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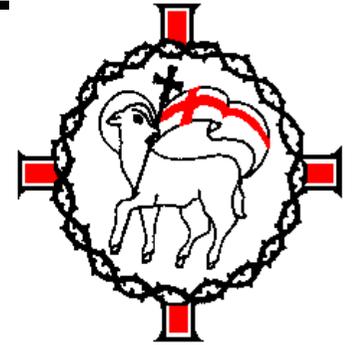
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April 2014

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Worship

Sunday	
8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Junior Church (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 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

Apr 3	Alan Wilson	1970	Apr 17	Bertha Stanley	1965
	Fred Peck	1977		Dennis Baxter	2001
	William Dawson	1982	Apr 18	Edith Smith	1988
	Joan Brocklehurst	1994		Ada Sayce	1989
Apr 4	Grace Lee	1975	Apr 19	Mary Elizabeth Parkinson	1944
Apr 5	Geoffrey Birch	2006		Doris Hibbert	1970
	Percy Dudleston	1979		Samuel Cook	1989
Apr 6	Herbert Brocklehurst	1975	Apr 20	Louis Bowler	1990
Apr 7	Ellen Ratcliffe	1937		Lena Schofield	1997
Apr 8	Alistair William Rose Forbes	1983		Mary Wright	1989
			Apr 22	Mark Allen Cowley	2009
Apr 9	John (Jack) Ireson	1987	Apr 23	James Johnson	1984
	Kenneth Langton	2007		Jennie Cook	1995
	Howard Steven Fogg	2008	Apr 24	George Wardle	1997
Apr 10	Walter Bramall	1977		Joan Lindley	1983
	Minnie Talbot	1984		Doreen Lilian Pritchard	2009
	Freda Mary Day	1987		Graham Webster	2009
Apr 12	Jacqueline Ruth Gillaspy	1987	Apr 25	John Jepson Thomas	1991
				Alice Ann Walton	1998
	Andrea Louise Johnson	2004	Apr 26	Elsie Beatrice Dugdale	1974
Apr 14	Helen Shaw	1996		Beatrice Isabella Brien	1985
Apr 15	Ernest Norris	1965		Harry Blackburn	2003
	Joseph Parry	2007	Apr 27	John Kenyon	2001
	Alice Banks	2009	Apr 28	Ada Broadbent	1962
Apr 16	Joseph Shaw	1961	Apr 29	Laura Wright	2007
	Emily Spencer	1990			



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

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Easter sunrise service starts at 5.45am on Easter Day 20 April (not at 6.45am as previously stated) at the top of Ridge Hill. Come along and welcome the Risen Christ.

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

2 March

Kenneth Robert Blake, Darnton Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

16 March

Emma Lea Bowler, Springs Lane, Stalybridge

Kaylum-Ryan Jack Nicholson-Chesworth, Springs Lane, Stalybridge

Mellissa Jade Bowler, Springs Lane, Stalybridge

Mia Riley Partington, Windermere Road, Stalybridge

Funerals

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

24 February

Mary Elizabeth Rickard (age 64 years) Harrison Street, Stalybridge

interment of ashes

27 February

Brian Berry (age 74 years) Wood Street, Glossop

28 February

John Howard Hipkin (age 90 years) Oval Drive, Dukinfield

2 March

Joseph Rogers (age 77 years) Mereside, Stalybridge

interment of ashes

6 March

Sylvia Wilson (age 93 years) Broadhill Road, Stalybridge

Edith Lees (90 years) Carson House formerly of Regina Avenue, Stalybridge

12 March

Betty Curtis (age 74 years) Lord Street, Stalybridge

Ethel Holland (age 98 years) Ladybower Court, Glossop

21 March

Enid Longden (age 76 years) Pine Grove, Dukinfield

Mary Bailey (age 91 years) Blandford House, Stalybridge

26 March

Lewis Gudger (age 93 years) Millbrook Care Centre, formerly of Stamford Street, Stalybridge

27 March

Delia Travis (age 77 years) Droylsden Road, Audenshaw

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this article on the first anniversary of my licensing as priest-in-charge of St. George's. The time has passed so quickly and it has been a year full of privileges, learning, frustration, gratitude, success and failure, the same emotions, I imagine, that most people experience as life progresses.



There has also been much happiness and, more recently, a great deal of sadness. In the six week period from the end of January until mid-March, six very long-standing and faithful members of our congregation have died - three of them dying within a thirty-six hour period. Each in their own way contributed so very much to enrich the life of St. George's and we will miss their physical presence with us, but as we approach the joyful season of Easter, we can rejoice in the knowledge that Mildred, Edith, Lewis, Enid, Mary and Delia are now free of their bodily limitations and are whole again in our Lord's presence. Jesus promised that the sick will be healed and the dead raised to new life as he was raised to life on the first Easter Day.

But for the first disciples it was totally mind blowing. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James, arrived early on that Sunday morning to anoint the body of Jesus with the spices they had prepared, as the Jewish Law prescribed. But their arrival at the tomb, I'm sure, almost gave them a heart attack – the stone had been rolled away and the body of Jesus was gone. There was yet more surprise when an angel told them to go back to the disciples with the news that Jesus had risen.

I've just bought a new computer, since my old one, working on a system that will no longer be supported from April, has come to the end of its life. I connected all the wires etc. to my printer, but it seems that they've had a domestic – they're not talking to each other! It seems that my pc needs new drivers for the printer to work properly, so that it will print and scan.

I imagine that must have been something similar to what happened on the first Easter Day. There was little or no communication, or one person didn't believe the other. The disciples didn't understand nor believe what Mary had told them when they arrived at the tomb. How could a body disappear or even rise from the dead? And yet,

hadn't they witnessed Jesus himself raising people from the dead before – Jairus's daughter, the widow's son at Nain and his friend Lazarus? Still they could not believe it. They had to find out for themselves. Then, of course, Thomas wanted physical proof. Yet the evidence was there before them – Jesus had been raised from the dead!

That is the promise he gives to all who believe on his name, that we, too, will be raised from the dead at the Resurrection on the last day. But that demands that we have faith, just like a para-glider who trusts his life to a thin strip of material as he launches into the sky. So we have to take a similar leap of faith and trust Jesus to hold us up from now to eternity. Being a Christian means taking a risk – the risk that we could be mistaken – that's what faith means. But when you've taken that leap, and found that Jesus does uphold you, you know that the gamble was worth it. Then you will want to trust the rest of your life to Jesus, and spend the remainder of your days finding out what Jesus wants you to do, and do it.

So please, do come along to any or all of our services over the Easter period which begins on Palm Sunday (13 April) with our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, and we follow Jesus as he walks the Way of the Cross to his crucifixion, death and burial and to his amazing resurrection from the dead at Easter. The dates and times of our services are featured in this magazine.

May I wish you all, a blessed, uplifting and joyful Easter.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Philip

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New Facebook page -Young Adults Rochdale Archdeaconry

Rev Joanna Farnworth writes : 'I've just launched a new Facebook page [Young Adults Rochdale Archdeaconry](#) This is a new initiative from me as Young Adults Missioner for Rochdale Archdeaconry. I hope that it will become a place where young adults (18-40ish) can find information, news, share thoughts and be part of an on-line community that is seeking to explore/grow in faith. From early March daily Lent reflections will be posted as a way of preparing for Easter'.

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The New Seekers 'Read the Bible in a Year' Group

The 'New Seekers' met for their monthly meeting on Monday, 3rd March, and from the outset were quick to comment on how the book of Leviticus puts great emphasis on rules and regulations. However, although it is a hard read we can see how the orthodox Jews of today still adhere to the Law that God gave through Moses to the Israelites hundreds of years ago especially with regard to food and its preparation, clothing, modesty and the strict adherence to the festivals. One or two in the group expressed whether reading all of this would be relevant to us today, but we noticed how leaving it out would leave us lacking in having a point of reference when reading the sayings of Jesus when He referred to the Law and the Prophets during His time on earth. The New Testament links with the Old Testament are evident throughout the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, and as we continue to read we shall see even more places where the Old is in the New revealed.

We also noticed how Moses was advised by God to delegate and share the workload with others in order not to overload himself and risk 'burning out'. We chatted about how that is often true today as various people in the church are often keen to maintain certain roles and jobs without maybe thinking that there are others standing by just waiting to be asked. It was suggested that there are leaders and followers in a church fellowship and we asked ourselves which group we might fall into ourselves.

After each reading there is a short comment made by Selwyn Hughes, a highly regarded Christian writer and commentator of many years, which focuses on a verse from one of the passages each day, and we remarked how helpful one of these was when he said that doubt isn't unbelief. This proved a great encouragement.

As we thought about St. Matthews account of the crucifixion we noticed it was the religious leaders of the day (Scribes, Pharisees and teachers of the Law) who stood at the foot of the cross mocking. They viewed Jesus as someone who was threatening their hold on the people by forcing their view on strict observances without love. Surely there is a lesson for us all as Jesus warns us about religious observances without loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Jesus is more concerned about the heart.

Finally we looked at how Christianity is unique as we are inheritors of the Kingdom of God because of the Cross and the sacrifice of Jesus, God's Son, made once and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

We are all enjoying our journey together and we know that there's still so much for us to learn and enjoy. Here's to the next meeting, which will be on Monday, 31st. March.

Joyce

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CHURCH FINANCES

February 2014 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
2 Feb 2014	Candlemas	£16.15	£288.00	£304.15
9 Feb 2014	4th before Lent	£57.99	£317.50	£375.49
16 Feb 2014	3rd before Lent	£8.77	£300.42	£309.19
23 Feb 2014	2nd before Lent	£29.69	£349.44	£379.13
	Standing Orders etc		£804.00	£804.00
Monthly Total			£2,171.96	-£1,328.04

March 2014 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
2 Mar 2014	Sunday next before Lent	£30.58	£234.50	£265.08
9 Mar 2014	Lent 1	£85.53	£249.01	£334.54
16 Mar 2014	Lent 2	£32.86	£386.50	£419.36
23 Mar 2014	Lent 3	£33.39	£454.87	£488.26
	Standing Orders etc		£804.00	£804.00
Monthly Total			£2,311.24	£1,188.76

* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £3,500 per month

We have also received a generous £1,000 donation for our carpet fund

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200 CLUB WINNERS

The 200 Club winners for February and March are:

February

1st Prize	£30	No 35	Julia Davies
2nd Prize	£15	No 29	Victoria Hayward
3rd Prize	£ 5	No 49	Rod Mellor

March

1st Prize	£30	No 87	Christine Crabtree
2nd Prize	£15	No 8	Verena Moore
3rd Prize	£ 5	No 104	Mavis Russell



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Readings and Psalms for April 2014

Tues 1 st	10.30	Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; Psalm 46.1-8; John 5.1-3,5-16
Sun 5 th		5th Sunday of Lent
	10.45	Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45
Tues 8 th	10.30	Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 102.1-3,16-23; John 9.21-30
		HOLY WEEK
Sun 13 th		Palm Sunday
	8.30	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Matthew 26.14-27.end
	10.45	Matthew 21.1-11; Liturgy of the Palms; Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-27.end
Mon 14 th	20.00	Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 36.5-11; Hebrews 9.11-15; John 12.1-11
Tues 15 th	10.30	Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-8; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36
Wed 16 th	20.00	Stations of the Cross
Thurs 17 th		Maundy Thursday
	20.00	Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-end; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35
Fri 18 th		Good Friday
	10.45	Isaiah 52.13-53.end; Psalm 22.1-21; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-19.end
Sun 20 th		Easter Day
	8.30	Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18
	10.45	Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10
	18.00	Song of Solomon 3.2-5; 8.6-7; John 20.11-18 BCP Holy Communion
Tues 22 nd		No Service
Sun 27 th		2nd Sunday of Easter—Celebrating St George
	8.30	Acts 2.14a,22-32; John 20.19-end
	10.45	Acts 2.14a,22-32; John 20.19-end Worship For All
Tues 29 th	10.30	Acts 15.35-end; Psalm 119.9-16; Ephesians 4.7-16; Mark 13.5-13

As Tuesday 22 April is the Tuesday in Easter Week, there will be no service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am on that day.

ST GEORGE'S PASTORAL CARE TEAM (CARE BEARS)

Since 1991 the Pastoral Care Team (Care Bears) has continued to visit and offer support to a number of Senior Citizens who live in our parish (we currently have approximately 50 who live alone and some married couples). Over the years the number of volunteers has diminished and therefore we have not been able to offer a regular visiting service.

It has been Philip's wish that we can, Once again, be supportive to our elderly in the community and resurrect the visiting service to our housebound elderly in their own homes and those in Residential/ Sheltered Housing. However, we cannot do this without new volunteers coming forward.

If you feel you can offer one hour per month spending some very worthwhile time with one of our housebound parishioners then please contact either Karen Wright or Rose Hayward.

If you are already visiting someone on a regular basis perhaps you could let us know about this too for our records.

Many thanks.

Karen

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If anyone would like to take up the bread and wine at the offertory—to celebrate a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just to take part, please have a word with one of the wardens or clergy for any Sunday this year.

March Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.
DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.

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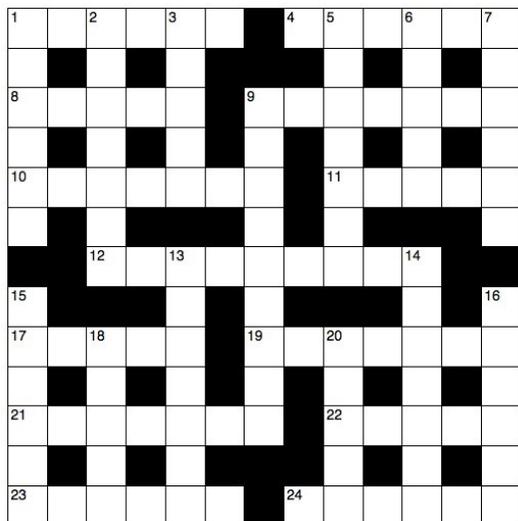
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April Crossword



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8)(7)
 15 The human mind or soul (6)
 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is— ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Some dates for your diary - April 2014

Tues	1st	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	3rd	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sun	6th	Passion Sunday	
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 3
Mon	7th	7.00p.m.	New Seekers
		8.00p.m.	Lent Course
Tues	8th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		8.00p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	10th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sat	12th	2.00p.m.to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea/Coffee	
Sun	13th	Palm Sunday - HOLY WEEK	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion & Blessing of Palm Crosses
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist, Blessing of Palm Crosses & Junior Church
Mon	14th	10.30a.m.	Chrism Service at Manchester Cathedral
		8.00p.m.	Agape
Tues	15th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	16th	8.00p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Thurs	17th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
		8.00p.m.	Sung Communion of the Last Supper - Stripping of the Altars - followed by Vigil
Fri	18th	GOOD FRIDAY	
		10.45a.m.	The Service of The Cross
Sun	20th	EASTER DAY	
		6.00a.m.	Sunrise Service - top of Ridge Hill Lane
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion with Hymns
		10.45a.m.	A Service for Easter Day
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
		6.00p.m.	Holy Communion BCP
Tues	22nd	No Service of Holy Communion	
Sun	27th	2nd Sunday of Easter - Celebrating St. George	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.45a.m.	Worship For All
Tues	29th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion

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Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109

Anselm was an Italian-born Norman monk, who became one of the most important thinkers and writers of the medieval Christian Church.

He was born in Aosta in the far north of Italy in 1033, and, after the death of his mother, suffered at the hands of his father. He left home in 1056 on a journey that led him from Italy to Burgundy and eventually to the monastery of Le Bec in Normandy. The prior of the monastery was Lanfranc (see 28 May), one of the foremost Christian thinkers of the time. Anselm studied under him for ten years, paying great attention to the work of Augustine.

Anselm eventually succeeded Lanfranc as prior when he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1070. Anselm became Abbot of Le Bec in 1078. After Lanfranc's death Anselm succeeded him once again, becoming Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. Anselm only reluctantly agreed to take up the position, such was his attachment to the monastery at Le Bec, and such was his distrust of the English King William Rufus. This was with good reason, as William had blocked Anselm's appointment for four years after the death of Lanfranc. Theirs was an ambiguous relationship, and Anselm and William clashed on several matters over the years, most notably over papal authority and jurisdiction. Anselm was unwavering in his support of the Pope, and this was to lead to his exile to Italy in 1097 until the death of the king in 1100, and then again in 1103 under King Henry I. Only papal intervention brought peace and the resulting compromise left the Crown with the responsibility for the selection of bishops, and the Church with responsibility for investiture with the symbols of authority.

Anselm contributed much that was original to Christian thought, especially in the areas of philosophy and spirituality. He made an original contribution to the debate on the nature of the Atonement in *Cur Deus Homo (Why God became Man)*. His proposal of the 'perfect satisfaction' of God through the cross has been, and still is, extremely significant in the development of Christian thought. His argument for the existence of God (the ontological argument) is still influential. Anselm's original spirituality was evident in his 'Prayers and Meditations' which introduced a new style of devotional literature in which a meditation upon a saint relates both to Christ and to the individual praying.

His writings combine personal and spiritual experience with theological argument. Anselm is honest and clearly wrestles with doubt and anxiety in his work. He left to the world a spirituality in which the painful reality of

humanity was balanced by the intense hope of the crucifixion and the self-sacrifice of God. Anselm reveals an intense self-knowledge, and a real awareness of the eternal within the Christian faith.

O Lord our God,
grant us grace to desire You with our whole heart;
that, so desiring, we may seek,
and, seeking, find You;
and so finding You, may love You;
and loving You, may hate those sins
from which You have redeemed us.

A Prayer of St Anselm

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To all at St George's Church.

This was sent recently by the son of Sakina Lalji thanking us for our prayers and concern. Sakina and her family are Ismaili Muslims and the Aga Khan is their spiritual leader. She lived for a time with her family at Thompson Cross and her sons went to West Hill School. She now lives in Guildford.

I understand that Sakina is improving but she will be in hospital for some weeks after an accident whilst out shopping.

Her family spent a tense time in the 1970's when they were expelled under Amin's rule from Uganda but they found a welcoming home in Stalybridge and have fond memories of the town.

'Ann

I am touched by your prayers for mum and my wife. I have shared your message with everyone.

Please thank the church as well and in my prayers I will also pray for all of you including your church. I have no other words for this spiritual blessing that you give us through faith and you have always been strength to mum. Always a family member. May God bless all your families everyday and in eternity. ameen

Lots of love

Moeze'

Sakina taught me that all prayers go to God, just through different post offices, one of her favourite sayings and how true. Her son Moeze writes poetry and a link to some of his work is below

<http://ismailmail.wordpress.com/2014/03/04/a-poem-and-a-song-by-moeze-lalji/>

Kind regards.

Ann Winstanley