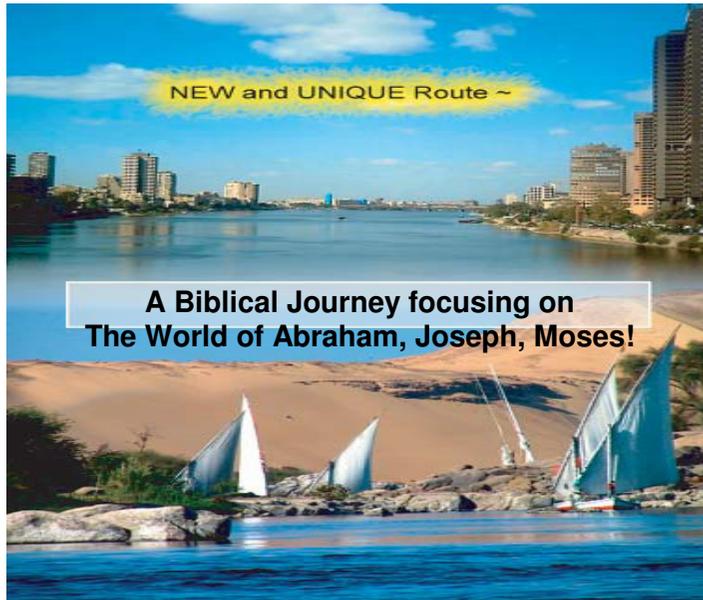
Some dates for your diary—September 2012

Sun	2nd	13th Sunday after Trinity 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
Tues	4th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wed	5th	7.30p.m. Deanery Synod at St. George, Mossley
Sat	8th	10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. Church Open Day for English Heritage Day
Sun	9th	14th Sunday after Trinity 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism & Junior Church
Tues	11th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thurs	13th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	16th	15th Sunday after Trinity 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	18th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	20th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	22nd	10.00a.m. Decorate Church for Harvest 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Afternoon Tea & Gift Day
Sun	23rd	HARVEST THANKSGIVING - BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Worship For All 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
Tues	25th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
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Sat	29th	7.30p.m. Harvest Supper
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Smile- Lines

Thankful

A minister said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says a prayer over you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

Satisfying

Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.

No newspaper

I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night and asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century, dad," he said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPhone."

I can tell you, that fly never knew what hit it!



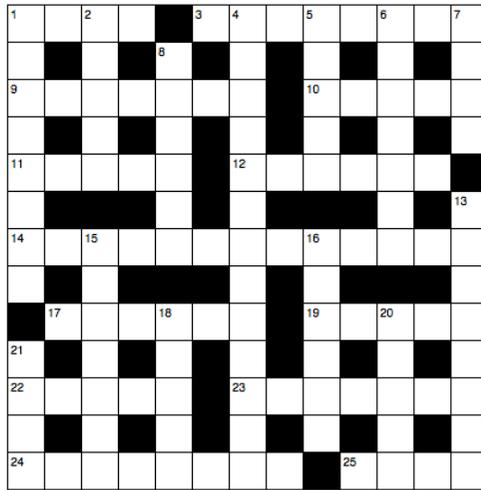
"After the summer we've had, I'm expecting a lot of people to bring fish!"

August Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

September Crossword



Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
 17 Seared by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

Sunday 23 September is Back to Church Sunday at St George's but how do we prepare for such a big event?

Will you be in church on 23 September? If so, please help us make any visitors to the church feel as welcome as they really are. Here are some tips to remember that day:

- First impressions matter. Let's be friendly! Smile!
- Help people feel at ease. When you see someone arrive whom you don't know, go over and introduce yourself by name. Tell them about the tea and coffee afterwards, where the loos are, and perhaps explain about the loop system for hearing aids. If they have young children, reassure the parents that it is okay if their child makes noise or wanders around and the crèche is always available.
- Don't talk funny... Some of our churchy phrases might mystify a visitor – if they ask about any aspect of the service, explain it in simple English.
- But do talk....! especially at the end of the service. Don't leave guests lonely on their own, while you talk to your friends!
- After the service invite them to join you in a cup of tea or coffee, don't let them just leave thinking we are unfriendly.
- Give them something to hang on to. A lot of non-church people have fond memories of old hymns and other bits they remember from the past, as this will also be our Harvest Thanksgiving there should be plenty of familiar hymns.

A prayer for coming back to church:

Loving God, thank you for welcoming me back to church this month. Help me to understand and receive your love, help me to be welcoming to others. When I am feeling lost or sad or lonely, when life is dark and difficult, when I am less than I should be, when I have gone astray, be for me a wise and gentle shepherd, guide me home, and lead me in the right paths.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Diamond

Jubilee

This month we offer you the eighth in a series on Queen Elizabeth II, looking back down the 60 years of her reign. This month we consider...

Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 8. : A MATTER OF SECURITY

1977 saw the first of a string of Jubilees - albeit stretched out over a period of 35 years - which the Queen would enjoy. This first one, her Silver Jubilee, honoured a mere 25 years on the throne. It was marked with public celebrations, though few, perhaps, would have suspected that we'd be doing it all over again in 2002 and 2012 - and may well be doing it once more in 2022! After all, the Queen's mother lived past her century, so the signs are promising.

The Irish Troubles had highlighted the need for efficient security for all public figures, including the Queen. In fact, she and the Duke of Edinburgh had never paid much attention to it, happily walking through crowds of well-wishers, accepting flowers and presents and generally looking relaxed and at ease. However, during the Trooping of the Colour in 1981 a young man fired six shots at the Queen as she rode her horse, Burmese, down the Mall in London.

Happily, the shots were blanks, but the Queen needed to demonstrate her equestrian skills in controlling the frightened horse. The assailant was arrested, tried and imprisoned, but those responsible for royal security were alerted to the real dangers in the modern world associated with such public appearances.

However, one might have assumed the Queen would be safe in her own home. Yet the next year, during the Falklands Conflict, an intruder, Michael Fagan, managed to make his way into the Queen's bedroom in Buckingham Palace. Despite her two phone calls to the Palace security desk, it took seven minutes for staff to arrive and arrest the intruder. In the meanwhile he sat on the end of her bed and they talked.

The Falklands Conflict saw her son Andrew serving as a helicopter pilot in the battle zone, so safety was also a family issue. The IRA had carried their bombing campaign into the towns and cities of England, and security at every level became a paramount issue. It's interesting to see how the Queen herself responded. Of course she had security officers standing nearby at public events, but she never allowed security issues to erect barriers, physical or psychological, between herself and the public. The impression she gave was of a woman of remarkable personal courage and calmness. And beside her, always, the calm, tall figure of her 'rock', the Duke of Edinburgh.


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- 1 . The gold, silver and bronze hierarchy was first introduced in the 1908 London Olympics.
2. William Shakespeare first published the word 'Olympian' in 1590.
3. Every national flag in the world contains at least one of the five colours in the Olympic rings.
4. 10,500 competitors from 205 nations were competing in 26 sports in the 2012 London Olympic Games.
5. 4,200 competitors from 147 nations are competing in 21 sports in the 2012 Paralympic Games.
6. An estimated four billion people, more than half (56%) of the world's population, watched the opening ceremony and other parts of the Games on television or other ways.
7. 200 buildings were demolished to make way for the Olympic Park, including the 6,000-seater Kingsway International Christian Church, now meeting in Walthamstow instead.

