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**August 2013**

## St George's Church Stalybridge

### Clergy

<b>Priest-in-Charge</b>	Revd Philip Brierley	338 2368
<b>Assistant Priest</b>	Revd Keith Stewart	303 7483
<b>Associate Priest</b>	Revd Doreen Broadbent	330 9085
<b>Wardens</b>	Ms Janet Vidler	303 7689
	Mrs Gillian Cotton	303 2787
<b>Asst Warden</b>	Mrs Rose Hayward	303 1731
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs Juliana Stewart	303 7483
<b>Magazine Editor</b>	Mrs Linda Hurst	330 0518
<b>Room Hire</b>	Mr Norman Quest	338 4691

### Worship

#### Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Sunday School (4 <sup>th</sup> 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

#### 16 June

Isabelle Marie Goddard, Wakefield Road, Stalybridge  
Susan Tetlow, Birchwood, Droylsden

#### 7 July

Zara Angel-Lil Smith, Lancaster Avenue, Stalybridge.  
Kayde Leigh Stanley, Hamilton Street, Stalybridge.  
Lewis James Stanley, Hamilton Street, Stalybridge.

#### 21 July

Elliot George Cookney, Cambridge Street, Stalybridge  
Oliver Robert Pattison, Watergrove Road, Dukinfield  
Alistair Tonu Malm, Millers Brook, Heywood.

This baptism was performed by Rev Keith Stewart in his capacity as Chaplain, (SCC) RNR at Training Ship Tremadoc Bay (Failsworth Sea Cadet Unit) in the parish of The Holy Family, Failsworth. Thanks to the Rev. Tony Mills for allowing this baptism to be registered there.

### Confirmation

#### 3 July

At St Martin, Droylsden by the Bishop of Middleton  
Kira Amanda Hurst

### Marriages

#### 13 July

Roy Muir and Marian Quarmby

### Funerals

#### 28 June

Jean Beatrice Flanagan (81 years) Blandford House, Stalybridge  
*Interment of ashes*

#### 3 July

John O'Brien (74 years) Droylsden Road, Audenshaw

#### 14 July

John Ollerenshaw (87 years) Darnton Road, Ashton-under-Lyne  
*Interment of ashes*

#### 16 July

Doris Hotchkiss (86 years) Heritage House Millbrook, formerly of Mereside, Stalybridge

#### 23 July

Jean Binmore (67 years) Bamburgh Drive, Ashton-under-Lyne

#### 24 July

Margaret Anne Booth (76 years) Avalon Park Care Home, Salem, Oldham  
Barbara Partington (67 years) Gordon Street, Springhead, Oldham

### WELL WORTH A VISIT



The long awaited sunshine arrived at the beginning of last month and at the time of writing it is still with us – my hope is that you are reading this whilst still basking in its very welcome warmth. Taking advantage of a quiet day, we visited Buxworth, a little village in Derbyshire, between Chinley and Whaley Bridge. The village was originally called Bugsworth, from the Old English *Bucga's Worth* ("Bucga's Enclosure"), but in the early twentieth century some residents began to dislike the name of their village. Led by the local vicar, Revd Dr Towers, and the village school headmaster, Mr Prescott, they petitioned to have the name changed. As a result Bugsworth officially became Buxworth on 16 April 1930. Of course, by changing the name, they paid no regard to the ancient origins of the village name, which can be traced back to Norman times.

In 1999 High Peak Borough Council spent £350 in organising a ballot of the six hundred residents of the village with the result that they voted to officially keep the name of the village as Buxworth by 233 votes to 139, but the village is still generally referred to as 'Buggy' by locals.

The area was once an important centre for the limestone industry, and became the terminus of the Peak Forest Canal and this was used as a route for transporting limestone between 1796 and 1922 from quarries near Dove Holes, some six miles away. This wasn't transferred by canal but by the Peak Forest Tramway. From there the limestone was carried on barges via the Peak Forest Canal and the Ashton Canal to Manchester and beyond. The remaining lime was burnt in kilns at Bugsworth basin and converted into quicklime, a vital raw material for building, farming and the booming leather and textile industries, which made Stalybridge famous.

Next to Bugsworth basin, the only remaining canal/tramway interchange in the UK, is the Navigation Inn, which was once owned by *Coronation Street* actress Pat Phoenix. How about that for name dropping? But the Navigation Inn, Buxworth Primary School and St James Church were what drew us there on that fine sunny day at the beginning of July. Why you might ask (or maybe not)? The answer is that we went to see the Well Dressings displayed there.

The origins of Well Dressing are lost in the mists of time, but they are said to lie in pagan tradition or in giving thanks for the purity of the water drawn from certain wells during the period of the Black Death. Well Dressing is thought to have originated in 1349 in the village of Tissington, and to this day it remains one of the largest Well Dressing venues spread over the entire village. At Tissington and numerous other villages, the Wells are dressed,

creating beautiful pictures and texts out of flowers and seeds and other materials. They are then blessed in a special service, the first ones of the year usually beginning around Ascension Day and continuing right through the summer to late September.

The Well Dressing at the Navigation Inn this year was living up to its heritage in that it was a circular frame depicting the ancient Pagan calendar – the Wheel of the Year – which splits the year up into eight seasons:

**Samhain** - 31st October (pronounced Sow-in): The Wheel of the Year begins at Samhain, which is also known as Hallowe'en or All Hallows Eve. This is the Celtic New Year, when the veil between the worlds of life and death stands open. Samhain is a festival of the dead, when Pagans remember those who have gone before and acknowledge the mystery of death. Like Christians, pagans celebrate death as a part of life.



**Yule** - 21st December (archaic form Geola, pronounced Yula): Yule is the time of the winter solstice, when the sun child is reborn, an image of the return of all new life born through the love of the gods. The Norse had a god named Ullr, and Yule is regarded as the New Year.

**Imbolc** - 2nd February: Imbolc, also called Oimeic and Candlemas, celebrates the awakening of the land and the growing power of the sun. Often, the earth goddess is venerated in her aspect as the Virgin of Light and her altar – the earth – is decked with snowdrops, the heralds of spring.

**Spring Equinox** - 21st March: By this time, night and day stand equal. The sun grows in power and the land begins to bloom. By Spring Equinox, the powers of the gathering year are equal to the darkness of winter and death. For many pagans, the youthful god with his hunting call, leads the way in dance and celebration. Others dedicate this time to Eostre the Anglo-Saxon Goddess of fertility – from where we get the word Easter.

**Beltane** - 30th April: The powers of light and new life now dance and move through all creation. The Wheel continues to turn. Spring gives way to summer's first full bloom and pagans celebrate Beltane with maypole dances, symbolizing the mystery of the sacred marriage of goddess and god.

**Midsummer** - 21st June: At summer solstice is the festival of Midsummer, sometimes called Litha. The god in his light aspect is at the height of his power and is crowned lord of light. It is a time of plenty and celebration.

**Lughnasadh** - 1st August (pronounced Loo-nassa): otherwise called

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Lammas, is the time of the corn harvest, when pagans reap those things they have sown; when they celebrate the fruits of the mystery of nature and give thanks for the bounty of the goddess as queen of the land.

**Autumn Equinox** - 21 September: Day and night stand hand in hand as equals. As the shadows lengthen, pagans see the darker faces of the god and goddess. For many pagans, this rite honours old age and the approach of winter.

**Samhain** - 31st October: The Wheel turns and returns to Samhain, the festival of the dead, when Pagans face the gods in their most awesome forms. This is not a time of fear, but a time to understand more deeply that life and death are part of a sacred whole.

Like many folk traditions, Well Dressing was later adopted by the Christian Church as a way of giving thanks to God for His gift to us of water. Tradition has it that it took on a special significance in seventeenth century Derbyshire, as various villages, notably Tissington, gave thanks for their deliverance from the Plague which had decimated nearby Eyam, who, through the villager's selfless actions quarantined themselves, thus sparing the surrounding villages from the Black Death.

Many of the Pagan festivals too, have also been absorbed into Christianity: Candlemas or the Presentation of Jesus in the temple; Oestre – Easter; Litha – St John the Baptists' Day; Lammas or Loaf Mass celebrated on 1 August as a thanksgiving for the first-fruits of the wheat harvest when, traditionally, a newly baked loaf from the wheat harvest is presented before God within the mass or Communion of that day; Mabon gives us Harvest Festivals while Samhain gives us All Hallows Eve followed by All Saints Day. Yule, of course involved decorating houses with greenery, lighting candles, holding processions and giving presents – customs which are still carried on today throughout most of the world.

If you've never seen or been to the Well Dressings then you really are missing something – wonderful creations, craftwork and beautiful pictures captured for a brief time in flowers – a true delight for all and in thanksgiving to God. If you can, go and see.

*Philip*

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1 Aug	Norman Wood	1956	16 Aug	Gertrude Ireson	1997
	Jesse Brierley	2000	17 Aug	Arthur Cottrill	1985
2 Aug	Patricia Anne Southerin	1991	20 Aug	Fred Wrigley	1998
	John David Southerin	1991		Rose Kemp	2003
3 Aug	Florence Newton	1982		Richard Arthur de	2006
	Anthony Wray	1982		Yarburgh-Bateson	
	Ellen Cooper	1996	21 Aug	Richard Grantham	1979
4 Aug	William Smith	1990		Mary Maddock	1997
5 Aug	George Buckley	1956		Adele Ann Clifford	1981
	Thomas Hudson	1984	23 Aug	Jack Mitchell	1964
				Wadsworth	
6 Aug	Norman Holt	1976		Charles Horner	1997
	Mary Turner	1998	25 Aug	Florence May Gee	1975
8 Aug	Olive Greenwood	1988		Ernest Lomas	1991
9 Aug	Elsie Andrews	1993		Harry Swindells	1994
	Ethel Rebecca Hirst	1989	26 Aug	Adam Kirk Gordon Tye	1988
10 Aug	Louis Vickers	1997		Frederick Cook	1998
11 Aug	Amanda Jane Sedgwick	1951	27 Aug	Martin James Sweeney	1966
	Joseph Parkinson	1958		Joan Roberts	2001
	Bernard Gudgeon	1987		Joan Cathrine Hartnett	2004
	Beatrice Newton	1990		Owen Bartley	2007
13 Aug	Vera Lydiate	1990	29 Aug	Frank Charlesworth	1981
14 Aug	Edward Barlow	1975		Marion Styan	1994
	Hugh Darbyshire	2006	30 Aug	Peter Steven Turnbull	1982
	Mildred Standing	2009		Harold Davenport	1999
15 Aug	William Frederick Ireson	1942		Mona Jones	2010
	Ellen Mawdsley	1985	31 Aug	John Cowman	1989
	Ann Dunn	2007		Jean Cooper	2010
16 Aug	Walker Ratcliffe	1938		Diane Bardsley	1994
	Colin Mark Press	1982			



## 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



# Stalybridge North Newsletter.

## Summer holidays and Security Tips.

This is the time of year when we like to relax in the garden or go on holiday. Summer is also the time many burglars, bogus callers etc are very active and on the lookout for easy pickings. Here are a few tips to help protect your property and possessions whether at home or on holiday.

### Think like a burglar.

This means looking at your own home objectively and finding a way to get in with minimum effort. What are you leaving insecure? Can anything be stolen such as garden furnishings or from sheds, garages or outer buildings..

If you are going to be away from home for a few days cancel regular deliveries such as milk and papers. Papers and milk cartons if left lying around are good indicators to an opportunist thief that the homeowner maybe away for a few hours. Invite a trusted neighbour to open and close the curtains at the beginning and end of the day. If you have a driveway, ask a neighbour to park a car on it.

### Thefts from vehicles.

On holiday or day trips, close and lock all windows and sunroof. It's very tempting to leave a window open in very warm weather, but don't give a thief a chance. Take all valuables with you; there are no hiding places in a car that a thief doesn't know about. Clean off all traces of a Satnav from the windscreen. Only take with you as much as you need for the trip.

### Staying safe during the day.

Don't leave belongings unattended. Don't leave any valuables in view or easy reach such as the top of a pram or mobility scooter or shopping trolley. The quick eyed and quick fingered thief will steal anything!

Home-watch meetings are held at the Fox Tavern on the first Thursday of the month commencing at 20.00 hrs. The next meeting for Heyrod is July **18th July at 20.30.**

**Dog Fouling. This issue is now being dealt with by Neighbourhood Services.** (Formerly Tameside Patrollers) Their contact number is shown in the above list of contacts.

## Twitter

Anyone who is interested in getting daily updates from your area Neighbourhood Policing Team can also follow us on Twitter:  
**@gmptamesideeast**

## ST GEORGE'S PASTORAL CARE TEAM

(Affectionately known as the Care Bears)

Since its inception way back in 1991 the Pastoral Care Team has continued to care for a number of the Senior Citizens who live in our parish. This has been done through visiting and administering Holy Communion, both to individuals and those in Residential Homes and Sheltered Housing. A highlight of the year is the annual Christmas Party with buffet meal and entertainment.

We are hoping to recruit more volunteers to act as Care Bears and would also like to hear of anyone who would welcome a visit from them. It might be that the scheme could be extended. One recent suggestion has been that, where possible, transport to the monthly Fair Trade afternoon teas could be provided for those who are still able to leave their homes and would welcome a change of scene and a nice natter over a cuppa.

The Christingle and Toy Service in the run up to Christmas is another opportunity for folk to get together. Transport can be provided for those who cannot get to church under their own steam.

So, if you are interested in being part of this scheme – either as a visitor or a person to be visited – please do have a word with one of the clergy or the wardens.

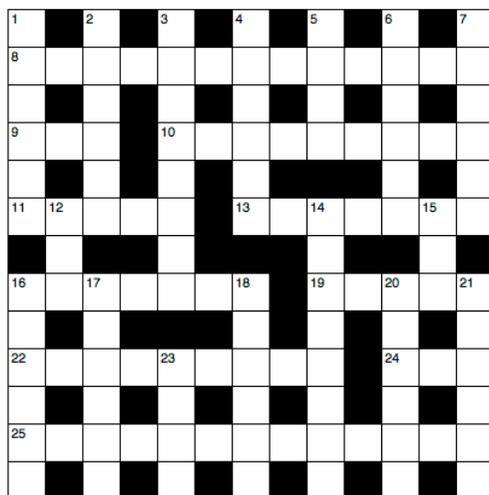
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## Junior Church Prize Giving

Sunday 21 July saw a very enjoyable service and happy group of children and young people for the Junior Church Prize Giving. Philip did well to deliver his sermon with the giddy group of youngsters on top note in anticipation of their summer holiday. Members of Junior Church received gifts of books in recognition of their attendance and our thanks goes to the many volunteers who help to keep the Junior church up and running. Enjoy your summer break.



## August Crossword



### Across

- 8** One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5),  
**9** International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1),  
**10** Single(1Corinthians7:27)(9)  
**11** Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)  
**13** Treachery(2Kings11:14)(7),  
**16** Of India(anag.)(2,3,2), **19** 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5),  
**22** Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)  
**24** 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)  
**25** They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

### Down

- 1** The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6),  
**2** Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6),  
**3** Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8),  
**4** 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)  
**5** Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4), **6** Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)  
**7** 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2), **12** Run(anag.)(3), **14** Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8), **15** 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3), **16** Earnings(1Corinthians16:2)(6), **17** 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that— you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)  
**18** How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1)(6)  
**20** Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel11:4)(6)  
**21** 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)  
**23** This month(abbrev.)(4)

## Some dates for your diary - August 2013

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Baptism</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism x 3</b>
Tuesday	6th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	10th	2.00p.m.	to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Teas
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Baptism</b>
Tuesday	13th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism x 3</b>
Tuesday	20th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Worship For All</b>
Tuesday	27th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion

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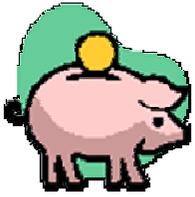
### Left-handed

Bobby went to the park one Sunday afternoon with his grandmother. It was late summer, but still many flowers were in bloom. Everything was beautiful. His grandmother remarked: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?"

Only a few hours away from church, Bobby said: "Yes, God did it and he did it left-handed." Confused, his grannie asked him why he thought that. "Easy," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School this morning that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"

### July Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.  
 DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.



## MONEY MATTERS

Helping to explain the financial side of being a member of St. George's church.

Last year we had to find **£980** a week to run our church. We had to find all that money ourselves. There are about **70** regular adult church members at St. George's so if the whole bill was split that would mean we would all need to give **£14.00** a week or **£60.00** a month. Sounds a lot, doesn't it?

### **Thankfully we earn money as well by:**

- Renting our building
- Fund raising such as the Spring and Christmas Fairs
- We get paid for conducting weddings and funerals
- Donations

### DOING THE MATHS

Running St George's costs **£51,000** a year - With 70 adults members we each would have to pay **£14.00** a week.

However we earn money by:-

Rents	£2,000
Fundraising	£8,000
Fees (weddings etc)	£4,000
Donations	£1,000

**Total earned income = £15,000**

**Amount needed from the church family is £36,000**

For each of our **70** adult members that means giving **£10.00** per person per week to cover the bills.

Obviously not everyone is in a position to do this. There are a few generous members who give more than the average but there are also people who don't give regularly at all.

Perhaps you didn't know how church was run or that we had to find so much money ourselves.

I hope you will find this information useful and it will enable you to review your giving.

You can give regularly by:

- Giving through the envelope scheme
- Give by standing order into our bank account
- If you pay tax make sure you gift aid.

Please contact Philip, Nancy or myself if you would like further information.

*Juliana (Treasurer)*

*P/S We are lucky at St. George's that we have so many volunteers who give of their time and talents, without them it would cost us even more money to cover our bills!*

### **June 2013 Weekly Giving**

Date	Sunday	Open plate	Envelopes	Total	Shortfall (Assuming £10 per adult pw needed for running the church)
2 Jun	Trinity 1	£30.30	£268.68	£298.98	-£401.02
9 Jun	Trinity 2	£39.83	£287.50	£327.33	-£372.67
16 Jun	Trinity 3	£91.43	£180.16	£271.59	-£428.41
23 Jun	Anniv	£35.69	£299.09	£334.78	-£365.22
30 Jun	Trinity 5	£39.24	£309.12	£348.36	-£351.64
<b>Monthly Total</b>				<b>£1581.04</b>	<b>-£1918.96</b>