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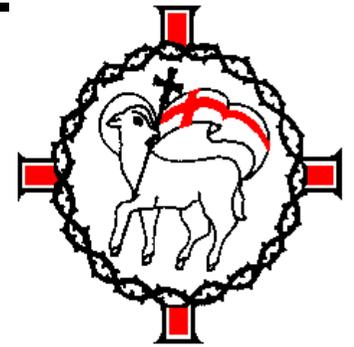
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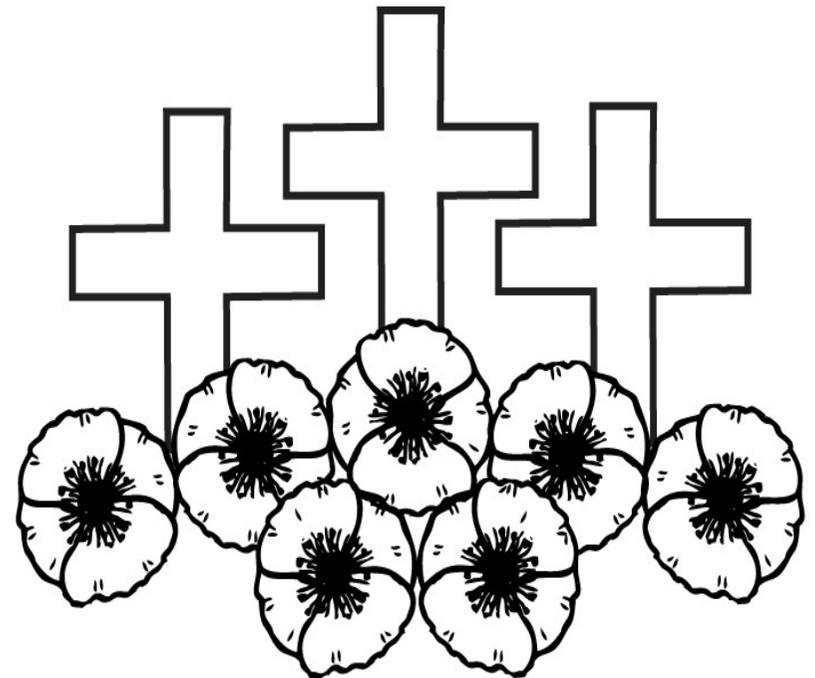
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



November 2015

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

4 October

Faith Elizabeth Gostling Baxter, Zetland Mews, Dukinfield
Isla-Rae Elise Banks, Buckingham Road, Stalybridge

18 October

Sophie Lauren Oldfield, Hague Place, Stalybridge
Mason Jack Brian Shuttleworth, Hutton Avenue, Ashton-under-Lyne

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

30 October

May Wilbraham (age 91 years) Oakwood Care Home, Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge formerly of Linden Avenue, Audenshaw



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.

Remember, Remember, The Fifth of November



The month of November is often considered to be a month of remembering. We have bonfires, on or near to 5th of November, to remind us of the plot to try to blow up the Houses of Parliament; on or near 2nd November, the Church commemorates the Feast of All Souls, and again, we remember all those who have gone before us, living out their Christian faith as best they could, and for which we honour their memory in our special service linked to this date.

Perhaps the biggest day of remembrance is, this year, on 8th November, three days before Armistice Day, when the church and many more people besides, remember the fallen, not only of those who died in the Great War of 1914-1918, but in the Second World War and many other conflicts since. Last year, if you remember, at the Tower of London, on the one hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War, there was a fantastic display of a sea of ceramic poppies, designed by the artist, Paul Cummins, and the designer, Tom Piper. People flocked from far and wide to look at the stunning display called *Weeping Window* and *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red*. Each poppy planted represented the life of a British and Colonial soldier lost during the First World War. In their original setting, they captured the public's imagination and were visited by over five million people.

We did not, unfortunately, get the opportunity to visit the display in London to see this heart touching spectacle. However, on one of my days off last month, we did visit the Yorkshire Sculpture Park near Barnsley, where there was a portion of the display on show. It is called *Poppies: Wave* and will be there until 10th January 2016, and I urge you to go and see it if you can. The display forms part of the 14-18 NOW programme and is being taken to new audiences around the United Kingdom. I believe there is also to be a similar event soon in Liverpool. Much in the same way as it was at the Tower of London, it consists of a sweeping arch of bright red poppy heads, suspended on towering stalks, rising up from the Park's lower lake and reaching over the Cascade Bridge. It is indeed a breath-taking sculpture, even more so if you are as lucky as we were to see it on a gloriously sunny day.

On one of the walls in a boathouse at the Sculpture Park, was a copy of the familiar poem, entitled 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae, which he wrote in May 1915. During the early days of the Second Battle of Ypres, a young Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed on 2nd May 1915 in the gun positions near Ypres. An exploding German artillery shell landed near him. Serving in the same Canadian artillery unit was a friend of his, the Canadian military doctor and artillery commander Major John McCrae. Because the Chaplain had been called away to duty elsewhere, John McCrae, as the brigade doctor, was asked to conduct the burial service for Alexis. It is believed that later that evening, after the burial, John began the draft for his now famous poem "In Flanders Fields".

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

It is said that the opposite of 'to remember' is not 'to forget' but 'to dismember' – the persistent human impulse to pull apart and divide. Let us pray to God for a lasting peace in our world, that no more will there be wars and civil strife and that people will lay down their weapons and come together in human fellowship.

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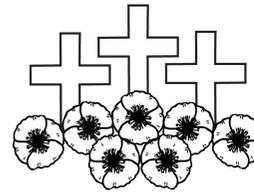
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Time for Remembrance

If you would like to pay your own personal tribute to the soldiers who died during the First World War, then why not consider participating in a very easy project being run by the British Legion? Not only is it commemorative, but it is one which will yield big results for your garden next year!

It is the Centenary Poppy Campaign, in which the Royal British Legion has joined forces with B&Q to encourage the public and local authorities to plant Flanders poppy seeds on their own land. The Flanders poppy seeds can be purchased from B&Q, where a donation of £1 will go towards the work of the Legion. Just visit your B&Q for more details.

This is just one of the British Legion's WW1 centenary projects, if you want to find out more you can find more information at: www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary-projects/

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Prayer at Remembrance Time

Loving Father,
When we watch the news or read the papers, we can feel overwhelmed by the tragedy of lives lost or affected by war or terrorism. And our Remembrance Day Services and anniversaries just seem to emphasize that continuing suffering.
Help us Lord, to switch our focus from what self-centred people do in their pursuit of power, to what you have done in Jesus, who gave his life so that the brokenness of creation might be restored to wholeness - and that we might have your peace in our hearts, even while the world rages about us. Help us to remember the important thing - to put our trust in Jesus, your Son.
In his name, we pray. Amen.

The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst.
Anon

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

CHURCH FINANCES

October 2015 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
4 Oct 2015	Trinity 18	£59.00	£372.50	£431.50	
11 Oct 2015	Trinity 19	£79.80	£613.10	£692.90	
18 Oct 2015	St Luke	£80.03	£312.50	£392.53	
25 Oct 2015	Bible Sunday	£48.01	£250.50	£298.51	
Standing Orders etc.			£864.00	£864.00	
Monthly Total				£2679.44	-£1721.56

* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £4,401 per month.

200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for October are:

1st Prize	£30	61	Janet Meredith
2nd Prize	£15	84	Joan Catlow
3rd Prize	£ 5	111	Shaun Billington

There are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome—remember the more members we have the more money is raised for Church Funds. The cost is £12 per year per number. If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

The new minister

The new minister was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Finally he took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'. Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he burst into laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."



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Readings and Psalms for November 2015

Sun 1 st	All Saint's Day 10.30 Wisdom 3.1-9; Psalm 24.1-6; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44 15.30 Lamentations 3.17-26,31-33; Psalm 23; John 6.37-40
Tues 3 rd	10.30 Romans 12.5-16; Psalm 131; Luke 14.15-24
Sun 8 th	3rd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday 8.30 Jonah 3.1-5,10; Mark 1.14-20 10.30 Jonah 3.1-5,10; Psalm 62.5-end; Hebrews 9.24-end; Mark 1.14-20
Tues 10 th	10.30 Wisdom 2.23-3.9; Psalm 34.1-6; Luke 17.7-10
Sun 15 th	2nd Sunday before Advent 10.30 Daniel 12.1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10.11-14,19-25; Mark 13.1-8
Tues 17 th	10.30 2 Maccabees 7.1,20-31; Psalm 11; Luke 19.1-10
Sun 22 nd	Christ the King 8.30 Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; John 18.33-37 10.30 Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; John 18.33-37 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 24 th	10.30 Daniel 2.31-45; Benedicite 1-3; Luke 21.5-11
Sun 29 th	Advent Sunday 10.30 Jeremiah 33.14-16; Luke 21.25-36 <i>BCP Holy Communion</i>

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October Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market. **DOWN:** 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

St George's Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th November
11am till 2pm



Santa will be dropping in so why not visit
him in his magical grotto



hats

scarves

Christmas raffle



Home bake

Bottle tombola



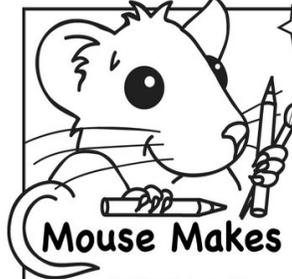
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Children's Page



Mouse Makes

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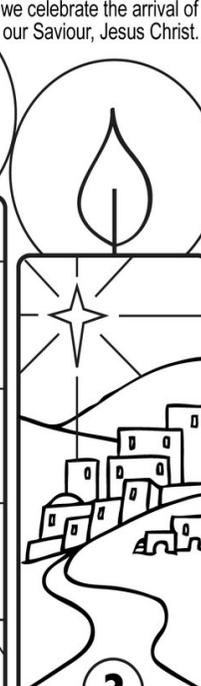
ADVENT starts this year on 29th November, it is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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THE
PROPHECY
CANDLE

Isaiah 9:2-7



2

THE
BETHLEHEM
CANDLE

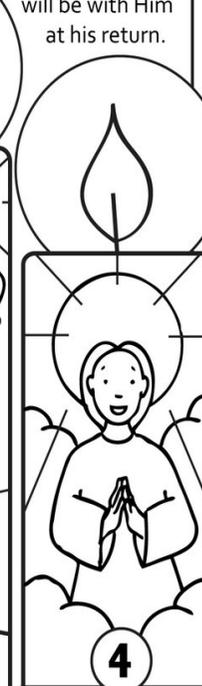
Micah 5:2-4



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THE
SHEPHERD'S
CANDLE

Luke 2:15-20



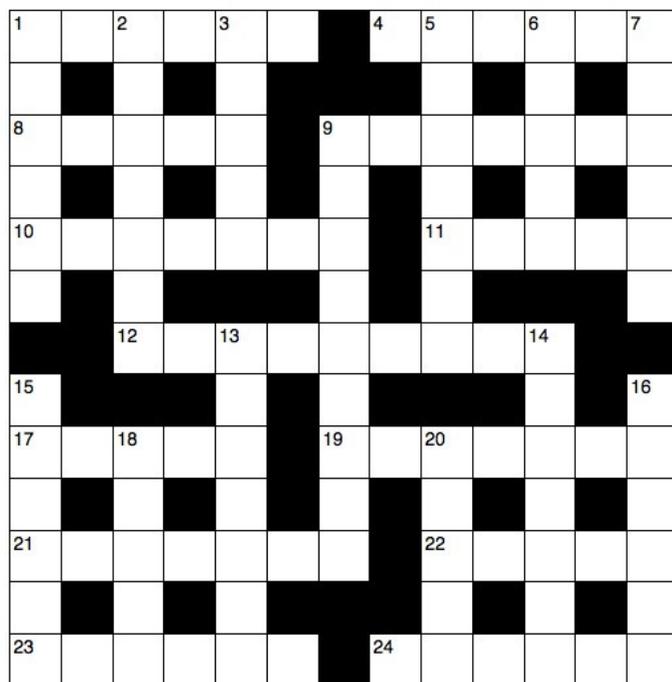
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THE
ANGEL'S
CANDLE

Luke 2:8-14

☆ Colour in one candle each Sunday in ADVENT and countdown to Christmas ☆

October Crossword



Across

1. 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6),
 4. 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6),
 8. Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5), 9. Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7), 10. Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7), 11. A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5), 12. A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9), 17. 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5), 19. Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7), 21. Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7), 22. 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5), 23. 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6), 24. Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

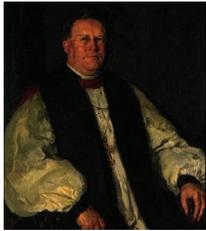
Down

1. Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6), 2. 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7), 3. Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5), 5. Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7), 6 and 16. Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6), 7. A three (anag.) (6), 9. Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9), 13. Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7), 14. Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7), 15. Force (Galatians 6:12) (6), 16. See 6 Down (6), 18. Paste (anag.) (5), 20. How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

Some dates for your diary - November 2015

Sun	1st	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
		3.30p.m.	All Souls' Service
Tues	3rd		No Holy Communion Service
Thurs	5th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	8th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance & Junior Church
Tues	10th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	12th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	15th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 1
			Anniversary Meal at Stamford Golf Club
Tues	17th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.30p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	19th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	22nd	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Worship For All
Tue	24th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		2.00p.m.	to 3.00p.m. Councillor Adrian Pearce's Surgery
Thurs	26th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	28th	11.00a.m.	to 2.00p.m. Christmas Fair with Santa in his Grotto
Sun	29th		ADVENT SUNDAY
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist BCP & Junior Church
		6.00p.m.	Advent Carol Service
Mon	30th	7.30p.m.	Deanery Synod at St George, Stalybridge

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Saint of the Month

6 November

**William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury,
Teacher of the Faith, 1944**

William Temple was born in 1881, son of the Bishop of Exeter. After education at Rugby and Balliol College, Oxford, a vocation to ordained ministry was nearly stillborn, when Temple's personal integrity meant that he openly expressed his difficulties with some aspects of the doctrines of the virgin birth and the bodily resurrection of Christ as they were then understood. This openness and honesty resulted in a delay of two years in his ordination since Bishop Paget of Oxford refused to ordain him. Temple was subsequently ordained by Archbishop Randall Davidson of Canterbury.

After a spell as headmaster of Repton School and then as Rector of St James, Piccadilly, Temple resigned the living in order to lead 'Life & Liberty', a movement pressing for more accountable structures within, and greater autonomy for, the Church of England. A member of the Labour party (until becoming bishop) he was a convinced supporter of social and economic reform and served as the first president of the Workers' Educational Association. Born to privilege himself, he sought to extend basic privileges to all, believing that 'human status ought not to depend on the changing demands of the economic process', and that 'it is a mistake to suppose that God is only, or even chiefly, concerned with religion'.

He rose rapidly in the hierarchy of the Church of England, from Bishop of Manchester (1921-29) to Archbishop of York (1929-42) and then, for the last two years of his life, of Canterbury. He was also active in promoting the ecumenical movement. A gifted communicator with a razor-sharp mind, he was never fussy or pompous and possessed the common touch - as much at home on a beach mission at Blackpool as addressing the House of Lords.

Like St Paul, Temple had a 'thorn in the flesh', throughout his life suffering from gout, which constantly caused him debilitating pain. His early death at the age of 63, only eight months before the end of the Second World War, was a cruel blow, depriving both Church and nation of a wise and visionary leader at a time of national reconstruction and leaving a void that proved impossible to fill.

Temple left one of the classic definitions of Christian worship:

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by his holiness; the nourishment of mind with his truth; the purifying of imagination by his beauty; the opening of the heart to his love; the surrender of the will to his purpose - and all this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable.

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