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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 May

Jack Carlson George Ryan, Grasmere Close, Stalybridge
Louie George Chell, Minster Close, Dukinfield

19 May

Mason Stefan Budgen-Hope, Morar Road, Dukinfield
Lilli-Mae Margaret Swindells-Hope, Keswick Close, Stalybridge

Weddings

4 May

Joseph Wynne Bithell and Beryl Pearce

Funerals

9 May

Hannah Anker (87 years) Stamford Court Nursing Home, Stalybridge
Interment of ashes

13 May

Kenneth Doggett (80 years) New Market Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

From Our Book of Remembrance

Jun 2	Hilda Beswick	1977	Jun 17	Sidney Cooper	1970
	Pauline Margaret Turnbull	1995	Jun 18	Margaret Parkinson	1897
	Mollie Dorothy Darbyshire	2011		Renee Birch Hawley	2002
Jun 4	Mary Alice Priestley	1984		Monica Ann Press	2005
	Leonard Broadbent	1969		Christopher Robert Pierce	2012
	Harry Bullock	2009	Jun 20	Linty James	1975
Jun 6	Alfred Christian	1966		Hilda Wilson	1984
	John Ambrose Stephens	1979		Mary Tonge	1989
	Thomas Smith	1987		Dorothy Horner	2007
Jun 7	Minnie Jones	1987	Jun 23	Edward Cooper	1983
	William Webster	2002	Jun 24	Edith Spencer	1995
	Dinah Hannah Dale	1984		Hilda Holt	1979
Jun 8	Norman Radcliffe	1984	Jun 25	Dennis Greenwood	1982
	Thomas Booth	2000		Louise Pulm	2010
	Leslie Adnett	2012	Jun 26	Jack Williams	1998
Jun 11	Gladney Swift	1950	Jun 27	Edith Olive Hughes	1980
	Edward Jones	1985		Andrew Christopher Taylor	1990
Jun 12	Mona Coogan	1992		Charlotte Molly Ingham	2008
Jun 14	Gordon Alfred Trudgeon	2002	Jun 28	Mary Stephens Carter	1983
Jun 15	Lily Hardy Cooke	1979	Jun 30	Ann Humphries	1963
	Eva Jones	1996			
	John Edwin Ratcliffe	2007			
	Tessa Ruth Louise	2006			
	Meldrum O'Reagan				

A CLEARER VISION

Dear Friends,



At the end of April I had a cataract removed from the same eye that suffered a detached retina in October of last year. At the time of writing I am still awaiting a different prescription for some new glasses but, already, I can see much more clearly than before the operation.

Even with a new prescription my vision will not be perfect but new lenses will help to define outlines more clearly and, hopefully, there will be much improvement.

On May 7th we held an open meeting to discuss a vision for St. George's. Those present were invited to raise issues that they thought needed attention in our church life and Christian witness. It was an eye opening and productive start to what I hope will be a series of such 'think tank' sessions. There were substantial areas of concern and, obviously, these will need to be prioritised so that each can be addressed fully and constructively and not just brushed over. I hope that before each new meeting, something concrete, however small, will have been achieved so that we don't just talk, but are continually and actively doing something to move ourselves forward.

Major areas of concern involved communications, various worship issues, pastoral care, parish share, growth in faith, children, vocations, fellowship, mission, stewardship, use of talents, job sharing, etc. It is true that in many organisations, including the church, eighty per cent of the work is done by twenty per cent of the people. Most of us have something that we could do and the very first step that we have taken is to hand out little slips of paper asking people to write down anything they feel able to offer to the life of our church. Many people are reluctant to push themselves forward for fear of 'treading on someone else's toes' but, nothing ventured, nothing gained and sharing tasks encourages fellowship. Many a new and good idea has been born from chats over the washing up bowl, or the lawn mower.

It is easier, sometimes, to dwell on the negatives and those present were very aware that we have so much already that is positive. Newcomers have remarked that they have been made to feel very

welcome and we have a band of workers who give freely of their time and talents in so many (often unseen) areas. Thank you to all of you for this.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th June at 7.45p.m. in the church lounge. Please can I encourage you to come along and help in this really important task?

On the 16th of this month at 6.30p.m. in St. Gabriel's Church in Cockbrook, there will be the annual Confirmation service for our particular area. At the time of writing we have just one candidate who will be confirmed and I hope that some of you will come along and give Kira your support and welcome her as she becomes a full and communicating member of the church.

On the 23rd we will celebrate the 173rd anniversary of the consecration of our church building. There will be three services:

8.30a.m. Said Holy Communion

10.45a.m. Worship For All during which the sermon slot will be filled by the Junior Church and the choir will sing an anthem.

6.00p.m. Sung Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer

Please come along to share in this special day. In two years time we will celebrate our 175th anniversary – and as we all know how quickly time seems to pass these days – we are already inviting ideas of how we can best celebrate this significant milestone. The Bishop of Middleton has agreed to spend part of the Sunday prior to the actual anniversary (which falls on Wednesday June 24th 2015) with us and we are hoping that there will be a series of different and very varied celebrations. Please speak to one of the clergy or wardens if you have any ideas on this or, if you are not a regular worshipper but receive this publication, then you could submit them via our website www.stg.org.uk

We have so much to look forward to and I can really feel the willingness and support that's needed for us to move forward together so that we can all see more clearly the path that God has marked out for us. Our collective vision, like mine, may not be absolutely perfect, but it is becoming clearer through His grace.

Philip

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Some dates for your diary - June 2013

Sunday	2nd	10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
Tuesday	4th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 7.45p.m. Moving Forward
Wednesday	5th	7.30p.m. Deanery Synod at Church of the Epiphany, Droylsden.
Sunday	9th	8.30a.m. Holy Communion 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tuesday	11th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	13th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Saturday	15th	2.00p.m.to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Teas
Sunday	16th	10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Baptism & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 5 6.30p.m. Confirmation at St. Gabriel, Cockbrook.
Tuesday	18th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 8.00p.m. Annual Prochial Church Meeting
Thursday	20th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	23rd	ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 8.30a.m. Holy Communion 10.45a.m. Worship For All
Tuesday	25th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	27th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	30th	10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church

For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk

May Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus. DOWN: 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.

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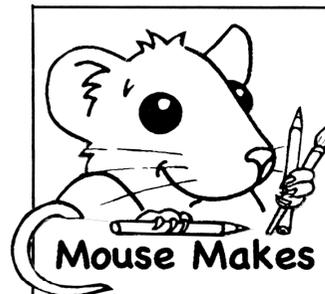
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Children's Page



Hidden in the lion's mouth
are all these names
and words, can
you find them?

- DANIEL
- ASPENAZ
- HANANIAH
- MISHAEL
- AZARIAH
- DREAM
- STATUE
- IDOL
- FURNACE
- TREE
- WRITING
- WALL
- DARIUS
- LIONS
- PRAYER
- GOD
- NEBUCHADNEZZAR


Ashpenaz
changed the
names of Daniel
and his friends.
Look up
Daniel 1:7
to see what he
changed them to.

You may have read the bible story of Daniel in the lions den, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel?

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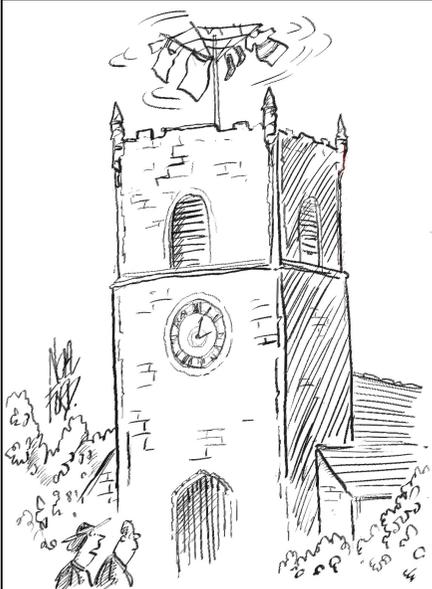
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The teddies had this good idea for the Spring Fair – 'guess the name of the grandma'.

Readings and Psalms for June 2013

- Sun 2nd** **1st Sunday after Trinity**
 10.45 1 Kings 8.22-23,41-43; Psalm 96.1-9; Galatians 1.1-12; Luke 7.1-10
- Tues 4th** 10.30 1 Peter 1.10-16; Psalm 112; Mark 12.13-17
- Sun 9th** **2nd Sunday after Trinity**
 8.30 1 Kings 17.17-end; Luke 7. 11-17
 10.45 1 Kings 17.17-end; Psalm 30; Galatians 1.11-end; Luke 7.11-17
- Tues 11th** 10.30 Acts 11.19-end; Psalm 112; Galatians 2.1-10; John 15.12-17
- Sun 16th** **3rd Sunday after Trinity**
 10.45 2 Samuel 11.26-12.10,13-15; Psalm 32; Galatians 2.15-end; Luke 7.36-8.3
- Tues 18th** 10.30 2 Corinthians 8.1-9; Psalm 146; Matthew 5.43-end
- Sun 23rd** **Feast of the Consecration of St George's**
 8.30 1 Chronicles 29.6-19; John 2.13-22
 10.45 1 Chronicles 29.6-19; John 2.13-22
 Worship For All
 18.00 Acts 13.14b-26; Luke 1.57-66,80
 BCP Holy Communion
- Tues 25th** 10.30 Genesis 13.2,5-end; Psalm 15; Matthew 7.6,12-14
- Sun 30th** **5th Sunday after Trinity**
 10.45 1 Kings 19.5-16,19-end; Psalm 16; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-end

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

Tameside Community Voices

A summer concert by **Tameside Community Voices** will be held at St. George's Church on **Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm.**

The programme will consist of some old favourites as well as new songs from their repertoire.

Tickets are £5 (including refreshments) and are available from Joyce Hansell (0789 108 2133). A donation to the Tameside Food Bank will be given from the proceeds

Please come and support this event - you are assured of an unforgettable evening!!!

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Poem by Kira

The following poem is one of two written by Kira in preparation for her confirmation. The second will follow next month.

God is Love

God is good
Of the world he cares,
Doing the best he can for me and you.

It's true He is all around,
Seeing all we do best.

Look at all he has done
Over the world he looks upon everyone
Vision of love, vision of light
Enjoying the world he's made.

THE WAY I SEE IT: The Coronation: I was There!

It is, as you may have noticed, the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation this month. If you are under 55 it is probably simply a matter of history. That piece of history, however, will be relived this month in many grainy pictures on our television screens - even, perhaps, some in colour, from the cinema newsreels of the time. For those of us over that age, however, it is probably one of those memories - images, really - that you can never quite forget. In truth, it is part of our history.

Millions, like me, sat in a crowded room and gazed at a tiny television screen on which black and white images appeared of the distant scene in and around Westminster Abbey. Up till then, TV had been largely a rich person's toy, but no one was going to miss the event of a lifetime. We watched on rented sets, our own or a neighbour's. Television suddenly became available to almost everybody. Indeed, I can't think of anyone in our very ordinary circle of friends in a London suburb who didn't watch the coronation as it happened.

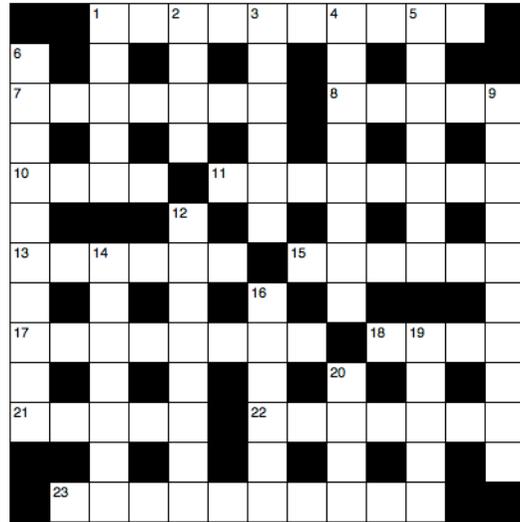
And that made a difference. Previous coronations had been great affairs of State, attended by the nobility, the great and the good - just a few hundred of them. True, the crowds could line the route to and from the abbey and cheer and wave flags, but once the real business began they were definitely outside. But now - miraculously, it seemed - we were inside: indeed, we had a better view of proceedings than most of those distinguished folk who had got tickets for the abbey.

This, like no other, was the People's Coronation, and the young Queen and her fair-haired sailor husband were the People's Monarchy, in a way none of their predecessors could possibly have imagined. When the archbishop placed the crown on her head, we were just feet away (or so it seemed). When he anointed her with oil, we could see it glisten. We could join in the prayers and the hymns, hear the glorious music and fanfares, share with the congregation in the abbey an occasion that was, after all, a vital part of the life of our nation and the Commonwealth.

Time and again over those few days we sang 'Long live our gracious Queen', and she has done it. 'Long to reign over us, happy and glorious'. Exactly.

Canon David Winter

June Crossword



Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
 17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
 21 'As for man,he days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)

SKILLS AND TALENTS

At an open meeting held on 7 May, it was decided to hand out a slip of paper asking people what skills and talents they possessed and were willing to offer to help St. George's. Forms are available at the back of church and we would be very grateful for any offers of help. The wording of the form is given below.

What are YOU willing to do?

People are often willing to help but don't like to put themselves forward for fear of treading on someone else's toes or appearing to be pushy. We need help with all sorts of different tasks. Are you able to volunteer to help with:

Worship (e.g. servers, choir members, intercessors, Eucharistic assistants, Junior Church, sound system)

Practical Help (e.g. to keep your church warm, clean, well-cared-for, tending the graveyard, brass cleaning, washing up after coffee on Sunday)

Office duties (e.g. magazine, pew sheet, rotas, brass cleaning)

These are just a few examples and there are numerous other ways in which help can be given. Please take time to fill in your name and any talent that you feel you could share with us.

Name.....

Talents.....

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Willing to help regularly..... occasionally.....

Please give your form to Philip, Keith or one of the wardens.

Thank you very much.

Following on from my article this month, I was recently given a copy of 'The Messenger' which is a Methodist publication. This particular edition was from a Methodist church in Scarborough and includes the reproduction of an item which was first published in 'The Messenger' in Australia in the summer of 1993.

As we look forward to a clearer vision for St. George's, it seemed worth including it here (although the original is slightly longer than this).

I dream of a church
where worship will be a celebration
where there will be laughter and loving
where all people will celebrate the joy of living as God's people.

I dream of a church
where the quality of its life matters more
than the size of its congregation.

I dream of a church
where there will be worship in everything that happens
wherever people meet, whatever people do.

I dream of a church
where what we read in the gospels comes alive
in our life together.

I dream of a church
where young people will listen to older ones
and where older people pay attention to young people and all
will be glad of everyone.

I dream of a church
where all differences will be ended
so that there will be one church just as we have one Lord.

I dream of a church
where the poor, the disabled, the lonely and those with problems
find themselves helped not by anything said but by everything
done.

I dream of a church
where each member will read and pray and grow each day
in faith and hope and love.

I dream of a church
where each one of us will give to God the first place in all we
have and are and do.

I dream of a church
where everyone will be welcomed to join the circle of
worshippers so that in seeing one another we shall see the
Christ whom we serve.

I dream of a church
that is free of the past and open to the future that is God
coming to us.

David Lewis & Katerina Caskill
Uniting Church of Australia

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The Lord is my Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'