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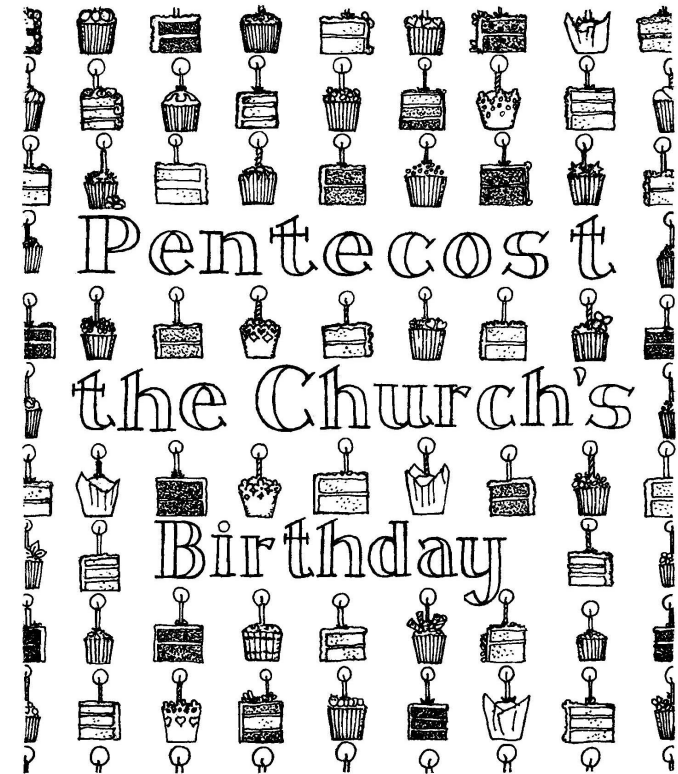
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St George's Church Stalybridge

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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

Jun 2	Hilda Beswick	1977	Jun 17	Sidney Cooper	1970
	Pauline Margaret Turnbull	1995	Jun 18	Margaret Parkinson	1897
	Mollie Dorothy Darbyshire	2011		Renee Birch Hawley	2002
Jun 4	Mary Alice Priestley	1984		Monica Ann Press	2005
	Leonard Broadbent	1969		Christopher Robert Pierce	2012
	Harry Bullock	2009			
Jun 6	Alfred Christian	1966	Jun 20	Linty James	1975
Jun 6	John Ambrose Stephens	1979		Hilda Wilson	1984
	Thomas Smith	1987		Mary Tonge	1989
Jun 7	Minnie Jones	1987		Dorothy Horner	2007
	William Webster	2002	Jun 23	Edward Cooper	1983
	Dinah Hannah Dale	1984	Jun 24	Edith Spencer	1995
Jun 8	Norman Radcliffe	1984		Hilda Holt	1979
	Thomas Booth	2000	Jun 25	Dennis Greenwood	1982
	Leslie Adnett	2012		Louise Pulm	2010
Jun 9	John Ollerenshaw	2013	Jun 26	Jack Williams	1998
Jun 11	Gladney Swift	1950	Jun 27	Edith Olive Hughes	1980
	Edward Jones	1985		Andrew Christopher Taylor	1990
Jun 12	Mona Coogan	1992		Charlotte Molly Ingham	2008
Jun 14	Gordon Alfred Trudgeon	2002		Mary Stephens Carter	1983
Jun 15	Lily Hardy Cooke	1979	Jun 28	Ann Humphries	1963
	Eva Jones	1996	Jun 30		
	John Edwin Ratcliffe	2007			
	Tessa Ruth Louise	2006			
	Meldrum O'Reagan				



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



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.

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

4 May

Ivy Marie Fieldhouse, Queens Road, Ashton-under-Lyne
Kaelan Gregory Dean, Pickford Lane, Dukinfield

18 May

Ace Oscar Jack Beattie, Mottram Moor, Hollingworth
Isla Rose Warner, Crantock Drive, Stalybridge

25 May

Clara Rose Pickett, Printers Drive, Carrbrook, Stalybridge

Weddings

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

24 May

Lee Dowd and Anne-Marie Hughes

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

8 May

Joke Simone Ives (age 67 years) Luzley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

15 May 2014

Malcolm Maciver (age 87 years) Ash Grove, Stalybridge

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Dear Friends,

Here we are in summer! As I write this (19 May) the sun has been shining gloriously recently and I hope it continues to do so. We all need the sun to lift our spirits.



We continue to have good relations with our Christian friends in the other churches in Stalybridge and we all come together to celebrate our Whitsuntide Walk of Witness on Sunday 8 June in Armentieres Square. I hope that the sun comes out for us then, too! We have been asked to keep in our prayers all the churches in our town, and especially to remember the Revd Alessandra Di Chiara, who is the priest-in-charge at St James, Millbrook and also at All Saints Micklehurst, the Revd Karen Hilsden from the Methodist Church and the Revd Jennie Wakefield as she retires from the Baptist Church where she has done sterling work and where she will be sadly missed. Along with me, I'm sure you all will want to wish her a very long, happy and healthy retirement and that God will continue to bless the Baptist church on Ambleside.

In the morning service of the same day, members from our church who have been part of the group reading the *Bible in a Year*, will tell us about the challenges, opportunities and faith that they have encountered as they have met together to discuss, with each other, their own particular experiences.

June is also the month when we celebrate the Anniversary of the consecration of our present building which, this year, will be 174 years old. As is common with older things (and people!) they start to show their age, a fact to which I can personally testify. We have recently had ingress of water into the church from two different directions – the ceiling and a burst radiator. At the moment we don't know what damage may have been caused, and I trust it might not be too much.

As we approach Anniversary Sunday, our first priority is that we must give thanks to God for his continued presence with us as we all walk the path of faith together. It also gives us a chance to tell other people about our faith and why we come to church – to tell of the love of Jesus and what he does for each of us: how he died for

each one of us and how we put our trust in him. This must be at the heart of our weekly attendance at St George's.

It was decided at the PCC Meeting in April that we should have a gift day on Anniversary Sunday and that you might like to think of it as ***Give a birthday present to the church***. It would be wonderful if we could meet our target, as we managed to do last year, of paying our Parish Share in full, and meeting our other commitments, but there is still a long way to go. We need to raise approximately £65,000 per year to pay our way.

But it mustn't be all about money, which is why we're also trying to nurture more social gatherings. These have lapsed over recent years as people's lives and commitments become more demanding, but we should not neglect the chance to spend time together in friendship and fellowship. The choir did us proud with their recent quiz which was held on 9 May and we propose to continue to develop these with our second quiz which will begin at 8.00pm on 21 June. I hope you will be able to come along and tax your brains. Further events are also planned, and in the pipeline, and we will be able to tell you more about these as the year progresses.

With my best wishes to you all.

Philip

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Prayer at Pentecost

Dear Heavenly Father,

We all come from different places, a bit like that crowd on the first day of Pentecost. We are from different backgrounds, with different experiences that form us. I can't be just like somebody else and no one else can be just like me. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit to speak and reveal your will to us in a way that is personal and unique. Help us to be open to receive him every day. Please go on filling us with your Spirit Lord, that we might be effective witnesses to Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

In his name,

Amen

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

Our monthly meeting was held in the Lounge on Monday 28th April with nine New Seekers attending. After an opening prayer we began discussing the things we have discovered during the past four weeks as our attention has turned to Deuteronomy and Joshua in the Old Testament, several Psalms, verses from Proverbs and the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament.

We noticed that Jesus often acts in a very forceful and authoritative way, not exactly the 'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild' from our Sunday School days. He has to be firm on many occasions, especially when dealing with the religious leaders of the time. We also felt that the books we are reading in the Old Testament is like an early version of the Citizen's Advice Bureau as it covers all manner of things that were happening to the Israelites at that point in their history. They were brutal times, too, with many a battle going on where the Lord has to deal harshly with the inhabitants of the land He had promised to His people. We felt sorry for Moses, however, as he wasn't allowed to enter the promised land due to his disobedience years earlier.

We are also finding many verses in the Old Testament are quoted in the New Testament, particularly by Jesus, for example when He is being tempted in the wilderness by Satan, Jesus quotes, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'. This is found in Deuteronomy 8:3. It's like recognising an old friend when these verses crop up. There are many occasions, too, when visual aids are useful in understanding truths about the Kingdom of God. In Luke 6:3 Jesus says that God will give us a '...good measure; pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.'

The book of Proverbs continues to give us many useful verses to guide us in the way we should live e.g. Proverbs 12:9 'Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than pretend to be somebody and have no food.' Finally we discovered that meditating on a verse of scripture is rather like placing the verse on the tip of your spiritual tongue and slowly sucking from it the refreshment it contains.

On 8th June (Whit Sunday) we shall be sharing with our church family at St. George's some of the things we have discovered during the first six months and hopefully we can say what has challenged us from the Bible, what has encouraged us from the Bible and what we have most enjoyed up to now. Please contact me if you would like any further information about the New Seekers and any comments you would like to make would be gratefully received. Our next meeting will be Monday, 26th May (even though its a Bank Holiday there will still be a meeting) and the following Monday, 2nd June as well to finalise our contribution to the 8th June service.

God bless you all, Joyce x

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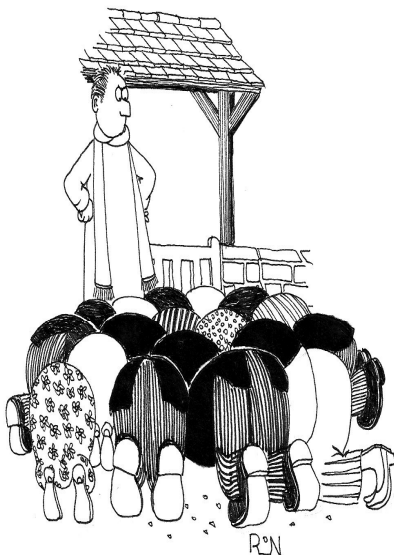
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Keith was very strict about confetti in
the churchyard

THE THINGS WE DO FOR PEW CUSHIONS!

As a non-runner and after a couple of months reluctant and not enjoyable training, most of my family and I went to Manchester City centre on Sunday 18th May where the 10K run started. It went from there to Stretford-Trafford Park and 6 miles later back to Deansgate for the finish.



Our train journey from Stalybridge to the City was memorable in that the four carriages were ram-jammed with noisy rugby supporters also going for finals at City's ground, so we had to stand up packed like sardines in a tin. However the atmosphere was super and that was to continue the whole day.

There were over 40,000 runners milling around the start, with family and friends supporting them- all in excited and happy mood. There were all ages there- no I wasn't the oldest- and celebrities all over the place. There were people in lycra, some of which was stretched way beyond health and safety limits. Some were in costumes which on the very hot day must have been a real burden during the run. A Helicopter was hovering above and loudspeakers were setting the tone for this special occasion. The whole atmosphere was of a carnival with all enjoying the moment. Ours was a three generations run with my Son Lee and Granddaughter Becky, leading the way. However the day before, Lee had to drop out through injury and his Son Thomas who had run very little in his 15 yrs, stepped in. I was a little worried about him finishing the course but needn't have been as he ran off from the start and beat my time of 1 hr. 11mins, by a whopping twenty one minutes !! Nevertheless, Becky and I finished in position No. 20,148 and 20,149. My worst ever finishing place in any sport by thousands of places but probably one of my best and most worthwhile endeavours.

After a McDonalds and drink or two, we went home managing to get a much needed seat this time on the train. I then noticed that the seats were very comfortable---something you may soon experience on our church pews in the not too distant future. A great big thanks goes out to everyone who contributed to what was one of my own very special days and which raised funds for good causes. In addition to our church which will benefit from around £500 from church members/friends, I also raised over £200 on-line from non-church members which has gone to our local Willow Wood Hospice. Thank you all for your generous donations and good wishes.
George Vernon.



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Readings and Psalms for June 2014

Sun 7 th	7th Sunday of Easter 10.45 Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11
Tues 3 rd	10.30 Acts 20.17-27; Psalm 68.9-10,18-19; John 17.1-11
Sun 8 th	Day of Pentecost - <i>Whit Sunday</i> 8.30 Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 10.45 Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36,37b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23
Tues 10 th	10.30 1 Kings 17.7-16; Psalm 4; Matthew 5.13-16
Sun 15 th	Trinity Sunday 10.45 Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-end; Matthew 28.16-20
Tues 17 th	10.30 1 Kings 21.17-end; Psalm 51.1-9; Matthew 5.43-end
Sun 22 nd	1st Sunday after Trinity - <i>Dedication Festival 1840 - 2014</i> 8.30 1 Kings 8.22-30; Matthew 21.12-16 10.45 1 Kings 8.22-30; Matthew 21.12-16 <i>Worship For All</i> 18.00 Jeremiah 7.1-11; Luke 19.1-10 <i>BCP Communion</i>
Tues 24 th	10.30 Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.7-end; Acts 13.14b-26; Luke 1.57-66,80
Sun 29 th	2nd Sunday after Trinity 10.45 Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-end; Matthew 16.13-19 <i>BCP Communion</i>

Some dates for your diary - June 2014

Sun	1st	7th Sunday of Easter	
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
Mon	2nd	7.00p.m.	New Seekers (Bible Readers)
Tues	3rd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.	Art Group
		7.30p.m.	Meeting for Social & Fund Raising Events
Sat	7th	1.00p.m.	Wedding
Sun	8th	Pentecost - Whit Sunday	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Guest Speakers
			Bible Readers & Junior Church
		1.45p.m.	Assemble at Church
		2.00p.m.	Walk to Stalybridge
		2.30p.m.	United Service in Armentiere's Square
Tues	10th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.	Art Group
		7.30p.m.	Deanery Synod at St Peter's, Ashton-u-Lyne
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thurs	12th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	15th	Trinity Sunday	
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 3
Tues	17th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.	Art Group
		8.00p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Wed	18th	6.30p.m.	Pilgrimage around Dove Stone Reservoir

DOVE STONE PILGRIMAGE

The Revd Roger Dixon will lead a joint group from the four churches in the north-east of Ashton Deanery (St John, Hurst; St George, Mossley; St John, Roughtown and our church) in a walk around Dove Stone reservoir at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 18 June 2014. The walk mirrors a pilgrimage around the Sea of Galilee with hymns and bible readings at stops along the way and commentary by Roger. The walk takes approximately 3 hours and there will be a stop for sandwiches (take your own). Having done this pilgrimage in April I recommend it wholeheartedly to you, but you will have to book early because places are limited. Please put your name down on the list in the lounge.

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QUIZ

Following on from the very successful and enjoyable quiz evening hosted by the choir recently, we have decided to hold quizzes more regularly. The next one will be held on Saturday 21st June at 8p.m. at church. Admission will be £3 per head. Teams can be made up of any number of people but the final score will be calculated based on a team of four people (i.e. the final score would be divided by the number of people on the team and then multiplied by four). Please bring your own drinks.

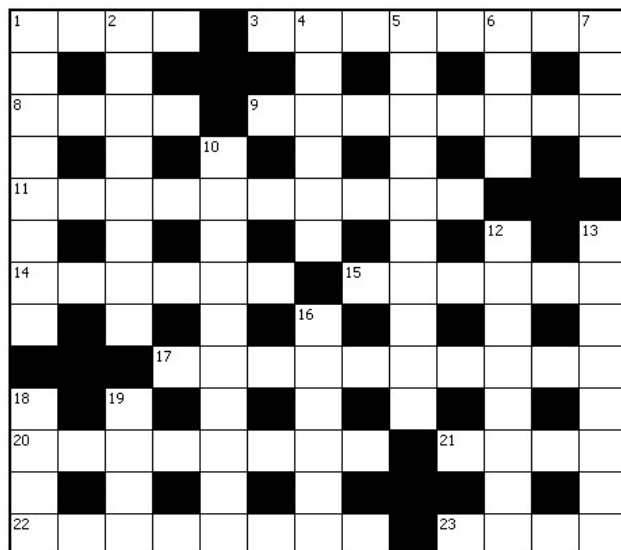
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DO YOU WANT A CHALLENGE

A lady who joined our congregation about eighteen months ago has recently been reading Paul Denby's book "Two Into One Will Go". She pointed out to me that the 25th May marked the 30th anniversary of my licensing as a Reader at St. George's. 1984 (good title for a book!!) seems like a very long time ago, but this was the first stage of the process that led me firstly to Ordained Local Minister and now to Priest-in-Charge. Keith was also a Reader prior to ordination and St. George's has, throughout its history, been fortunate to have had the benefit of several other Lay Readers, as they used to be known. A two year training course concludes with a licensing by the Bishop. Here is the challenge - have YOU considered becoming a Reader? Your church needs you.

Philip

June Crossword



Across

- 1 See 23 Across
 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
 8 Invalid (4)
 9 Blaphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

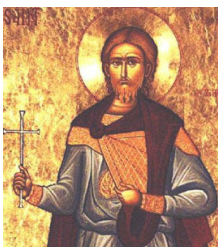
- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
 7 Swirling current of water (4)
 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
 16 'There is still — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

June diary dates continued

- Thurs 19th 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
 7.30p.m. Corpus Christi Eucharist with Bishop Mark at St. John, Hurst, Ashton-u-Lyne
- Sat 21st 3.00p.m. Wedding
 8.00p.m. Quiz Night
- Sun 22nd **Feast of the Dedication**
Anniversary Sunday - Gift Day
8.30a.m. Holy Communion
10.45a.m. Worship For All
6.00p.m. BCP Holy Communion
- Tues 24th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 1.00p.m. Art Group
 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
- Thurs 26th 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sat 28th 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
 RASH - Armed Forces Open Day WW1 - at Ambleside with The Community Choir
- Sun 29th **St. Peter & St. Paul**
10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Speaker
Linda Tiongco (Christian Aid) & Junior Church
12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
- Mon 30th 7.00p.m. New Seekers (Bible Readers)
- For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk**

May Crossword Solution

Across: 1 Conscience, 7 Arrival, 8 Yours, 10 Tidy, 11 Restrain, 13 Quaker, 15 Gateau, 17 Athenian, 18 Amen, 21 Eliot, 22 Enables, 23 Impressive
 Down: 1 Cured, 2 Nave, 3 Calver, 4 Egyptian, 5 Courage, 6 Earthquake, 9 Sinfulness, 12 Leinster, 14 Atheism, 16 Waters, 19 Milne, 20 Taxi,



Saint of the Month
22 June Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250

Records of Christians living in Britain have been found as early as the second century, and in 314 three 'British' bishops attended a council in Arles, a city in the south of France.

Alban, held to be the first British martyr, has traditionally been regarded as having being martyred in the Diocletian persecution of 303. But his death is more likely to have occurred in the reign of either Septimius Severus c.209, or Decius c.250.

Alban was a Romano-British pagan living in Verulamium, known today as St Albans, Hertfordshire. He met a fugitive priest and gave him shelter in his home. Alban was so struck by the way of life and the commitment of the priest that in time he was converted to the faith. When soldiers came searching for the fugitive Alban disguised himself in the priest's cloak and was arrested and condemned to death. The priest was subsequently arrested and stoned to death some days later.

Holmhurst Hill, where Alban's martyrdom is traditionally located, became the site first of a shrine and then of a church dedicated to his memory. By the Middle Ages this church had grown into the Abbey of St Albans and is now the cathedral of the diocese which bears his name.

Bede, writing in the early eighth century, recorded the torture and trial of Alban. He mentions the crowds at his execution, a spring of water rising up at his feet at the top of a hill, and the miraculous conversion of the appointed executioner. Bede also records that his executioner was unable to see the death of Alban, as the instant he beheaded him his own eyes fell out.

Saint Alban suffered on the twenty-second day of June near the city of Verulamium ...Here, when the peace of Christian times was restored, a beautiful Church worthy of his martyrdom was built, where sick folk are healed and frequent miracles take place to this day.
Bede: Ecclesiastical History 1.7

CHURCH FINANCES

May 2014 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate Envelopes		Total	Monthly Shortfall
4 May 2014	Easter 3	£69.97	£271.93	£341.90	
11 May 2014	Easter 4	£18.41	£338.50	£356.91	
18 May 2014	Easter 5	£38.28	£308.78	£347.06	
25 May 2014	Easter 6	£48.82	£305.00	£353.82	
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Monthly Total				£1861.79	£1638.21

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The 200 Club winners for May are:

1st Prize	£30	59	Emily Mehan
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3rd Prize	£ 5		Julia Davies

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