

ALEXANDER & SONS

Est.2001

Household Repairs & Maintenance Service



**Dripping Tap?
Sticking Doors?
Leaking Gutters?
Flaking Paintwork?
Steamed Up Windows?**

WE CAN HELP!!!

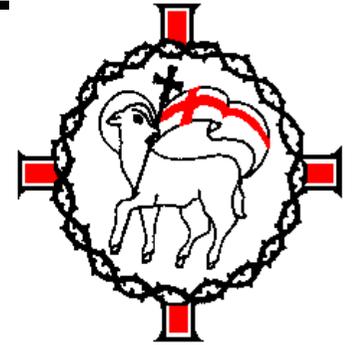
“No Obligation Free Quotes”

Tel: 0161 304 7356 / 07789 744329

.....
“An Old Fashioned Service, An Old Fashioned Price”
.....

Fully Insured. Insurance Approved. Reg: 2252013. NEBOSH

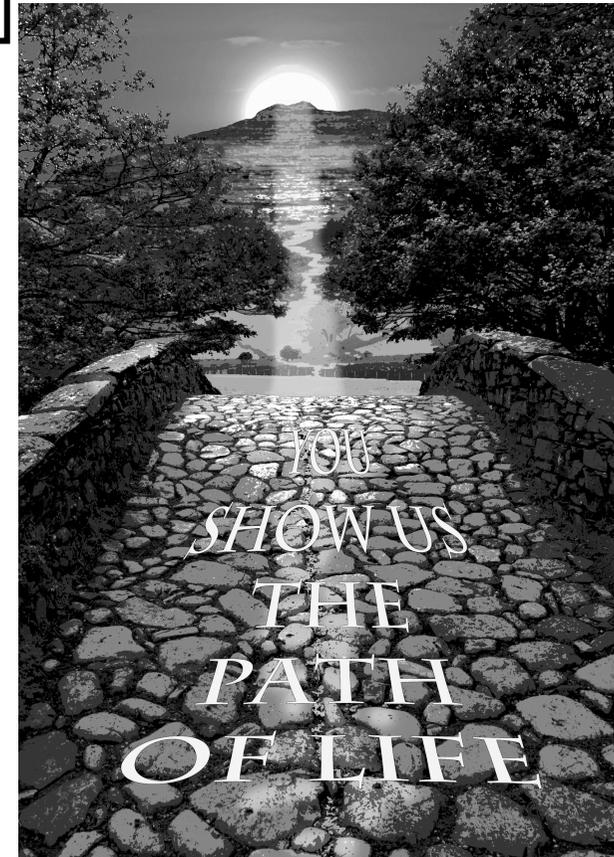
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



Diocese of Manchester



35p



July 2013

St George's Church Stalybridge

Clergy

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Philip Brierley	338 2368
Curate	Revd Keith Stewart	303 7483
Associate Priest	Revd Doreen Broadbent	330 9085
Wardens	Ms Janet Vidler	303 7689
	Mrs Gillian Cotton	303 2787
Asst Warden	Mrs Rose Hayward	303 1731
P.C.C. Secretary	Mrs Margaret Smith	338 3702
Treasurer	Mrs Juliana Stewart	303 7483
Magazine Editor	Mrs Linda Hurst	330 0518
Room Hire	Mr Norman Quest	338 4691

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
------------	----------------

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.

**95% of our families
would recommend our care**



We offer long and short term residential, nursing and dementia care.

Contact us on **0161 368 9099** or visit our website:

www.meridiancare.co.uk

for more information

care worth talking about

From the Registers

Baptisms

6 June

Luka Stuart Wilson, Hurst Bank, Ashton-under-Lyne
Annabel Rose Egan, Wells drive, Dukinfield
Isabella Perfect, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge

16 June

William James Hunter, Eagle Fold, Newton, Hyde
Melanie Taylor, Rydal Walk, Stalybridge
Colby Taylor-Marsh, Rydal Walk, Stalybridge
William Tetlow, Birchwood, Droylsden

Funerals

13 June

Brian Hunt (70 years) Maple Avenue, Denton

14 June

Raymond Herbert Russell (89 years) Springs Rise, Stalybridge

18 June

Pauline Sadie Gateley (89 years) Staley House, formerly Bromley Crescent, Ashton-under-Lyne

19 June

Freda Saunders (72) Stanhope Close, Denton

24 June

John Ollerenshaw (87) Darnton Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

27 June

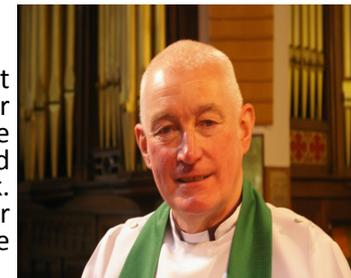
Bryan Jackson (76) St Alban's Avenue, Ashton-under-Lyne
Marjorie Keenan (90) Charnley House, Hyde

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	Denise 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

Dear All,

As I start to put this article together for July, it is one of the nicest days we have had after such a long winter and dubious spring. By the time you read this, many will be thinking and planning for that well-earned summer break. Philip and Irene are recently back from their cruise holiday – perhaps the maritime equivalent of a tour by luxury coach ashore?



Just a few weeks ago, wearing my Sea Cadet Corps chaplain's cap, I was with many youngsters in Liverpool in connection with the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony where, as you may have seen in the news, there were ships' crews from the Navies of many countries, including our own. You may also have seen the small number of elderly surviving merchant seaman being interviewed; remember, until fairly recent years Liverpool was a major supplier of such people, which made the occasion so poignant for so many. Indeed, it would have meant so much to my late father, who served at sea for no less than 48 years until he retired.

Now, you've heard it said countless times that we are an island nation, dependent upon what comes across the sea to us, i.e. virtually everything. As with all forms of transport, there are the carriers, the protectors and the leisure market. In terms of shipping, respectively, the merchant navy, the Royal Navy and back again to the merchant navy. It is important to understand that all ranks in the Merchant Navy are, and always have been, civilians who are employed at sea. This last also applies to what is left of our fishing fleet and the many ferry services connecting us with Europe, Ireland and the many Scottish islands.

As many of you know, I spent a few years in the merchant navy as a youngster. In those days, before so many things (general or mixed dry cargo) went into containers, it was fairly typical to spend up to a week loading, say, in Manchester, then pick up more cargo perhaps in Glasgow and then off to wherever that cargo was destined for. Leaving Glasgow, it was far from unknown to carry massive steam locomotives secured to the deck, perhaps for India or South Africa, where some of them are still in use. Of course, bulk carriers conveyed, amongst other things, iron ore from Australia to Birkenhead for rail transport to the East Midlands, and of course, then as now, that most important commodity – OIL. All have to PASS with safety on the world's oceans, but do they?

Well, you might say, this is all very well but we're at peace, so everything in the garden should be rosy, surely. Well, not quite. Think piracy, abandonment, shipwreck, separation. The only reason I list them in that order is because it gives us the mnemonic PASS.

PIRACY is alive and well, especially off the Horn of Africa in the Indian Ocean, the South China Sea and in parts of the Caribbean. Believe it or not, but nobody is absolutely certain just how many merchant seamen are currently held prisoner by pirates. How shameful is that? Remember, these are simply innocent civilians following their occupation. In the meantime

their ships often rot in some stinking place and become unseaworthy and eventually written off.

During World War two, as soon as a merchant ship was lost (e.g. torpedoed) all crew wages stopped. It mattered not whether the crew members concerned had perished or were taken prisoner (but remember, as civilians, they weren't necessarily protected by the conventions governing the treatment of prisoners of war as members of HM Armed Forces should have been). Those being held by pirates today seldom receive any wages and many come from fairly poor countries. In other words, they are often abandoned by both the ship owners and the government of the flag that ship was flying. Two examples of ABANDONMENT.

SHIPWRECK is self-explanatory and suffice it to say that the rescue of the crew is invariably undertaken by brave people who may be in the vicinity but it's a pity that their alacrity is not always mirrored by the post event legal/finger pointing brigade.

Obviously, the problem of SEPARATION from loved ones is an occupational hazard which can bring about various problems, some obvious, others less so. Now think of the Mission to Seafarers which does such sterling work through no fewer than 250 seaports world-wide. Unlike the lengthy loading routine I described above, many modern ships can be turned round in about 72 hours, during which time there can be no rest for the crew. Many items of maintenance can only be attended to in port and stores and spare parts have to be taken on board. A crew member may require dental treatment or, occasionally be left behind in hospital. There may be language problems, immigration/police difficulties, financial problems, domestic difficulties; the Mission takes all these things in its stride, often by visiting ships where permitted, although this not always allowed in some countries, frequently on the grounds of "security." They may arrange a Eucharist on board or for a leader of another denomination or faith to visit. Ashore, the centres provide a place where seaman can simply relax and make a telephone call home. Frequently today, transport is needed from ship to centre and back again, no problem for the Mission's dedicated staff and volunteers, for whom the word "PASS" (friend) applies to all concerned, irrespective of race, rank, colour, nationality or any other criterion, other than being connected with the sea.

This year, Sea Sunday is the 14th. July but it can be kept on any convenient Sunday. Please pray for the Mission and all whom they serve, right around the world. Thank you.

God bless,

Keith.

P.S. Juliana and I met in Rotterdam – guess where?

H. REVELL & SONS LTD.

**A Family of Funeral Directors since
1888**

Pre-payment Plans arranged

**96 Stamford Street
Stalybridge**

0161 338 2520

***Proprietors: N.T. Revell
K. Revell BA (Hons)***

PC WIZARD

*'Is YOUR PC RUNNING SLOW ? 'WORRIED ABOUT SECURITY ?
'SPYWARE, VIRUSES, AND TROJANS ... REMOVED.*



NO CALL OUT FEE

FOR RELIABLE, FRIENDLY SERVICE

TEL: 07729910077 OR: 01613037689

Dave Etches

FREE ESTIMATES

Tel. 0161 430 6950

07976 959494

Plasterer

'Nutley'

**125 Compstall Road
Romiley
Cheshire
SK6 4HX**

Carr's THE BAKERS *of Stalybridge* *Wholesale and Retail*



Est.1922

**44-46 RIDGEHILL LANE
STALYBRIDGE
0161 338 2177
164 MOSSLEY ROAD
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
0161 330 1341**

ARCHITECT SERVICES



- Plans drawn
- CAD drawing
- Extensions
- Loft conversions and domestic work
- Building regulations
- Planning applications

**Ring: Matt Hurst
07786994848**

Some dates for your diary - July 2013

Tuesday	2nd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday	3rd	7.30p.m.	Confirmation Service at Christ Church Ashton
Thursday	4th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Saturday	6th	2.00p.m.to 4.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Teas
Sunday	7th	10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tuesday	9th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	11th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Saturday	13th	2.00p.m.	Wedding
		7.30p.m.	A Summer Concert -Tameside Voices
Sunday	14th	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tuesday	16th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thursday	18th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	21st	10.45a.m.	Worship For All & Prize Giving
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 1
Tuesday	23rd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thursday	25th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	28th	10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday	30th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion

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

+++++++

June Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.
DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils. 20, Give.

Need some odd jobs doing?
Can't get round to finishing the decorating?



Then call
Brian Allsopp
on
0161 338 6834



Leaking taps
Curtain rails
Wooden Flooring
Professional Painter and Decorator

No job too small

Free estimates



My Feet

MOBILE Chiropody & Podiatry
Foot care at home

Nail care,
Corns,
Callus,
Fungal infections,
Ingrowing toe nails.
Footwear advice
Insoles, and other
foot related problems.

Janette McLean
BSc (Hons) Podiatry



Tel: 0161 338 8950
Mobile: 07961 583 668



HPC registered Podiatrist



Ian's Garden Care

Year round garden maintenance
or just a tidy up and helping hand

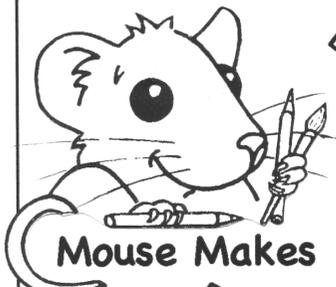
- Lawns•Hedges•
- Weeding• Tidying•
- Pots & baskets supplied and filled•

Call Ian to arrange a free estimate

Tel: 0161 6825214
Mob: 07891 660646

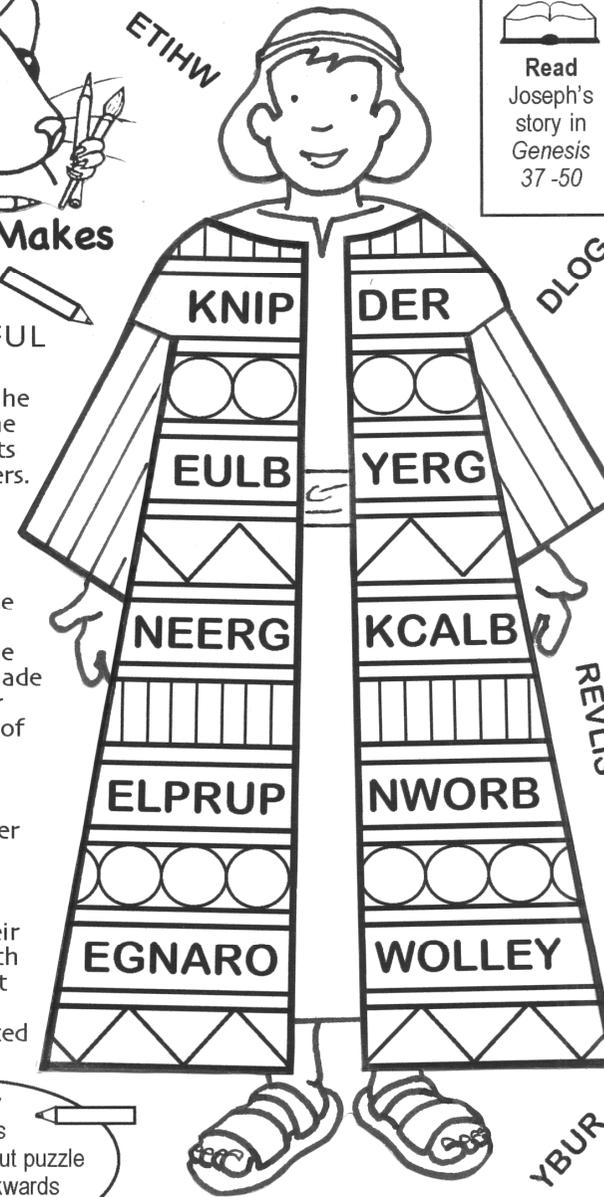
Let Ian Care for Your Garden

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

Read Joseph's story in Genesis 37-50



JOSEPH'S WONDERFUL COAT

Joseph was 17, he took care of the sheep and goats with his brothers. His father Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons because he had been born to him when he was old. He made a long robe for Joseph, a coat of many colours. When Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than he loved them, they hated their brother so much they would not speak to him and even plotted to kill him.

Colour Joseph's wonderful coat but puzzle out the backwards words first!

Parker's Lawn & Garden Maintenance

Does your lawn long to be loved? It can be with Parker's Lawn & Garden Maintenance
Lawn Mowing and Strimming. Hedge Cutting, Shrub Pruning and Tree Cutting.

Over 22 years of golf course experience
For a free, no obligation quote contact Steve on
Telephone 07768 715442



"Of course, the main reason churchyards make such good wildlife sanctuaries is that the cars only go at walking pace."



"How thoughtful, wearing something all the wedding guests could shelter under in case of rain."

Readings and Psalms for July 2013

- Tues 2nd 10.30 Genesis 19.15-29; Psalm 26; Matthew 8.23-27
- Sun 7th 6th Sunday after Trinity
10.45 Isaiah 66.10-14; Psalm 66.1-8; Galatians 6.7-16; Luke 10.1-11,16-20
- Tues 9th 10.30 Genesis 32.22-end; Psalm 17.1-8; Matthew 9.32-end
- Sun 14th 7th Sunday after Trinity
8.30 Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Luke 10.25-37
10.45 Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Psalm 25.1-10; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37
- Tues 16th 10.30 Exodus 2.1-15; Psalm 69.1-2,31-end; Matthew 11.20-24
- Sun 21st 8th Sunday after Trinity
10.45 Genesis 18.1-10a; Luke 10.38-end
Worship For All & Junior Church prize giving
- Tues 25th 10.30 Exodus 14.21-15.1; Psalm 105.37-44; Matthew 12.46-end
- Sun 28th 9th Sunday after Trinity
8.30 Genesis 18.20-32; Luke 11.1-13
10.45 Genesis 18.20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2.6-15; Luke 11.1-13
- Tues 30th 10.30 Exodus 33.7-11,34.5-9,28; Psalm 103.8-12; Matthew 13.36-43

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

Thank You

Colin & Gladys Spencer wish to express their very warm and sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers and the very many messages of support especially to Colin during Gladys' recent illness. Gladys still has a little way to go before she is back to her old self.

Colin S.

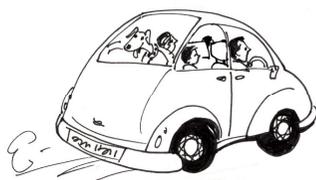
+++++

How prepared for the road are EU?

It's holiday time – and many of us are getting ready to drive to the Continent. It seems that half of us have driven overseas, but many of us are still hazy on the rules, according to Confused.com. It is well worth refreshing yourself on the rules and regulations before you go, because the following statistics are a bit worrying!

- 53 per cent of us UK drivers are unaware that some European countries require drivers to have high-visibility jackets in their car.
- 31 per cent are unaware that in some European countries drivers must carry a warning triangle in their car.
- 23 per cent of us did not know that we may be required to display a GB sticker or other national identifier when abroad.
- 47 per cent of us did not know that an international driving permit is required in some countries.
- 44 per cent of us did not know that a headlight converter is required in many European countries.

Confused.com also advises that you get adequate breakdown cover as well as suitable travel insurance to cover you while you are away. The website has published free online guide to driving abroad.



Your Home, Your Choice.

There are rogue traders out there but the good news is that there are some simple steps you can take to protect yourselves when dealing with traders at your property. You should:

-Not say yes straight away. Don't allow a trader to pressurise you into signing up straight away. Tell them to come back another time or that you will give them a call to confirm at a later date. This will allow you to shop around and also make enquiries about the company, as described below.

-Know who you're dealing with. All reputable traders will provide you with an initial estimate/quote or a business card containing their business **Name and Address**. If they don't and refuse to when asked **do not purchase from them or hire them to carry out work! Check the trader's identity.** Always ask to see an identity card and look up the business to check the representative's identity is genuine before agreeing to have any work carried out or to buy any products from them. If there is a different number listed online or in the yellow pages, to the one on the identity card, use this number instead. If the trader states that they are members of a **Trade Association** such as the Federation of Master Builders or the Direct Selling Association then you can make enquiries about the company through that organisation.

-Make sure the business explains that you have a right to cancel. By law you have a right to cancel an agreement within a cooling off period of **seven days**. If the business does not give you notice of your cancellation rights and refuses to when asked **do not enter into an agreement with them**. With regards to services offered a business must obtain a written agreement from you to start work before the expiration of the seven day cooling off period. If this is the case please be aware that you may be liable for the cost of any work carried out if you decide to cancel within this period.

-Check the facts. Make sure that the business makes you fully aware of the **total cost** of the transaction, the exact **details of the product or services** to be included in the agreement and the arrangements for **delivery** of the product or the **start date** for work. If they do not give you this and refuse to when asked **do not enter into an agreement with them**. **Read the small print** before you sign any agreement to make sure you are fully aware of what you are signing up for.

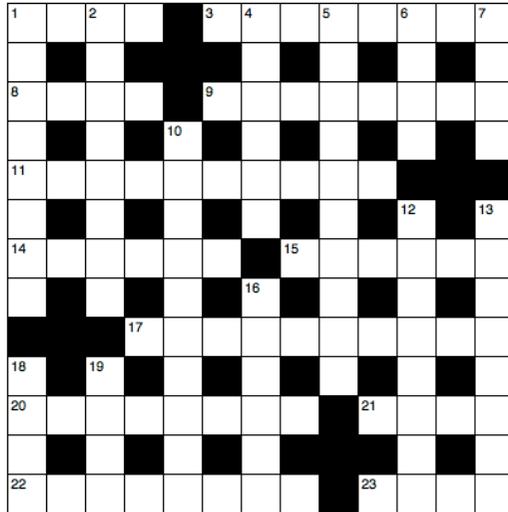
-Not pay cash up front for services. Never agree to go with a trader to the bank to take money out.

-Trust your instincts. If something sounds too good to be true it probably is.

-Remember....it's ok to say No! It's your doorstep and your decision. If you are not happy with anything or you are feeling pressured then **ask the person to leave**.

If in doubt, call the **Citizen's Advice consumer helpline** on **0845 4 040506** or visit **www.adviceguide.org.uk**.

July Crossword



Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)
 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"'(Matthew 25:6) (4)
 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
 23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
 19 Rear(anag.)(4)

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!!!

Poems by Kira

The following is the second of two poems written by Kira in preparation for her confirmation.

God created the worlds for us

God created all the world,
 Of the world he cares,
 Doing the best he can for you and me.

From plants and trees
 To human beings
 He created them for us.

Where does He spread his love you ask?
 Well all around the world.

God made us this world
 We just ruin it – that's not right.

Caring for the world is what God does best
 But on the seventh day he took a rest.

With flowing leavers
 and stripy bumble bees

He didn't create it for just you and me
 But our great, big, loving family.

Mail From God

Author: Unknown

As you got up this morning, I watched you and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday – but I noticed you were too busy trying to find the right outfit to put on and wear to work.

I waited again. When you ran around the house getting ready I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy. At one point you had to wait fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip.

I watched as you went to work and I waited patiently all day long. With all your activities I guess you were too busy to say anything to me. I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt too embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't.

That's okay. There is still more time left, and I have hope that you will talk to me, yet you went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do. After a few of them were done you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes there and you spent a lot of time each day in front of it not thinking about anything, just enjoying the show. I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me. Bedtime I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time.

That's okay because you may not realise that I am always there for you. I've got patience more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well. I love you so much that I wait everyday for a nod, prayer or thought or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation.

Well you are getting up again and once again I will wait with nothing but love for you hoping that today you will give me some time.

Have a nice day!

Your friend,
GOD

+++++

A Prayer to stay connected!

Heavenly Father,
Forgive us that we are all so busy. There are so many demands; so many expectations. Emails and Facebook demand instant replies and, if we're honest, they drain away our time as we try to keep in touch with everyone, whenever they contact us. We keep in touch with everyone who demands our attention, Lord, but often, in all the rush to communicate, we don't keep in touch with you, the greatest communicator of all. You communicated all we need to know by sending Jesus. He is your love in person. He makes it possible for us to know you by trusting in him. Thank you for pressing the send button that gave Jesus to us. Thank you that you will never switch off or close down. Help us to spend our precious time wisely and to stay connected to you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.