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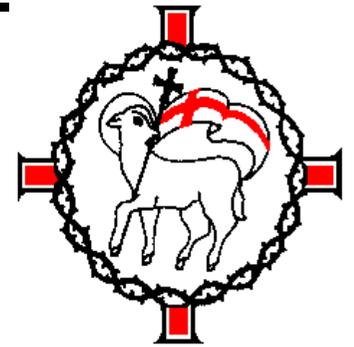
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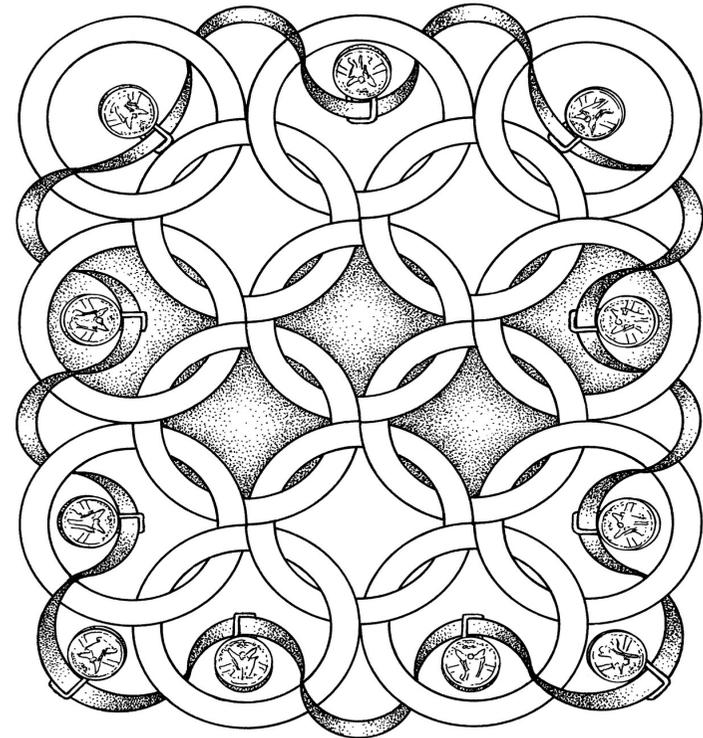
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 THE CHURCH
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August 2016

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

3 July

Madeline Joyce Clara Wright, Springs Lane, Stalybridge
Oliver Henry Preger, Buckton Vale Mews, Carrbrook, Stalybridge
Jessica Rose Gregory, Cedar Avenue, Stalybridge

17 July

Francis William George Stainton, Hamilton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne
Carter Goldrick, Kendal Court, Stalybridge

24 July

Harley James Fleming, Oxford Street, Stalybridge

31 July

Harry David McMyllor, Holland Avenue, Stalybridge
Thomas Andrew McMyllor, Holland Avenue, Stalybridge
Theo Daniel Sanders, Lake Road, Stalybridge

Weddings

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

30 July

Duncan Denning Brown and Danielle Louise Craig

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

18 July

Mary Penketh, (aged 97 years) Green End, Haughton Green, Denton
At St Mary Haughton Green

21 July

Ivy Lees (aged 90 years) Kingsfield Care Home and Rose Hill Road,
Ashton-under-Lyne
At St John the Evangelist, Hurst

25 July

Harold Kershaw (aged 55 years) Staley Hall Road, Stalybridge

A Letter From New Zealand

This month we feature, as our lead article, an e-mail that we received recently from a gentleman called Joe Rodrigues who lives in New Zealand. On our church website (www.stg.org.uk) he had seen one of the archive photographs of an Old St. George's Boys Brigade Summer Camp that took place in 1938. We replied to Joe to ask permission to print his reminiscences and he was happy for us to do that.

Here is what he said:

I am one of the boys in the photo taken on the beach at Red Wharf Bay, Anglesey, where we were enjoying our annual camp.

I was a member of the 1st Stalybridge Boys' Brigade Company for five years in the early 1930s, commanded by Capt. Bert Wainwright. Other photos on your website show the Brigade on Church Parade etc. I also attended Old St. George's Church and Sunday School. I am now 95 and busy with my community work.

When I enlisted in the Royal Corps of Signals in 1939 at 18, my recruit's training was made so much easier as I had a sound foundation to start with. I became a Commissioned Officer at 22 and took part in the D Day Normandy invasion in June 1944. After France had been liberated, I was posted to 7th Armoured Division (Desert Rats). We went on to battle our way through Belgium, Holland and Germany until we captured Hamburg in early May 1945. After a few days rest, we were selected to represent Britain in the four-power occupation of Berlin. I took part in the Victory Parade in July, 1945. Here is a photo of the occasion:



131st Brigade HQ and Signals Squadron marching towards the saluting dais, during Victory Parade. Leading this detachment is Captain Gordon Pelmore, R.Signals followed by Capt. Wadham and Lieut. J.F.C.(Joe) Rodrigues (centre of picture)

I have recently been advised by the British Government that I am to receive the Legion d'Honneur Medal from the French Government to mark the 70th Anniversary of D Day.

In 2007, I was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) in recognition of my 50 years community service in New Zealand. I recall that following the impressive formal part of the Investiture proceedings, my family group of five were able to meet informally with the Governor-General and his wife in the Conservatory. After chatting for ten minutes or so, the official photographer came in and took a very nice group photograph to mark the occasion.

In the Boys on the Beach photo I am the boy holding the legs of the boy behind me who has his left arm round the neck of Eric Norton. Eric and I enjoyed regular correspondence over the past ten years until he died unexpectedly earlier this year at the age of 92. They have resided in Adelaide, South Australia for many years and have two sons both living nearby so his wife Jean has very good support. We keep in touch. Interestingly, Jean married Maurice Cook, another boy in the photo.



Red Wharfe Bay 1938

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I myself am now well into my 96th year.

I just wanted to let you people know and thank you for the huge influence my association with Old St. George's and receiving my education at West Hill Boys School had on my young life. In my day the Vicar was the Reverend Whitehead who was very good and always came to Sunday School. I have listened to many of his sermons at Evensong usually seated in the front row upstairs at Old St. George's with my friends. Happy days !

With best wishes,

Joe Rodrigues
Westtown, New Plymouth 4310, New Zealand

We can't really do justice to Joe's photos in the magazine but his words can also be found on our website together with the above photograph which gives names of the other boys. We wondered if any of our readers might remember him or some of the people he mentions as being members of Old St. George's Boys Brigade?

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"Standing up for the National Anthem in the middle of the sermon was a bit of a giveaway that you were watching the Olympics on your iPhone!"

CHURCH FINANCES

July 2016 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
3 July 2016	Thomas the Apostle	£58.86	£309.80	£368.66	
10 July 2016	Trinity 7	£43.55	£661.38	£704.93	
17 July 2016	Trinity 8	£57.15	£366.50	£423.65	
24 July 2016	Trinity 9	£46.45	£381.69	£428.14	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
	Monthly Total			£2,789.38	-£3,811.62

* Assuming £13 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £6,601.00 per month

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200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for July 2016 are:

1st Prize	£25	14	Dorothy Davenport
2nd Prize	£15	50	Freda Taylor
3rd Prize	£10	16	Linda Hurst

The cost is £12 per year per number. There are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome.

If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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July Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

Ladies time to get your glad rags on again
St George's is holding

a

Ladies Day

with a

Traditional Afternoon Tea and 'bubbly'
on Saturday 6th August

2pm - 4pm

Ladies will be encouraged to wear hats or fascinators.

Last year's event was very successful
so you won't want to miss out.

The list is now in the church lounge and booking is
essential for catering purposes.

Tickets are £10 and are available from Alicia Harris.

NEW!

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***Now open Willow Wood's new Coffee Shop is situated at
the PAD Department Store, 15 Shepley Street, Stalybridge.***

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are all available together with biscuits,
home made cakes and scones.***



***Why not call in for a cuppa and a light snack and
pick up a bargain at the same time?!***

Readings and Psalms for August 2016

- Tues 2nd 10.30 Jeremiah 30.1-2,12-15,18-22; Psalm 102.16-21;
Matthew 14.22-end
- Sun 7th 11th Sunday after Trinity
10.30 **Genesis 15.1-6; Psalm 33.12-end; Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16; Luke 12.32-40**
- Tues 9^h 10.30 Ezekiel 2.8-3.4; Psalm 119.65-72;
Matthew 18.1-5,10,12-14
- Sun 14th 12th Sunday after Trinity
8.30 Jeremiah 23.23-29; Luke 12.49-56
10.30 **Jeremiah 23.23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56**
- Tues 16th 10.30 Ezekiel 28.1-10; Psalm 107.1-3,40,43; Matthew 19.23-end
- Sun 21st 13th Sunday after Trinity
10.30 **Isaiah 58.9b-end; Psalm 103.1-8; Hebrews 12.18-end; Luke 13.10-17**
- Tues 23rd 10.30 2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a,14-end; Psalm 98; Matthew 23.23-26
- Sun 28th 14th Sunday after Trinity
10.30 **Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16; Luke 14.1,7-14**
- Tues 30th 10.30 1 Corinthians 2.10b-end; Psalm 145.10-17; Luke 4.31-37

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Prayer to our Always-Good Father

Father, Thank you that you are our Father and that you love us, whoever we are, wherever we go, whatever we've done, however we feel. No matter what life brings, you never change. You are always good and always there for us, if we just turn and talk to you.

Thank you for Jesus who died to make that possible. We pray in his name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

NEW VICAR

We have now been given a date for the licensing of our new Vicar and this will take place on Sunday 11th September at 3.00p.m. Philip's title will change on that day from Priest-in-Charge to Vicar (or Incumbent). Because there are certain legal differences in the two roles, there has to be a full licensing service which will follow the same pattern as when he was licensed in March 2013. We really hope that as many of you who are able will come along and support him in this important step.

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Going For Gold

This month sees the start of the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, as the eyes of the world focus on the games. A number of New Testament letters make reference to Olympic sport including Hebrews: 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith' (Hebrews 12:1-2).

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. He fell to the ground in pain and stretcher-bearers came over to him. However, Redmond wanted to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line.

Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek's father, ran out of the stands towards him. 'You don't have to do this,' he told his son. 'Yes, I do,' said Derek, to which his father said, 'We're going to finish this together.' They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to give Derek a standing ovation. Although he didn't win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side.

In our Christian race we have a great crowd of witnesses to cheer us on. We also have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. Let's keep our eyes fixed on Him, to ensure we finish the race!

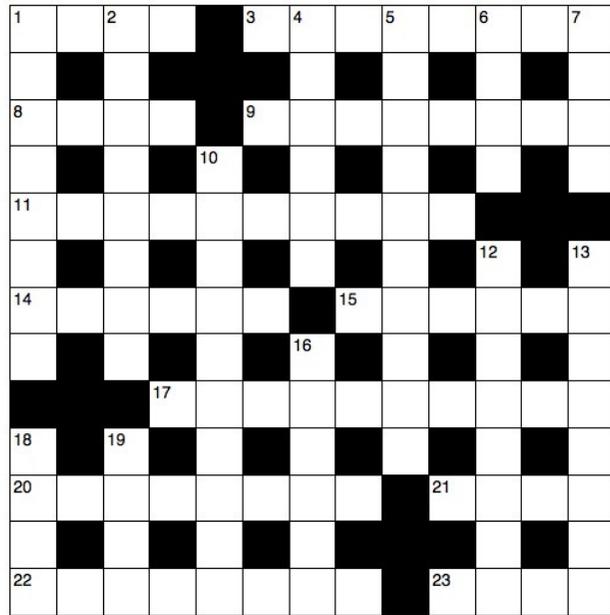
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THE BIG CATCH OF FISH
 The disciples had spent all night out on the lake fishing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked them, "Have you caught anything?" They answered, "Not a thing". He said to them "Throw your net out on the right side of the boat and you will catch some." So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in because they had caught so many fish. Then John recognised the man and said, "It is the Lord" When they reached the shore there was a fire burning and some bread. "Bring some fish" said Jesus "Come and eat." *How many fish did they catch?*
Read John 21:1-14

Can you find 18 pairs of fish and the odd one out?

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August Crossword



Across

1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5), **3** See 1 Across, **8** 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4), **9** O Simon is (anag.) (8), **11** Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10), **14** How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6), **15** In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4), **17** Glad sin rat (anag.) (10), **20** Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8), **21** Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4), **22** 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3), **23** Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8), **2** 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8), **4** 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4), **5** Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10), **6** Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4), **7** 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4), **10** 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10), **12** Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8), **13** One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8), **16** 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6), **18** 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3), **19** Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

Some dates for your diary - August 2016

Tuesday	2nd	10.30a.m	Holy Communion
Saturday	6th	2.00p.m.	Ladies Afternoon Tea
Sunday	7th	11th Sunday after Trinity- Proper 14	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
Tuesday	9th		No Holy Communion
Sunday	14th	12th Sunday After Trinity- Proper 15	
		8.30a.m.	No Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday	16th		No Holy Communion
Sunday	21st	13th Sunday After Trinity- Proper 16	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
Tuesday	23rd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	27th	3.00p.m.	Wedding of Ben Waller & Nicola Callan
Sunday	28th	14th Sunday After Trinity- Proper 17	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday	30th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion

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

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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.



Saint of the Month

13 August

Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912

Octavia Hill was born in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire in 1838, the daughter of a corn merchant and banker. She was influenced from an early age in social issues by her father's interest in prison reform and by her grandfather Thomas Southwood Smith, a national authority on sanitation and housing. Educated at home, she went to London in 1852 to work at the Ladies' Guild, a Christian Socialist co-operative managed by her mother, where she met John Ruskin and F.D.Maurice. She was soon put in charge of a branch engaged in teaching poor children to make toys, and so gained her first experience of the lives of the very poor.

In 1856 Octavia became secretary to the classes for women at the Working Men's College in Great Ormond Street, and a few years later she and her sisters started a school in Nottingham Place. It was while living there and visiting her poorer neighbours that she came to understand the urgency of addressing the housing problem in Victorian London. In 1864 she succeeded in interesting John Ruskin in her schemes for improving the dwellings of the poor and he advised her to put the work on a business footing. This proved to be sound advice, and her successful management led to a steadily increasing number of houses being placed under her charge. Perhaps the most important addition to her responsibilities was her appointment in 1884 by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to manage a great part of their property first in Southwark and later elsewhere. Octavia Hill's help and advice were often sought in connection with the promotion of social reform by legislation. But her faith lay much more in the value of voluntary work, and it was with reluctance that she took part in political measures.

Though Octavia was involved in a number of voluntary organisations, she is particularly remembered for her joint initiative with Canon H.D.Rawnsley and Sir Robert Hunter in founding the National Trust in 1895 which has become Britain's leading charitable organization for preserving historical buildings and places of natural beauty. Always preferring

voluntary to statutory schemes she was nevertheless persuaded to serve on the Poor Law Commission from 1905 to 1908. Her books include Homes of the London Poor and Our Common Land. Strongly motivated by her Christian faith, Octavia viewed human beings more as citizens of this world than as potential citizens of the next. Consequently, she sought to make life on earth as positive an experience as possible, particularly for the poor and the disadvantaged.

Octavia never allowed her increasing fame to undermine her personal humility and lived quietly with her sisters in Marylebone Road, where she died on 13 August 1912.

Those school reports...

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memorable

What did your teachers say about your progress at school?
The following were sent into the Daily Telegraph some years ago....

- ~ One of my French reports simply said: 'Sheila attended the lessons'. - Sheila Blow, Surrey
- ~ My housemaster wrote: 'He has an overdeveloped unawareness.' - Ian Jones, Wirral
- ~ A friend's son's report said: 'By the time he has mastered French, he will be too old to cross the Channel.' - M Knaggs, Dorset
- ~ My teacher observed: 'The improvement in his handwriting has revealed his inability to spell.' - Colin Sutherland, Switzerland
- ~ My teacher was a realist: 'I am sorry to have to tell you that he is doing his best.' Stan Proctor, Surrey

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