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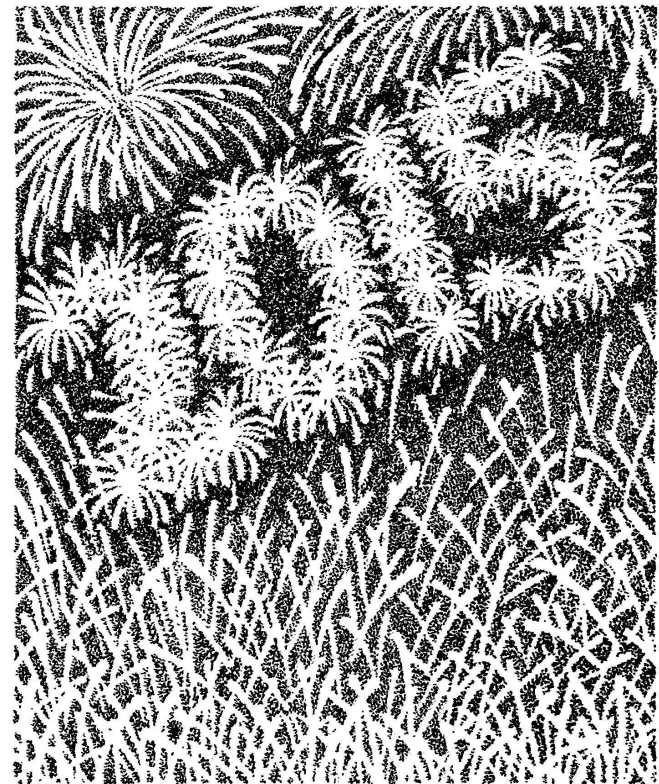
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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January 2015

St George's Church Stalybridge

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Worship

Sunday

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

10.30 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 Jan	Ezekiel Lomas	1941	18 Jan	George William Catlow	2000
2 Jan	Edward Cooper	1980		Marian Hulme	2002
	Ernest Bramall	1982		Reginald Hewitt	2008
	Marjorie Day	1982	19 Jan	Mary Eastwood	1989
	David Cotton	2007	20 Jan	Raymond Jack Clarke	1983
3 Jan	Ivy Marshall	2006		Katherine Devlin	1988
4 Jan	William Parkinson	1943		Jean Ollerenshaw	2012
	Phyllis Peck	1981	21 Jan	Heather Alwyn Clarke	2012
	Barry Aldred	1999	22 Jan	Thomas Howard	1964
5 Jan	Joseph Hibbert	1957		Harry Walton	1967
	Hugh Shepley	1987		Eliza Emma Sidebottom	1988
	Gertrude Sullivan	1998	23 Jan	Jesslyn Tonge	1991
6 Jan	Harry Walton	1988	24 Jan	Henry Howard	1981
	John Barratt	1996		Rhoda Hancock	1989
8 Jan	George Leonard Eakins	1981		Harold Spencer	1962
	James Norman Kelday	2000	25 Jan	Agnes Smith	1975
	Fred Harris	1979		Carol Hyde	2010
9 Jan	Sarah Clews	1994	26 Jan	Edith Emma Clinton	1987
	Susan Ann Maud Barnfield	1953		Nellie Wood	1987
10 Jan	Tom Sidebottom	1979		Eric James Chorlton	2001
11 Jan	Jesse Horsefield	1984		Margaret Slack	2007
	Drinda Jefferson	1990	27 Jan	Fred Kay	1968
	Evelyn Barlow	2003		Bridget Bower	1994
	James Watson	2014		Ronald Bower	2000
12 Jan	Ethel Battersby	1992		Geoffrey Phillip Brown	1995
13 Jan	Kathleen Thwaites	1992		Abraham Newton	1983
14 Jan	Robert Nicholson	1988		Veronica Quinn	1997
	Eva Helen Ollerenshaw	1989	29 Jan	Fred Holt	1939
	Kyle Martin Cropper	2004		Eddie Holden	1990
	Ramsden			Karen Jane Bradbury	2007
15 Jan	James Ireson	1990		Mildred Bradshaw	2014
16 Jan	William Gudger	1963	30 Jan	Alice Saxon	1997
	Minnie Schofield	2012	31 Jan	Alice Ann Priestley	1955
17 Jan	David Lees	2011		John Robert Stanley	1990
18 Jan	William Frederick Ireson	1962		John Patrick Higgins	2006



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 into the Lord's family

30 November

Toby Jack Rhodes, Buckingham Road, Stalybridge

7 December

Corey Joseph Matthew Lawes, Alt Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

Jacob Luke Buckley, Lindsay Street, Stalybridge

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

26 November

David Lees (age 65 years) West Avenue, Stalybridge

5 December

Irene Mary Baguley (age 96 years) Carson House, Stamford Street, Stalybridge

10 December

George Taylor Steven (age 77 years) Aspland Road, Gee Cross, Hyde

15 December

Lewis Dain Gudger (age 93 years) Stamford Street, Stalybridge

Interment of ashes

22 December

David Brierley (age 76 years) Ger Y Mor, Pensarn, Abergelle

23 December

William Green (age 72 years) Ruby Street, Denton

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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.

WELCOME TO 2015

Welcome to 2015 and a Happy New Year to all our readers.



I want to start off by thanking everyone for all their hard work, dedicated commitment and very generous donations during 2014 which has made it possible, once again, for us to pay our Parish Share in full. This is the second year running that, together, we have mastered this onerous but important aspect of our Christian giving and it couldn't have been achieved without our strong volunteer force who work with such enthusiasm and give innumerable hours of their time, in so many ways, to our church.

After the ingress of water on the north side of the building last May, we have now had the ceiling and wall re-plastered and both the north and south walls re-painted. For this we had to call in 'the professionals' and our grateful thanks go to Dave Etches and to Brian Allsopp and their crews for an excellent job.

During the first week of January a new carpet is being laid throughout church and, again, many thanks for all your donations. This means that the internal fabric of our building is in excellent order for the start of 2015, the year marking the 175th Anniversary of St George's Church, which was dedicated on 24 June 1840. Our parish, however, goes back much further than that.

The actual parish of St George, dates back to the year of 1776 when it was consecrated in July as the "Chapel of St. George in Staley Bridge within Ridgehill and Lanes in the parish of Ashton underlyne" (sic). This title of St. George was never used and the Chapel was only referred to in documentation as "The Chapel of Ease, Staley Bridge". You will know it as Old St George's, or the church on Cocker Hill.

After 239 years of history, of there being a place of worship in Stalybridge, you might very well expect that there have been some disagreements between clergy and laity, and you wouldn't be wrong, but you can read all about this in Paul Denby's book, *Two Into One Will Go*. This book was written to mark the 150th

Anniversary in 1990 and we still have some for sale at £2.95. Please see one of the wardens or myself if you would like a copy – it makes for some interesting reading, especially during the earlier years of both parishes of Old and New St George.

So what celebrations are we planning for our 175th (or 239th) Anniversary? We have many ideas which, hopefully, will come to fruition as the year progresses. Our first event, in what we hope will be a year of renewal and wonderful times together, will be a Sunday Lunch to which you are all invited. This will take place on Sunday 8 February 2015 at Stamford Golf Club from 1.30 p.m. There will be a list in the lounge for you to sign up for this special meal and I do hope that as many as possible will be able to come along. If you have no transport, then please have a word with me, and we will arrange lifts for you.

The Bishop of Middleton will be presiding and preaching on Anniversary Sunday which will be celebrated on 21st June. Following the service we will have a Bring and Share Lunch where people will get an opportunity to chat with him. Hopefully, possibly that same weekend, we will hold a celebration concert of 'home-grown' talent. If you have a special party piece that you would be prepared to perform at the concert, then please let me know as soon as possible so we can get an idea of an outline programme.

Over that Anniversary weekend, there will be an opportunity to come along to church and look up baptism and marriage records and dig into your family history, when we will have the old registers open for you to peruse.

We are also planning a Bavarian Night, and other similar events over the year, besides our regular quiz nights which are proving very popular (next one is January 31st), So lots to look forward to.

May I wish you all a very happy and healthy year in 2015 as we move forward with hope and prayer to face whatever opportunities God presents to us.

Philip

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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 175th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

As you may be aware 2015 sees the 175th Anniversary of St George's Church. We are all users of this beautiful building, both for the worship of Our Lord and for community events and meetings. To celebrate this momentous event we are asking you to take part in a year long celebration.

Launching on 1st January we are inviting you to collect 175 coins for the 175 years which St George's has been here to host your memorable occasions. That's just one coin every other day of the year (with a fortnight's holiday!)

It is entirely up to you what denomination of coins you collect e.g.
175 ten pences = £17.50; 175 fifty pences = £87.50; dare we say 175 £2 coins = £350!!

What we ARE asking you to do is to pledge your support for this momentous occasion by letting us know firstly that we can rely on your support and secondly to give us an idea of how many people are taking part. Thirdly of course to remind you to pop that coin into your jar every other day! Please complete the form below.

YES I would like to wish St George's a very Happy Birthday by pledging:-

	Denomina- tion	Total	Please tick
175	£2.00	£350	
175	£1.00	£175	
175	50p	£87.50	
175	20p	£35	
175	10p	£17.50	
175	5p	£8.75	
175	2p	£3.50	
175	1p	£1.75	
175	Assorted	?????	



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"The vicar really is taking all of
January off to recuperate, then."

CHURCH FINANCES

December 2014 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
23 Nov 2014	Christ the King	£86.81	£279.50	£366.31	
30 Nov 2014	Advent Sunday	£43.74	£276.50	£320.24	
7 Dec 2014	Advent 2	£43.20	£246.50	£289.70	
14 Dec 2014	Advent 3	£34.00	£531.50	£565.50	
21 Dec 2014	Advent 4	£64.35	£532.50	£596.85	
28 Dec 2014	Holy Innocents	£115.50	£450.00	£565.50	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
Monthly Total				£3,568.10	

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

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200 CLUB

January—December 2014

£ 12	In advance
£ 1292	Donations
Total £ 1304	
£ 600	Prizes
£ 704	To Church Funds

We will be collecting for 2015 starting in January. The cost is £12 per year per number. There are still some spare numbers and new members are always welcome—remember the more members we have the more money is raised for Church Funds.

If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.
December winners will be shown in next month's magazine.

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Fair Trade 2014

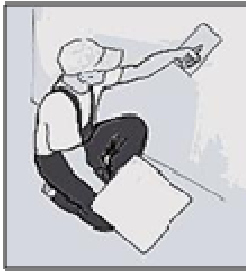
Sales = £1,287.50

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Amount to Church Funds = £ 37.50

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Readings and Psalms for January 2015

Sun 4 th	Epiphany 10.30 Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12
Tues 6 th	10.30 1 John 4.7-10; Psalm 72.1-8; Mark 6.34-44
Sun 11 th	Baptism of Christ 8.30 Genesis 1.1-5; Mark 1.4-11 10.30 Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11
Tues 13 th	10.30 Hebrews 2.5-12; Psalm 8; Mark 1.21-28
Sun 18 th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January</i> 10.30 1 Samuel 3.1-10; Psalm 139.1-9; Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end
Tues 20 th	10.30 Hebrews 6.10-end; Psalm 111; Mark 2.23-end
Sun 25 th	Conversion of Paul 8.30 Acts 9.1-22; Matthew 19.27-end 10.30 Acts 9.1-22; Matthew 19.27-end <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 27 th	10.30 Hebrews 10.1-10; Psalm 40.1-4,7-10; Mark 3.31-end

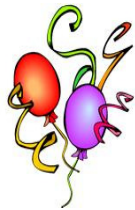
December Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.
DOWN: 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

ST GEORGE'S 175th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The first event of celebration for the 175th Anniversary will be a Sunday Lunch to which you are all invited. This will take place on Sunday 8 February 2015 at Stamford Golf Club from 1.30 p.m. The Main Course Carvery is £6.95. Starters and Sweets are available at an additional cost. A deposit of £5.00 per person will be required at the time of booking

There is a list in the lounge for you to sign up for this special meal and I do hope that as many as possible will be able to come along. If you have no transport, then please have a word with Philip or one of the Wardens, and we will arrange lifts for you.



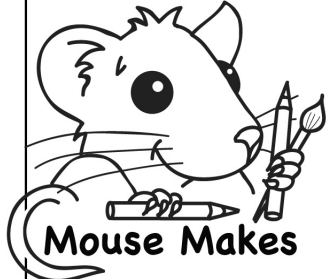
SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY

This year the Senior Citizens' Party will take place on 24th January 2015 from 1.30 to 5.30pm to which we extend a very warm invitation to all of our Senior Citizens. There will be a chance to meet old friends and possibly make some new ones. As usual, there will be a lavish tea and not forgetting, of course, the very popular Bingo session. This year, our entertainers are Tameside Community Choir, superbly led by Joyce Hansell, who will be singing some entertaining songs for us. As always, it will cost you nothing except your presence! But you'll have to act quickly because numbers are limited. If you would like to come, then please get in touch with Karen Wright to book your ticket (303 0280)

HELP! HELP! HELP!

We need your help. In order to provide some prizes for our Senior Citizens' Party, and get it going with a real swing, we are asking if you would kindly donate a prize for the Bingo. If you can provide a couple of prizes, or just even one, would you please bring them to church and give them to one of the Wardens or Karen before the Party gets into full swing. Many thanks in anticipation for your help.

Children's page




**A NEW BEGINNING-
Jesus calls his first disciples**

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee he saw two fishermen, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew.

Jesus said:
"Come follow me"

At once they left their nets and followed him. Further on he saw James and his brother John in a boat with their father. Jesus called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.



Read this story and the other stories of how Jesus called his disciples in:

Matthew 4: 18-22
Luke 5: 1-11
John 1: 35-51
Matthew 9: 9

**When Jesus calls you
will you follow him?**

JESUS said

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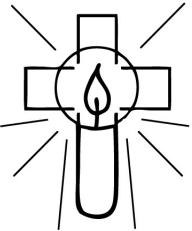
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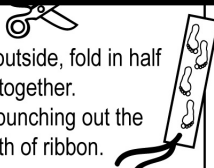
JESUS said
"I am the *light* of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in **darkness**, because you will have the *light* that leads to life."

John 8:12

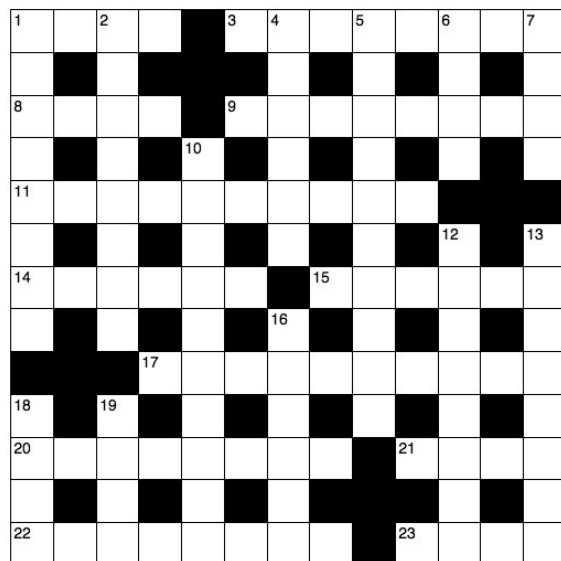


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January Crossword



Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

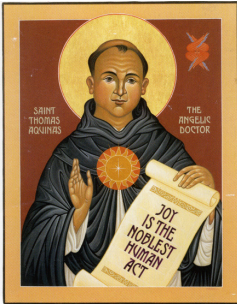
Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

Some dates for your diary - January 2015

Sun	4th	The Epiphany 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism
Tues	6th	No Morning Service
Thurs	8th	7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	11th	The Baptism of Christ - 1st Sunday of Epiphany 8.30a.m. Holy Communion 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	13th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 7.45p.m. Social & Fund Raising Group
Thurs	15th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	17th	2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun	18th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany- Week of Pray for Christian Unity 18-25 January 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3
Tues	20th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council
Thurs	22nd	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	24th	1.30p.m. to 5.30p.m. Senior Citizens Party
Sun	25th	CONVERSION OF PAUL 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.30a.m. Worship For All and baptism 6.30p.m. United Service at Stalybridge Methodist Church
Tues	27th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Thurs	29th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	31st	8.00p.m. Quiz Night

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



Saint of the Month
28 January
Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher,
Teacher of the Faith, 1274

Thomas, was born in Roccasecca, in the Aquino county of the Kingdom of Sicily (present-day Lazio region, Italy, about 80 miles southeast of Rome) in 1225, and was the youngest son of the Count of Aquina. He was, by all accounts, a large man, who moved slowly and serenely through his daily tasks. He studied at Naples University and his fellow students christened him the 'dumb Ox'.

In 1224 Thomas joined the Order of Preachers, otherwise known as the Dominican Friars. At this time the Dominicans were spreading rapidly throughout Europe, and in particular focusing their work within the universities. The Dominicans were a relatively new order, and Thomas' family would have preferred him to join the more established Benedictine order, membership of which opened doors into influential positions in society. In response to his decision to join the Dominicans, Thomas' family kidnapped him in an attempt to make him change his mind. Although they detained him for two years they were unsuccessful.

Thomas also studied at Paris and Cologne, returning to Paris to lecture in 1252. From that time on he taught in both Paris and Italy until he died in 1274. He wrote '*Summary against the Gentiles*' between 1252 and 1255, and in 1266 began his most famous work, *Summa Theologiae*, in which he considered key aspects and doctrines of Christianity.

A clear challenge which faced Thomas was whether to integrate or challenge the philosophy of Aristotle which had begun to enjoy a resurgence in the universities. Thomas chose to integrate the philosophy, and combined Aristotle's teaching with Catholic doctrine, basing his theological considerations on an Aristotelian framework. Unsurprisingly his views aroused passions and debate, and did not go unopposed. Indeed after his death some of

his teachings were relegated or ignored, and it was not until recent centuries (especially since Vatican II) that he has become more widely appreciated.

Thomas is well known for his teaching on the Eucharist in which he defended the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ. His understanding of Christ continuing the work of redemption through the sacraments was highly influential for the development of Catholic ecclesiology and doctrine.

On 6 December 1273, Thomas announced that he would write no more, and that all he had written was straw. The reasons for this are unclear. It may have been the result of either an immense spiritual experience, or simply a breakdown from overwork. A prayer attributed to Thomas reveals the motives and desires of this forward-looking theologian:

Most loving Lord,
grant me a steadfast heart
which no unworthy desire may drag downwards;
an unconquered heart which no hardship may wear out;
an upright heart which no worthless purpose may
ensnare. Impart to me also, O God,
the understanding to know you,
the diligence to seek you,
a way of life to please you,
and a faithfulness that may embrace you,
through Jesus Christ my Lord.
Amen.

May his prayer be ours also.

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