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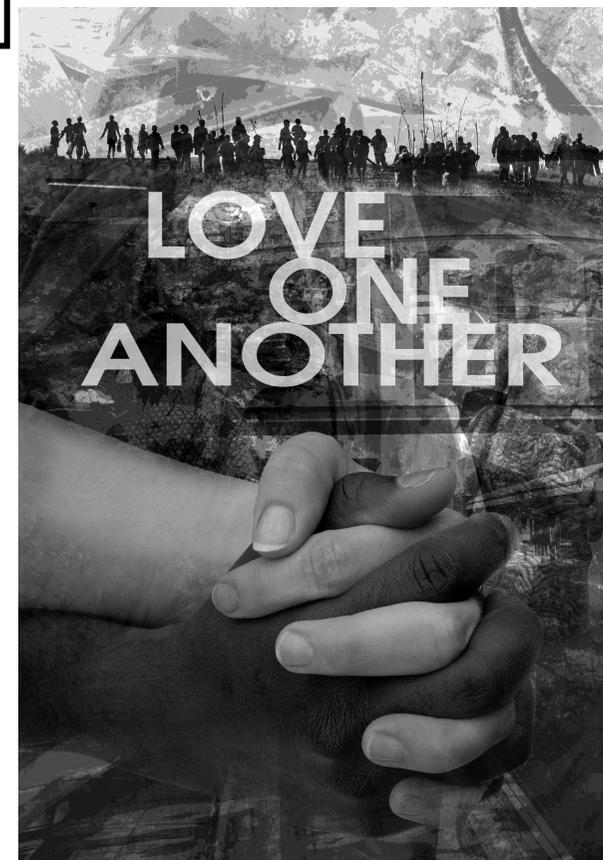
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November 2013

St George's Church Stalybridge

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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 Nov	Norman Clinton Ridgway	1991	16 Nov	Alice Whalley	1998
2 Nov	Roy Worsnip	1972	18 Nov	Olive Bowden	1993
3 Nov	Samuel Currie	2010		Florence Wilson	2006
4 Nov	Susan Ann Mann	2006		Winifred Sarah Nield	2011
5 Nov	Furness James Hall	2006	20 Nov	Jonathan Ratcliffe	1917
	Eric Gregson Eastwood	2009		Kenneth Cyril La Touche	1982
6 Nov	Fanny Seaton	1927		Brian Hitchon	1984
	Sydney Dring	1981	21 Nov	Edith Haigh	1993
	Doreen Berry	1988		John Patrick Higgins	1952
	Dennis Holt	1994	22 Nov	Stanley Brierley	1991
	Catherine Tetlow	2008	23 Nov	Doris May Brayshaw	2002
8 Nov	Norman Andrew	1986	24 Nov	Gary Lee Hughes	1985
9 Nov	Edward Priestley	1989	27 Nov	Kathleen Irene Humphries	1994
	Grace Barber	2008			
10 Nov	Roland Wilson	1984	28 Nov	Gwilym Samuel	1974
	Clifford Thomas John	1994		Rees	1983
	Jessie Dennis	2005		Paul James Smyth	
13 Nov	Walter Raymond Skelton	1998		Andrew John Philip Beckwith	2001
	Lucy Louise Yvonne Taylor	2011		Joan Entwistle	2005
14 Nov	Zoie Vidler	2003			
	Michael S Oliver	2003			

* Omitted from October Book of Remembrance

29 Oct John McKee 1986



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

6 October

Harry Rupert Mantel, Manchester Road, Tintwistle
Shantelle Julie Dixon, Dowson Road, Hyde
Lincoln Kyle Lee Turner, Dowson Road, Hyde
Lola Mae Moody, Windermere Road, Stalybridge

20 October

Amelia-Rae Falconer-Flint, Demesne Drive, Stalybridge
Jack Geoffrey Burgess, Cambridge Street, Stalybridge
Elena Lockwood, Buttermere Terrace, Stalybridge

Funerals

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

3 October

Brenda Austin (76 years) Kendal House, Stalybridge

9 October

Joseph Wynne Bithell (70 years) Stamford Grove, Stalybridge
Christopher Aspray (28 years) Leesway Drive, Denton

Why go to church?

A church-goer complained to his minister: "wrote I've been coming to church every Sunday for 30 years, and in that time I have heard thousands of sermons, but for the life of me, I can't think of a single one now. So I think I have wasted my time."

The minister thought for a moment and replied: "I've been married for 30 years and my wife has cooked me thousands of meals. For the life of me I can't recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals now. But I do know that each one nourished me and gave me strength to carry on living. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would have been stunted and eventually starved. Without regular Christian nourishment, we also will starve – spiritually."

Dear All,

As I prepare this article, Remembrance Sunday is just over five weeks away. I am deeply honoured, and not a little humbled, to have been again invited to conduct the service at Stalybridge Cenotaph. Hopefully this parade and service will be well attended; indeed the number of people attending has grown in recent years. I doubt it is necessary for me to suggest any reasons for this but it is well known that we British always hold the men and women of Her Majesty's Armed Forces in special affection, but of course, not everybody will agree and that is their right, given that we all wish to live in a liberal democracy.



A few years ago I was astounded to discover that since 1945 there has only been one, yes, just ONE year when our armed forces have not been involved in hostilities of one sort or another and that year was 1968. In August 1969 the Army was sent onto the streets of Northern Ireland to assist the (then) Royal Ulster Constabulary and you know the rest of that story.

Ninety five years ago a Chief Engineer was home on leave and just about to leave his nine year old son, his seven year old daughter and his pregnant wife in order to rejoin his ship. Remember, in those days radio communication was in its infancy and there was no such thing as airmail letters, so long periods of separation and silence were the norm. One the morning of his departure they found a white feather through the letter box, the sign that somebody considered him a coward. He rejoined his ship and little was heard for several months, until one day a telegram arrived. As you may know, a telegram was the standard way in those days of bringing bad news and this was no exception. His ship was missing and so were all the crew, presumed drowned. Mrs Stewart, my paternal grandmother had become one of the millions of WW1 widows; she later gave birth to their third child, a daughter who never knew her father. It was subsequently ascertained that the ship had struck a mine in British territorial waters and indeed there were no survivors but the date was, I think, especially poignant – the 9th. November, 1918, just forty eight hours before that war officially ended.

Sadly, many, many millions of people have died since as a result of warfare and still are, probably as you read this. Try to work out just

how many conflicts are being fought in the world just at the present time. We might know how to split the atom but how to reconcile so many (seemingly) bitterly divided people seems to permanently elude us. Can the Bible help us?

At first sight, the best answer might well be, “doubtful.” The character of God Himself is described variously as, “God of peace” but also “Warrior”. However, as with so many things connected with Christianity, we shouldn’t give up at the first opportunity, as so many seem to do today, often simply to suit their own warped agenda. Even Hitler found a corrupted bishop to espouse his doctrine of hatred.

Many times we seek to be God-like and we have to remember that God’s character is such that He never gives up on us. Also, He never gives up the fight on our behalf against all forms of evil and oppression. To this end He even sacrificed his son Jesus to a cruel death upon the cross to save us. And yet, what were the first words of Jesus after His resurrection? “Peace be with you.”

We are involved in a war – God’s war. We should be fighting against all opposition to His rule. Our target is sin, and only when sin is defeated, in all its many forms, will we find true peace.

If we aren’t all peacemakers we should be. Does this mean literally turning the other cheek to receive the next blow? No, Jesus meant that a positive approach to peace is never cowardice nor passive submission to evil. Perhaps the Christian fights best when announcing peace as opposed to war!

So, what weapons of peace are available to us? Consider:- clear teaching to confront evil, a willingness to speak to our enemies, expressing love, understanding and respect, and a desire to negotiate whenever possible. Violence should, ideally, always be the last resort.

Now, it is axiomatic that not all people will agree with the above, and that is the prerogative of us all but, please remember this. If it was not for those we remember on 11 11 at 11, many of us might not be here today to voice our dissent. May they truly rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Keith.

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It's that time of the year again- let's get the shoeboxes out and fill them with little gifts for the needy children of this world.

There will be leaflets available in the church lounge.

We need all our shoeboxes from St. Georges to be at church by Sunday 17th. November 2013.

We have been very good at responding to this cause over many years in spite of many other good causes as well as keeping our church going. For all this, I thank you.

In addition to doing a shoebox, you may wish to help at the warehouse which is in Ashton, (details below) This is where all our boxes go, along with thousands of others collected from our area.

The warehouse will shortly be opening and it is hoped that many, old and new volunteers, will be able to help out over the next few weeks.

This year's warehouse is again at **UNIT 5, PLANTATION INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WHITELANDS ROAD, ASHTON. OL6 6UZ.**

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The warehouse will open from Wednesday 13th November until Wednesday 4th December.

The revised opening hours are going to be: -

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10:00 to 18:00
Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 to 20:00
Saturday 16th and 23rd November 10:00 to 14:00
Sundays – closed

Last year the Manchester warehouse sent out an amazing 39,500 shoeboxes. Checking the shoeboxes is really valuable work. If you know anyone else who might be interested in volunteering, please let him or her know where the warehouse is located.

Our boxes are going to the following countries: Belarus, Rwanda, Kyrgyzstan, Romania and Swaziland.

I really do hope that you are able to help make this years campaign a success.

George Vernon

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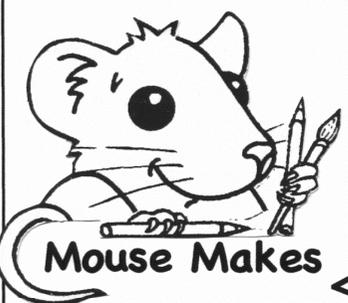
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Children's Page



Mouse Makes

CHRISTMAS is coming,
ADVENT is near!
Colour in **one** section of
the Advent candle
(starting at the bottom)
on each of the **four**
Sundays before
Christmas and read
about God's **promise**,
God's **message**.
God's **gift** and
God's **good news**.
On Christmas Day colour
in the flame at the top of
the candle, cut the
candle out and hang
from the tree.

S	A	V	I	O	U	R
H	D	B	I	R	T	H
O	V	Y	A	J	L	J
P	E	A	C	E	O	O
E	N	E	W	S	V	Y
P	T	O	H	U	E	E
G	O	O	D	S	O	I

Can you find these words?
ADVENT•PEACE•JOY
HOPE•LOVE•GOOD•NEWS
JESUS•BIRTH•SAVIOUR



4
God's Good News
Read LUKE 2:1-20

3
To Everyone with love
God's Gift
Read JOHN 3:16

2
God's Message
Read LUKE 1:26-28

1
God's Promise
Read ISAIAH 9:6-7

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Tear Here

A biscuit pack can bring great cheer,
But therein lies a trap –
You pull just where it says
'tear here'
And they all land in your lap.....

"The new vicar seems pretty confident in his ability to increase church attendance!"

Readings and Psalms for November 2013

- Sun 3rd All Saints' Day**
10.45 Daniel 7.1-3,15-,18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11-end; Luke 6.20-31
15.00 Lamentations 3.17-26; Psalm 27.1-6,16-end; John 5.19-25
- Tues 5th 10.30** Romans 12.5-16; Psalm 131; Luke 14.15-24
- Sun 10th 3rd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday**
8.30 Job 19.23-27a; Luke 20.27-38
10.45 Job 19.23-27a; Psalm 17.1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-end; Luke 20.27-38
- Tues 12th 10.30** Titus 2.1-8,11-14; Psalm 34.1-6; Luke 17.7-10
- Sun 17th 2nd Sunday before Advent**
10.45 Malachi 4.1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19
- Tues 19th 10.30** Revelations 3.1-6,14-end; Psalm 11; Luke 19.1-10
- Sun 24th Christ the King**
8.30 Jeremiah 23.1-6; Luke 23.33-43
10.45 Jeremiah 23.1-6; Luke 23.33-43
Worship For All
- Tues 26th 10.30** Daniel 2.31-45; Benedicite vv 1-3; Luke 21.5-11

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To-days Thought

Try to agree to disagree, without being disagreeable about it.

October 2013 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open plate	Envelopes	Total	Shortfall (Assuming £10 per adult pw needed for running the church)
29 Sep	Trinity 18	£21.00	£157.80	£178.80	
6 Oct	Trinity 19	£26.85	£312.39	£339.24	
13 Oct	Trinity 20	£40.92	£470.03	£510.95	
20 Oct	Trinity 21	£22.15	£408.02	£430.17	
27 Oct	Bible Sunday	£55.00	£306.64	£361.64	
		Standing orders etc		£799.00	
Monthly Total				£2619.80	-£880.20

Previous weekly amounts in the magazine did not include standing orders etc and for this we apologise. It makes the books seem healthier, but we are still far short of our monthly target.

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200 Club Winners



The 200 Club winners for October are:

1st Prize	£30	No 110	Beryl Shepherd
2nd Prize	£15	No 106	Heather Lees
3rd Prize	£ 5	No 22	Michael Davies

To join the 200 Club please contact Rose Hayward on 0161 303 1731 or Juliana Stewart on 0161 303 7483. Money for 2014 will be collected from December and will be £12 for the year.

Thank You

Some dates for your diary - November 2013

Sunday	3rd	All Saints Sunday 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3 3.00p.m. All Souls' Service
Tuesday	5th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Thursday	7th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	10th	Remembrance Sunday 8.30a.m. Holy Communion 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tuesday	12th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 11.00a.m Ashton Deanery Clergy Chapter Meeting 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	14th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	17th	10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
	18th	10.30a.m. Stalybridge Churches Together Clergy Meeting
Tuesday	19th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thursday	21st	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sunday	24th	10.45a.m. Worship For All
Tuesday	26th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Thursday	28th	No Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs - Half Term
Saturday	30th	11.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Christmas Fair with Santa in his Grotto 2.00p.m. Enthronement of Bishop David Walker as Bishop of Manchester (Manchester Cathedral)

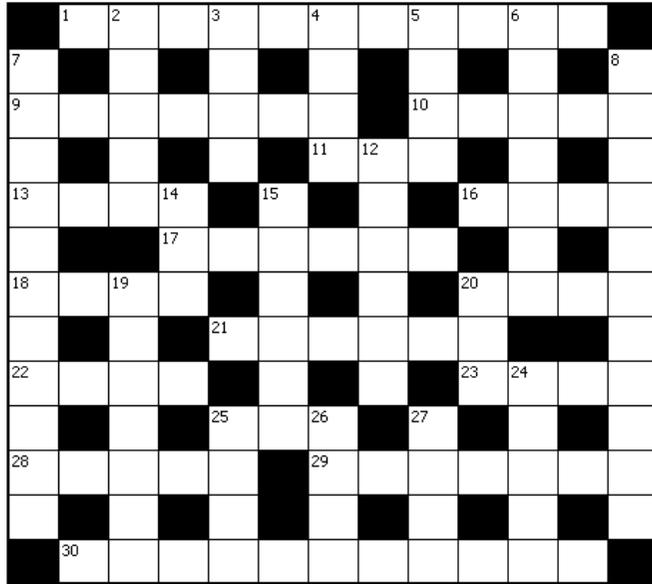
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October Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galal. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.
DOWN: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.

November Crossword



Across

1 and **20 Down** 'Lord of all — , Lord of all — , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3), **9** Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you — your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7), **10** Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline — (2,3), **11** 'At even — the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3), **13** A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4), **16** 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but — for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4), **17** Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6), **18** Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must — God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4), **20** Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, — Eareckson Tada (4), **21** Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6), **22** 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat — — ' (Matthew 13:2) (2,2), **23** Infectious tropical disease (4), **25** Tree (3), **28** 'No fear of me should — you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5), **29** For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7), **30** Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

2 'O Jerusalem... how — I have longed to gather your children together' (Matthew 23:37) (5), **3** Way out (4), **4** Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4), **5** Done (anag.) (4), **6** Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7), **7** Concerning the study of God (11), **8** Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11), **12** Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6), **14** Frozen (3), **15** Established form of religious ceremony (6), **19** Inscription often found on gravestones (7), **20** See 1 Across, **24** Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5), **25** Time (anag.) (4), **26** Lists choice of meals (4), **27** 'For the wages of sin is death, but the — of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

Poppies for Remembrance

The annual Poppy Appeal is now underway. Did you ever wonder how it all began?



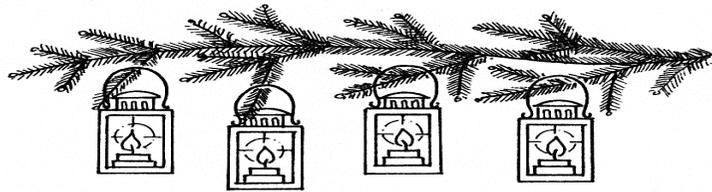
It seems that poppies were first suggested as a symbol of Remembrance in the USA by a Miss Moina Michael, way back in November 1918. The American Legion used them in 1920, and then in 1921 Madame Guerin introduced her poppies, made by widows of a French-American charity, to the British Legion.

The next suitable occasion for a poppy-linked appeal was Armistice Day, and the British Legion took a big chance: they had no idea if the poppies would 'catch on' over here or not, but went ahead, ordered nine million, and held their breath...

On the day itself, the first poppy was bought in London a few seconds after midnight. The poppies were on sale at an official price of threepence but before breakfast single petals were selling Smithfield Market for £5. All day long motor cars fetched poppies and crate after crate was emptied until supplies ran out. A message from Queen Mary brought sellers to Buckingham Palace, but hearing that poppies were in short supply, she bought only two.

A basket of poppies auctioned at Christies raised nearly £500.

That first appeal raised £106,000 (nearly £30 million in today's terms). In 1922 the "Poppy Factory" was established in the UK and has been employing disabled ex-Servicemen to make the poppies ever since. Poppies were "sold" when the appeal started. Nowadays, charity legislation requires them to be 'distributed in return for donations'.



Gift Day Request

You know when Christmas time draws near
And you make a list of names
Of those to whom you'll give a gift?
(Some perfume, socks or games).

Would it be possible for you
To add an extra gift?
One for St. George's Parish Church
(Its coffers need a lift).

We know this church is greatly loved
By those who worship here
But as you know - just like at home
(The costs go up each year).

There is to be a Gift Day
On December 1st - so please
Could you afford to contribute
(Our 'present' plight to ease)?

Whatever sum is given
Will help us on our way
To meet our obligations
(And all our bills to pay).

So when you make that Christmas list
Remember these few lines
And heartfelt thanks to those who give
To us, so many, many times.



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