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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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REPAIR GRANT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH STALYBRIDGE

From the Registers Funerals



24 January

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From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Feb	Ernest Albert Whitehead	2000	22 Feb	Frederick James Eldridge	1989
2 Feb	Vera Hadfield	2005		Joan Wykes	2001
4 Feb	Mary Priestley	1994	24 Feb	Mary Theresa Brierley	2004
	Margaret Longmate	2011	25 Feb	Philip Grocott	1975
6 Feb	James Howarth	1993		Harry Nuttall	1992
	Albert Livsey	1993		Leslie Barber	2006
7 Feb	Annie Howard	1981	26 Feb	Herbert Newton	1971
	Adam Constantine	2004		George Henry Maddock	1983
8 Feb	Edith Harriet Turner	1991		Edward Cooper	1986
	David Brian Bardsley	2011		Francis Frederick Lawes	1999
9 Feb	Ada Alice Cooper	1970		Lucy Wilson	2011
	Rose Pamela Gudgeon	2010	27 Feb	Winifred Ada Christian	1968
10 Feb	Donald Joseph Sidebottom	1992		Maud Green	1986
	Colin Birch	2001		Clara Wardle	1987
11 Feb	Harold Lee	1961		Elsie Violet Shaw	2000
	Iris Wilson	1975		Jessie Birch	2011
	Ada Stephenson	1983	28 Feb	Samuel Terence	1990
12 Feb	Mary Pollitt	1987		Broadbent	
14 Feb	John Devlin	1973		Robert Fowden	1982
16 Feb	Kenneth Shaw	2003		Elsie Hopwood	2006
17 Feb	Gertrude Fitchett	1984	29 Feb	Agnes Goodwin	1996
18 Feb	Annie Revell	1986		Ollerenshaw	1996
19 Feb	James Harrison Rowbottom	1979			
20 Feb	John Sedgwick	1964			
	Clara Brown	2009			
	Nellie Allcock	2011			



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

In September 2012, our church submitted a comprehensive application for a repair grant to English Heritage Lottery Fund, Manchester. The church gutters are very old and are almost impossible to maintain- it is only a matter of time before we will be unable to stop rainwater coming inside church. The roof is a constant source of costly repair and the pointing to the outside walls of the building are in need of repair to stop further serious erosion to our Listed building. We cannot afford to pay for the work entirely on our own so therefore we and most other churches have to apply for help to this very worthy cause. This involves a very structured and clear process whose conditions are fully explained to all applicants. It is necessary to liaise with English Heritage, the Diocese, Local Authority, our church architect and to obtain accurate estimates from various contractors.

Lottery Funds available to English Heritage are limited and fall well short of that which is required to satisfy all. Each year there are many applicants left disappointed because they are told they have not been successful in their application. To give us the best possible chance of gaining a grant for some repairs, we submitted three separate areas for their consideration, 1.gutters, 2. roof and 3.pointing.(A grant to cater for any one would have been most welcome.)

Amongst other things, the process involves architects from English Heritage visiting all organizations bidding, to examine their property. Coupled with extensive information contained in each application they are then able to decide on the relative urgency of the repairs. The amount of money they have is then given to those whose repairs are the most urgent.

St. Georges, Stalybridge was deemed not to have any repairs urgent enough to qualify for a grant. This was most disappointing to say the least as we have been applying for a grant since 2006 without success. There is no avenue of appeal. We are simply advised we can apply again from February 2013.

This decision is a great set-back for our church. To continue being there for the community to use, we need a building in sound repair.

Whilst it is in a reasonable condition, we must ensure it gets all the repairs it needs- this will require us to continue attempting to find funds to keep the church in good condition.

Liaison will continue with English Heritage and our own church Architect with a view to putting in another application for funding and hope we are more successful in the future. Let us hope that our next bid has a better outcome and St. George's continues to be there for future generations, in healthy repair.

George Vernon.

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Christmas Ad Hoc Choir

Just a few weeks before the start of Advent I received a wonderful invitation to join the choir for the Christmas services. What an enjoyable time I had! Circumstances prevented me from going round the parish carol singing, however, I have heard from a number of friends just how much they enjoyed the choir singing whether in the street or in the village hall. The practices were both serious and fun especially the 'across the nave' rivalry with a certain MUFC supporter and owner of a Bass voice; it was a tad like old times! I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the choir and how special it was to sing with them at all the Christmas services. The work everyone put into the practices yielded a quality of singing St George's can be proud of. For my part I would like to thank everyone for enduring my daft comments at those practices but mostly to say what a privilege and honour it was to be a part of that superb Christmas Ad Hoc choir.

If you have a good voice and enjoy a little fun why not give a thought to joining your choir?

Best wishes to all



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Readings and Psalms for February 2013

Sun 3 rd	Candlemas— <i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>
10.45	Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40
Tues 5 th	10.30 Hebrews 12.1-4; Psalm 22.25b—end; Mark 5.21-43
Sun 10 th	Sunday next before Lent
8.30	Exodus 34.29-end; Luke 9.28-36
10.45	Exodus 34.29-end; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36
Tues 12 th	10.30 Genesis 1.20-2.4a; Psalm 8; Mark 7.1-13
Wed 13 th	Ash Wednesday
20.00	Joel 2.1,2.12-17; Psalm 51.1-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6,16-21
Sun 17 th	1st Sunday of Lent
10.45	Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1,2,9-end; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13
Tues 19 th	10.30 Isaiah 55.10-11; Psalm 34.4-6,21-22; Matthew 6.7-15
Sun 24 th	2nd Sunday of Lent
8.30	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Luke 13.31-end
10.45	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Luke 13.31-end <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 26 th	10.30 Isaiah 1.10,16-20; Psalm 50.8,16-end; Matthew 23.1-12

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 February

This February brings us a number of significant dates. 150 years ago this month the explorer Speke discovered that Lake Victoria is the source of the River Nile. 100 years ago this month Grand Central Terminal opened in New York City. 60 years ago this month British scientists Francis Crick and James D Watson announced that they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA. 25 years ago this month Comic Relief held it first Red Nose Day in the UK. Only 15 years ago this month Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa against all Jews and Crusaders. And finally, 10 years ago this month, London's Congestion Charge began.

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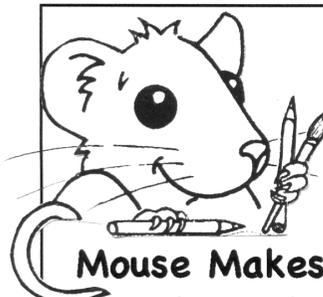
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January Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 8, Bottomless pit. 9, Ice. 10, Decalogue. 11, Limbo. 13, Seconds. 16, Crimson. 19, Eager. 22, Abhorrent. 24, Lap. 25, Alpha and Omega.

DOWN: 1, Abdiel. 2, Stream. 3, Wondrous. 4, Flocks. 5, USCL. 6, A pagan. 7, Athens. 12, IOR. 14, Creation. 15, Dye. 16, Cravat. 17, In hope. 18, Need no. 20, Galley. 21, Repeat. 23, Read.

Some dates for your diary - February 2013



Mouse Makes

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After he was baptised Jesus returned full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. In all that time he ate nothing, so that he was hungry when it was over.

The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **Human beings cannot live on bread alone.**"

Then the Devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all this power and all this wealth, it has been handed over to me and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this then will be yours if you worship me." Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.**"

Then the Devil took Jesus to the Temple and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here. For the scripture says, 'They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'" But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **Do not put the Lord your God to the test.**"

READ Luke 4: 1-13

THE DEVIL SAID:
"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me"

JESUS REPLIED:
"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him"
read Deuteronomy 6:13

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WE LEARN:
Put God **first**
Worship **only** Him

THE DEVIL SAID:
"If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED:
"Human beings cannot live on bread alone."
read Deuteronomy 8:3



WE LEARN:
Read the Bible
Learn God's word.

THE DEVIL SAID:
"If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take good care of you"

JESUS REPLIED:
"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."
read Deuteronomy 6:16

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WE LEARN:
God cares, **trust** Him
do not test Him.



Cut out the three cards and during Lent learn the bible verses

Sun	3rd	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Mon	4th	7.30p.m. Deanery Synod at St. Hilda's, Audenshaw
Thurs	7th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	10th	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Rev'd Roger Farnworth & Junior Church
Tues	12th	7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Wed	13th	ASH WEDNESDAY 8.00p.m. The Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist
Thurs	14th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	16th	2.00p.m.to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea/Coffee
Sun	17th	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Terry Simms & Junior Church Receive Baton of Prayer from St.Peter's
Tues	19th	8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council
Sun	24th	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Worship For All with Guest Tim Cockitt
Thurs	28th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice

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Workaid tackles poverty by supplying disadvantaged people with the tools they need to acquire practical skills and become self-supporting.

Tools and equipment are collected from all over the UK, refurbished and sent to vocational training projects and self-help groups, mostly in East Africa and in the UK.

Fr Richard Lindsay is a volunteer for Workaid and has asked our help in supplying much needed tools to help continue this work.

One of their most recent projects is in Kabras Disabled Centre Malava, Kenya near the northern shore of Lake Victoria. It was set up in 1983 as a self-help group to provide vocational training for disabled adults and teenagers in Kakamega District.

A staff of volunteers run courses in tailoring, knitting, secretarial services, carpentry, leatherwork, welding and small-scale farming and the centre currently has 70 trainees aged 15 to 30. The group's management committee has a very positive ethos, encouraging trainees to believe that "disability is not inability". The group applied for Workaid's help in August 2009 and received 13 sewing machines, four typewriters, five knitting machines, three leatherwork kits, two carpentry kits, two horticultural kits, a duplicator and two battery chargers (the centre does not have mains electricity).



With this equipment, received in June 2010, the centre has been able to expand its training programme and produce better goods for sale, thus generating income for members as well as contributing to the local

economy. In August 2010, chairman Martin Liyayi wrote: "On behalf of our association of people with disabilities, I acknowledge with full pleasure your kind consideration of tools you sent us. They have strengthened our capacity and in turn that of the community." Workaid's support of the Kabras Disabled Centre is a good example of how our work tackles poverty at a grassroots level, helping not just groups and individuals but whole communities.

It has been ten years since we last had a new Archbishop of Canterbury, so the following article might be of interest in helping people to understand the many demands of his job.

The main roles of the Archbishop of Canterbury

The various roles and responsibilities of the Archbishop of Canterbury have developed over more than 1400 years of history. The one constant is his ministry as a senior bishop.

Historically the central role, and the source of the archbishop's authority, is as Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury (the local church of Canterbury). His diocese in East Kent has a population of 890,000 people and comprises 261 parishes in an area of nearly 1,000 square miles. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the Primate of All England (the 'first bishop' of England), and shares several roles with the Archbishop of York. He has authority (also known as 'jurisdiction') at all times in the 30 dioceses of his Province - 29 in southern England, and 1 in Continental Europe. York has the same roles in relation to the 14 dioceses of his Province.

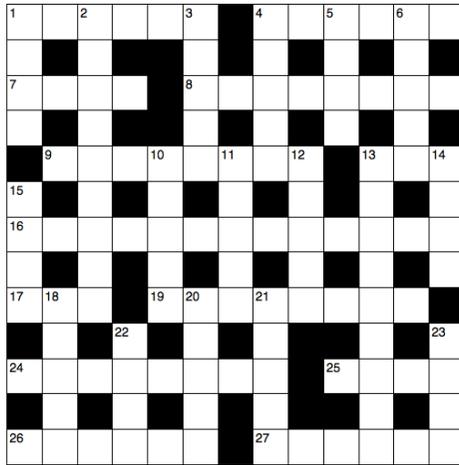
Based on his oversight in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury became the original sign of the unity of the bishops and local churches of the Anglican Communion. He is the focus and spokesman of its unity today, but shares his oversight as president of the Communion with other bodies.

His role in England and the UK, and his leadership in the Communion at large, give him significant influence and the responsibility to speak authoritatively for the faith and witness of the Church, the Anglican Church in particular.

Outline of procedures for the Appointment of an Archbishop of Canterbury: Since 2007 the agreed convention in relation to episcopal appointments has been that the Prime Minister commends the name preferred by the Commission to the Queen. Once the Queen has approved the chosen candidate and he has indicated a willingness to serve, 10 Downing St announces the name of the Archbishop-designate. The College of Canons of Canterbury Cathedral formally elect the new Archbishop of Canterbury. The election is confirmed by a commission of diocesan bishops in a legal ceremony (the Confirmation of Election), which confers the office of Archbishop on him. The new Archbishop does homage to Her Majesty. The new Archbishop is formally enthroned in Canterbury Cathedral.



February Crossword



Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
 4 Belief (5)
 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

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This Easter we will be selling Fairtrade Real Easter Eggs in Church—here's why!

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What's Easter all about?

- For many, Easter is all about cute bunnies, fluffy chicks and chocolate. A recent survey found that 50% of children thought this was the case.
 - Billions of people all over the world think Easter is a bit more meaningful than that.
 - Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday.
 - The body of Jesus was placed in a cave, or tomb, and a big stone placed over the entrance to keep his body safe.
 - Three days later, when the friends of Jesus went to visit the tomb, the stone had been rolled away; Jesus had come back to life (called the resurrection).
- Every year during Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate the Easter miracle.

Why do we exchange eggs?

- Some believe that chocolate eggs represent the stone that sealed the tomb of Jesus, but which had been rolled away after he came back to life. (The Real Easter Egg logo is based on this idea).
- Eggs are also a symbol of hope and new life and so the custom grew where people exchanged gifts of chocolate eggs on Easter Sunday.

Chocolate's bitter truth

- Chocolate comes from a tree that only grows in tropical rain forests.
- The tree is named *Theobroma Cacao* (pronounced theo-broma ca-cow) which, translates as *Bitter Fruit of God*.
- The beans, from which chocolate comes, tastes more bitter than lemons.
- But it is not just the taste of chocolate that is bitter - it has a bitter history.
- 400 years ago the demand for chocolate was so big that, to increase production, chocolate farmers were forced to work as slaves in plantations.
- These slave plantations were so successful that other plantations were built to grow sugar, cotton and coffee.
- When the plantations were closed down the farmers, although now

free, were paid very little for their chocolate beans and other goods.

- Slavery had made trade unfair and this is still the case today.
- ### Fairtrade chocolate
- Today the majority of chocolate comes from millions of small farms in Africa.
 - The farmers are poor because they get very little money for their chocolate.
 - Fairtrade chocolate is different because it gives farmers a guaranteed minimum price for their chocolate beans.
 - They also get more than £200 per tone of chocolate beans grown, to invest in their community, buying everything from chickens to securing fresh water supplies.

Why is The Real Easter Egg so special?

- It seems right that at Easter we exchange eggs made from the chocolate bean with the name that mean the *Bitter Fruit of God*. For the Easter story is both bitter and sweet: Jesus died and Jesus came back to life, giving us hope that death was not the end.
- The Real Easter Egg brings together the Easter themes of hope and new life in three ways:
 1. The egg is made from Fairtrade chocolate (The whole crop from one chocolate tree makes 16 Real Easter Eggs).
 2. It is the only Easter egg to tell the story of the Jesus Easter miracle on the box and has three crosses on the front as a reminder. This is a teaching opportunity for the 50% of children who do not know the Easter story.
 3. It gives money away to two charities: Traidcraft Exchange - which helps small-scale farmers in the developing world trade their way out of poverty, and Baby Lifeline - which supports new mums here in the UK.

Prayer

Lord God, Help us to remember the truths of the Easter story; when Jesus broke the bonds of death and showed us the way of hope and new life. Where there is injustice, may we play our part in healing the world. Where the bitter history of slavery has left people trapped in poverty, may we play our part, in righting the wrong, by buying fairly traded goods. Where people live without meaning, may we play our part in sharing the story of hope and new life.

We give thanks for those who grow our food. We give thanks for all who work in this country for trade justice. Bless us in our work to make real the message of hope and new life. We make these prayers through Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.