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Worship

Sunday

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)

10.45 a.m. Sung Communion and Junior Church
(4th 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 or Funerals please phone Philip (Priest-in-Charge) on 0161 338 2368. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

| | | | | | |
|--------|------------------------|------|--------|---------------------|------|
| 1 Oct | William Reynolds | 1951 | 15 Oct | Kenneth Stevenson | 1994 |
| | Walter Meadowcroft | 1980 | | Herbert Battersby | 2009 |
| 2 Oct | Joseph Parkinson | 1966 | 16 Oct | William Parkinson | 1899 |
| | Minnie Duffin | 2004 | | Gillian Checkley | 2007 |
| 3 Oct | Harry Shaw | 1986 | 17 Oct | Albert Wood | 1972 |
| | Paul Thomas Sykes | 1992 | 19 Oct | Harry Hamilton | 1982 |
| 4 Oct | Harry Lees | 1984 | | Dorothy Turner | 2006 |
| | Barbara Robinson | 2007 | 22 Oct | Stuart Priestley | 1968 |
| | Vera Redfern | 2008 | 23 Oct | Sidney Moorcroft | 1989 |
| 5 Oct | Gladys Worsnip | 2002 | 25 Oct | Myfanwy Spencer | 1985 |
| 6 Oct | Esther Wheal | 1983 | | Muriel Grace Castle | 2010 |
| 8 Oct | Olivia Haigh | 1988 | 26 Oct | Dennis Selby | 1981 |
| 9 Oct | Ethel Stokes | 1981 | | Alice Kershaw Wood | 1983 |
| | Alfred Benjamin Street | 2007 | 27 Oct | Paul Quarmby | 2004 |
| 10 Oct | George Harry Garnett | 1993 | | Norrie Stewart | 2007 |
| | Paulette Davenport | 2009 | 28 Oct | Ethel May Nuttall | 2007 |
| 11 Oct | Margaret Bates | 1980 | | Lily Burgess | 2010 |
| 12 Oct | Alice Brierley | 1985 | 29 Oct | Kyle Richard Turner | 1987 |
| | Ellen Ridgeway | 2001 | | Eric Lister Jones | 1995 |
| | Joan Pilling | 2012 | | Edna Smyth | 2004 |
| 13 Oct | Doreen Kay | 2004 | | | |
| 14 Oct | George Alan Wilson | 2010 | | | |



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

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

1 September

Thomas Joseph Murray, The Spindles, Mossley

15 September

Sophie Tomkins, Cambridge Street, Stalybridge
James Francis John Warren, Cambridge Street, Stalybridge
Tyler Gage Barker, Cambridge Street, Stalybridge

Weddings

God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them

6 September

John Davies and Deborah Marie Lowe

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the faith of the Lord

4 September

Grace Jones (85 years) Queens Drive, Glossop

13 September

Eunice Hesmondhalgh (73 years) Kingswood Court, West Kingsdown, Kent

16 September

James Reid Alker (79 years) Tarbet Road, Dukinfield

20 September

Elizabeth Mabel Cardy (71 years) Bentley Road, Denton

22 September

Peter Barratt (60 years) Chapel Lane, Anwick, Lincolnshire
interment of ashes

24 September

Sarah Ann Burslem (101 years) Guide Lane Nursing Home, formerly of
Heritage House, Millbrook

ON OUR KNEES

Dear Friends

How's your prayer life? When I was confirmed, way back in the 1960s, all confirmation candidates were presented with a small book entitled *In His Presence*. The book's foreword describes it as "A Prayer Book and Guide to Confirmation, Communion and Church Teaching." The chapter on Prayer offers the model ACTS as a guide



A doration
C onfession
T hanksgiving
S upplication

It breaks down each of these headings and gives a basic guide of what might be included. As a simple tool this is quite useful, but there are so many other ways of developing our prayer life and learning how to do it better.

To pray for others is to intercede which can be really hard work. If we only pray for ourselves and our own little circle of friends and family, then our prayers become very selfish and who truly wants to listen to someone who is always going on about themselves? Surely we don't want to inflict this on a loving God, even though he will listen to every prayer which is offered.

The value of prayer can never be underestimated. Someone once said that prayer should always be used as a first resource and not as a last resort. When we can't think of a good solution to our problems then we pray about it, when really, we should pray before we do anything at all. In our society we always want an immediate response and are not prepared to wait on God's timing and will

When the prayer life of an individual and corporately of a church, is right, then so many other things seem to slot into place. The personal, practical and financial difficulties faced by all parishes seem to be more easily tolerated and not the overwhelming burden that we sometimes feel.

Jesus told us to go on praying and not to grow weary of trying and reminded us of the widow who kept pestering an unjust judge every day until he finally gave in. (Luke 18.2-5)

We now have the opportunity to begin to develop our prayer life further. On Saturday 12th October from 9.30a.m. to 1.30p.m. at Christ Church, Denton, Bishop Mark will lead an Adventure in Prayer morning for our Deanery. There will be an initial address by the Bishop and this will be followed by several different workshops giving the chance to explore and develop new pathways for our prayer life. The morning will conclude with a celebration of the Eucharist. May I encourage you to join with us for a special time set apart to focus entirely on prayer and fellowship? Remember, Jesus himself, spent many hours away from others just talking to and listening to God.

Looking ahead, to 3rd November at 3.00pm, we will be holding our annual All Souls Service. If you would like the name of a family member or friend read out at this service, then please add their names to the list that will appear at the back of church towards the end of this month. Everyone is most warmly invited to attend and to light a candle in memory of their loved one.

Philip

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Do you believe in answers to prayer?

A large majority of us still believe that our prayers may be answered – despite the national drop in formal religious observance.

Only one in seven of us would ‘never’ turn to prayer for help with problems in our lives. In fact, recent research by the Church of England has found that 31 per cent of us may even pray for world peace and 27 per cent of us may pray for an end to world poverty.

More personal prayers are not so common. Only 15 per cent of us consider praying for personal guidance or healing or the ability to cope with stress. And only ten per cent of us ever think to repent and pray for forgiveness. Yet the Bible promises: ‘The Lord is near to all those who call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of those who fear him; he will hear their cry, and will save them.’ (Psalm 145:18-19)

The findings come from a poll conducted by ICM for the C of E. It also found that overall, only 14 per cent of the population would never pray.

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Bible Sunday 27th October Be part of the Bible story in China

Have you heard the amazing story of the Bible in China? How it's gone from being a banned book to a bestseller? How it's part of incredible Church growth, where around a million Chinese people come to faith every year?

And did you know that YOU can be part of the story?

Bible Sunday, organised by Bible Society, is an annual opportunity to celebrate the blessing of owning and reading your own Bible. This year, it's also a time to join the amazing story in China – by helping provide Bibles to Chinese Christians too poor to afford a copy of the Scriptures themselves.

In the last 12 months, a million people have come to faith in China, according to estimates. Imagine that. It's equivalent to one more person making a commitment to Christ by the time you read this article.

These new Christians are mostly from rural areas – and they are mostly poor. It means the cost of a Bible is simply out of their reach. And it's created a huge Bible shortage.

Nearly half of all Christians in China don't own a Bible. In some places 10 Christians have to share a single copy of the Bible between them.

Earlier this year, the Chinese government gave permission for the printing of 3.5 million Bibles for the churches there. They'll be printed at Amity Printing Company in Nanjing – which is part-owned by Bible Society.

The printing presses are ready to roll – with the capacity to print almost 50 Bibles every minute. It's only the cost of the paper that's missing. Just 80p could buy the paper for one Chinese Bible.

Through Bible Sunday, our church can help raise funds to buy Bibles for Chinese Christians. The Bible Sunday theme this year is 'the Bible's message of freedom'.

Visit biblesociety.org.uk/biblesunday to find out more.

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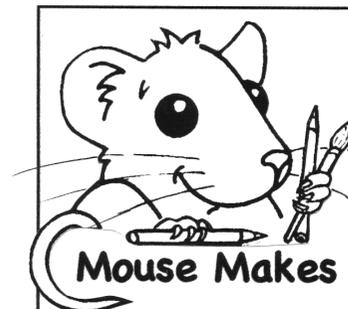
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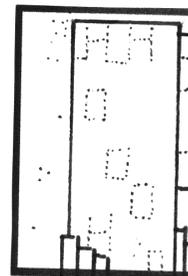
Children's Page



SOLOMON BUILDS A TEMPLE
King Solomon decided to build a temple to honour the Lord God. It took 80,000 men to cut the stone for it and 30,000 men seven years to build it. The finished temple was 60 cubits long, 20 cubits wide and 30 cubits high and the inside was completely covered with gold!

READ about Solomon's temple
in 1 Kings 5:1 - 6:38

The blocks for temple have all been mixed up! Carefully cut out each block and rearrange to build God's temple. Glue onto card and colour in.



A 'cubit' is about 18 inches or almost 45.5cm long

God said "Build

a temple that

will honour me"

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"Never mind, let's just be happy that Baz came to church in the first place."



The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows

Readings and Psalms for October 2013

- Tues 1st 10.30 Zechariah 8.20-end; Psalm 87; Luke 9.51-56
- Sun 6th 19th Sunday after Trinity
10.45 Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10
- Tues 8th 10.30 Jonah 3; Psalm 130; Luke 10.38-end
- Sun 13th 20th Sunday after Trinity
8.30 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c; Luke 17.11-19
10.45 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-13c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19
- Tues 15th 10.30 Romans 1.16-25; Psalm 19.1-4; Luke 11.37-41
- Sun 20th 21st Sunday after Trinity
10.45 Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8
- Tues 22nd 10.30 Romans 5.12,15,17-end; Psalm 40.7-12; Luke 12.35-38
- Sun 27th Bible Sunday
8.30 Isaiah 45.22-end; Luke 4.16-24
10.45 Isaiah 45.22-end; Luke 4.16-24
Worship For All
- Tues 29th 10.30 Romans 8.18-15; Psalm 126; Luke 13.18-21

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The Bible is meant to be bread for our daily use, not just cake for special occasions. Anon

WHERE ARE YOU? SHOW ME MY WORK!

This is an article written some time ago by Father Richard Lindsay of St George's Mossley. We thank him for this.

As a youngster, I was interested in Astronomy, particularly I learned details about the planets in our Solar System: the Sun with planets orbiting around. And I now use this analogy frequently as an expression of (1) people's commitment to the Son of God! and (2) my work!

Mercury: Those who 24/7 know the Presence of the Lord and they desire to let Him lead. A pillar of their Church and Community. They attend Church worship / activities during the week. Beware they may think themselves good!

Venus: Those who take the Lord seriously during the week but need to bring to Him 24/7. A pillar of their Church and Community. They attend Church worship / activities during the week. They too may think themselves good! They may think they are doing OK. Christ has a big part of their lives - but not control!

Earth: Your 'average' weekly attender. "Religion only on Sunday - not during the week please!" Beware they may think themselves good - and that they know enough about the Christian Faith.

Mars: Those who attend about once a month.

Jupiter: Those who attend at Christmas and Easter.

Saturn: Those who say they believe in God - may well say their prayers. Only come to Church for Baptism, Weddings and Funerals. "Songs of Praise" is their worship.

Uranus: Never think about God – indifferent.

Neptune: "There is no God."

Pluto: The furthest planet – the anti-religious / hostile.

Some dates for your diary - October 2013

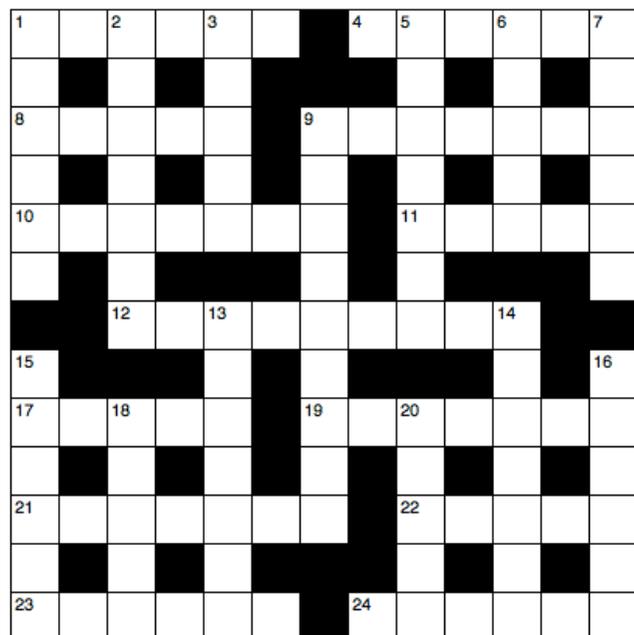
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| Tuesday | 1st | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |
| | | 7.45p.m. | Christmas Fair & Fund Raising Meeting |
| Thursday | 2nd | 9.30a.m. | Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs |
| Sunday | 6th | 10.45a.m. | Parish Eucharist |
| | | 12.30p.m. | Holy Baptism x 4 |
| Tuesday | 8th | 10.30a.m. | Holy Communion |
| | | 7.00p.m. | Charity Giving Meeting |
| | | 8.00p.m. | Parochial Church Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | 9th | 10.00a.m. | Silver Springs Primary Academy Harvest Service |
| Thursday | 10th | 9.30a.m. | Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs |
| Saturday | 12th | 9.30a.m. - 1.30p.m. | School of Prayer at Christ Church Denton with Bishop Mark |
| Sunday | 13th | 8.30a.m. | Holy Communion |
| | | 10.45a.m. | Parish Eucharist & Junior Church |
| Tuesday | 15th | 10.30a.m. | Holy Communion |
| | | 7.45p.m. | Knit & Natter (Craft Group) |
| Thursday | 17th | 9.30a.m. | Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs |
| Sunday | 20th | One World Week & United Nations Day (24th) | |
| | | 10.45a.m. | Parish Eucharist & Junior Church |
| | | 12.30p.m. | Holy Baptism x 3 |
| Tuesday | 22nd | 10.30a.m. | Holy Communion |
| | | 7.45p.m. | Knit & Natter (Craft Group) |
| Thursday | 24th | 9.30a.m. | Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs |
| Saturday | 26th | 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. | Fair Trade Afternoon Teas |
| Sunday | 27th | Bible Sunday | |
| | | 8.30a.m. | Holy Communion |
| | | 10.45a.m. | Worship For All |
| Tuesday | 29th | 10.30a.m. | Holy Communion |

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

September Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.
DOWN: 1, Lose. 2, Blamerest. 3, Radio. 4, Agree. 5, Tend. 6, Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve. 20, Isaac. 21, Ishvi. 22, Fret. 23, Ebed.

October Crossword



Across

1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6), **4** As balm (anag.) (6), **8** Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5), **9** On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7), **10** 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7), **11** Banishment (Jeremiah 29:1) (5), **12** 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1 Corinthians 12:31) (9), **17** 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2), **19** Mice den (anag.) (7), **21** How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of —' (Exodus 13:3) (7), **22** One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5), **23** 'As a sheep before her shearers is —, so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6), **24** Paul's birthplace (Acts 22:3) (6)

Down

1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6), **2** Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7), **3** Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5), **5** Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7), **6** The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5), **7** 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6), **9** According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9), **13** 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7), **14** 'The Lord of heaven and earth... does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7), **15** 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6), **16** Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6), **18** Track (Job 41:30) (5), **20** Religious doctrine (5)

Of course like all analogies, it fails in many ways: but broadly the question remains where **ARE WE** in our commitment to the Son of God? Our job is to come ever nearer to the Son to pursue a life worthy of the vocation to which we are called. And our job is also to lead others nearer the Son — e.g. to encourage those who come only at Festivals to come once a month (Mars to Earth) — and those who come weekly to come during the week and be involved in daily commitment for the Lord (Earth to Venus).

It is probable that we are much more comfortable helping to move people from one orbit to another — some people in our congregations will be helpful where we lack confidence in areas. I am sometimes heartened by a move of more than one orbit to the Sun/Son. As a Parish Priest I believe it to be of great importance to provide resources /opportunities in every orbit to move nearer the Sun/Son.

Fr. R. Lindsay October 2005

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Prayer for faith in God

Heavenly Father,
When the world is wobbling and our lives spin out of our control, when everything seems wrong and we don't know how to put things right, give us the gift of faith: believing faith, trusting faith, expectant faith.

Faith to believe that Jesus is Lord, your Son and our Saviour, alive today.

Faith to transfer our trust from our own efforts, which are insufficient, to his achievement on the cross, which is all-sufficient, bringing forgiveness and reconciliation with you, our creator and loving Father.

And expectant faith, that in our trouble, in our helplessness, in our fear, you will hear our prayers and act; you will bring hope and healing, rest and resolution, for your kingdom glory and for our benefit and well-being.

In every circumstance of our lives, give us faith — in you, Sovereign Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

September 2013 Weekly Giving

| Date | Sunday | Open plate | Envelopes | Total | Shortfall (Assuming £10 per adult pw needed for running the church) |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|--|
| 1 Sep | Trinity 14 | £38.31 | £346.76 | £385.07 | -£314.93 |
| 8 Sep | Trinity 15 | £26.80 | £254.30 | £281.10 | -£418.90 |
| 15 Sep | Trinity 16 | £45.52 | £188.22 | £231.74 | -£468.26 |
| 22 Sep | Harvest | £90.19 | £633.50 | £723.69 | +£23.69 |
| Monthly Total | | | | £1621.60 | -£1178.40 |

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200 Club Winners

The 200 Club winners for September are:

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| 1st Prize | £30 | No 28 | Julia Davies |
| 2nd Prize | £15 | No 48 | Jeanette Allsop |
| 3rd Prize | £ 5 | No 84 | Joan Catlow |

This is one of the ways you can help to support St George's and there are still some numbers available. New members are always welcome and the more members we have the bigger the prizes and amount donated to church, so if you would like more information please contact Rose Hayward on 0161 303 1731 or Juliana Stewart on 0161 303 7483.

Thank You



Jar of Grace

This year UNICEF is continuing its work to relieve suffering in every part of the world. All monies received from the Jars of Grace will be used in the fight against disease such as polio, measles, tetanus which affects children in the poorer countries where health welfare among children appears to have low priority. The target figure UNICEF is aiming for is £110,000. A programme of vaccination and immunisation to protect every child is the objective. Here at St George's we began our annual Jar of Grace on Harvest Sunday and will continue till January 2014. Of course there are friends whom save money for this scheme all the year round; others donate a sum of money on a frequent basis. Last year, thanks to peoples' generosity the magnificent sum of £552 was raised. If you feel that you too would wish to take part, all that you need do is put a small amount of change (or a big amount) in a jar and pass it back to me in January.

Gladys Spencer

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