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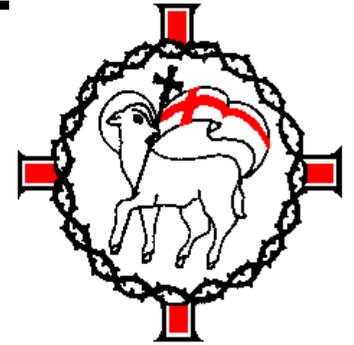
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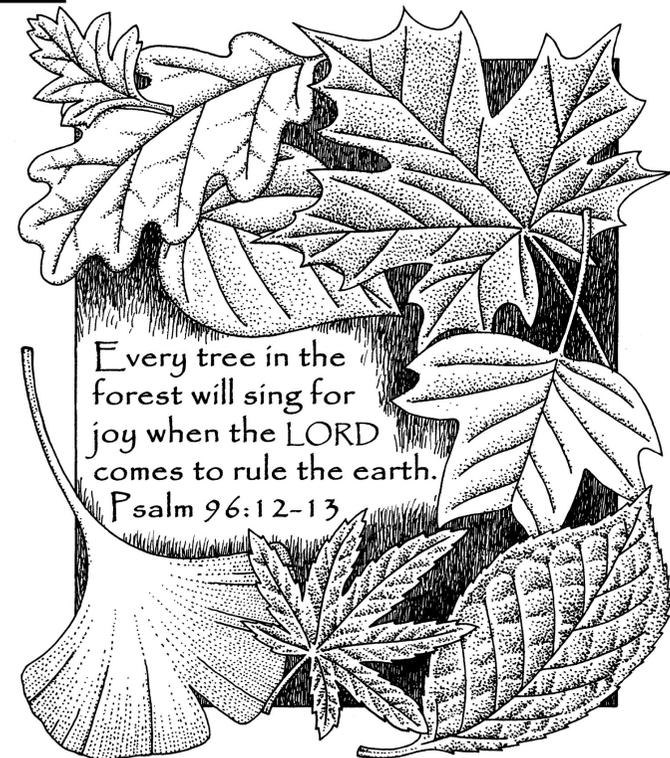
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Worship Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (4 th Sunday only)
10.30 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
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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 Philip or one of the Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone Philip (Vicar) 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 Oct	William Reynolds	1951	15 Oct	Kenneth Stevenson	1994
	Walter Meadowcroft	1980		Herbert Battersby	2009
2 Oct	Joseph Parkinson	1966	16 Oct	William Parkinson	1899
	Minnie Duffin	2004		Gillian Checkley	2007
3 Oct	Harry Shaw	1986	17 Oct	Albert Wood	1972
	Paul Thomas Sykes	1992		Eveline Travis	2013
4 Oct	Harry Lees	1984	19 Oct	Harry Hamilton	1982
	Barbara Robinson	2007		Dorothy Turner	2006
	Vera Redfern	2008	22 Oct	Stuart Priestley	1968
5 Oct	Gladys Worsnip	2002	23 Oct	Sidney Moorcroft	1989
6 Oct	Esther Wheel	1983	25 Oct	Myfanwy Spencer	1985
	James William Bailey	2014		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
8 Oct	Olivia Haigh	1988	26 Oct	Dennis Selby	1981
9 Oct	Ethel Stokes	1981		Alice Kershaw Wood	1983
	Alfred Benjamin Street	2007	27 Oct	Paul Quarmby	2004
10 Oct	George Harry Garnett	1993		Norrie Stewart	2007
	Paulette Davenport	2009	28 Oct	Ethel May Nuttall	2007
11 Oct	Margaret Bates	1980		Lily Burgess	2010
12 Oct	Alice Brierley	1985	29 Oct	John McKee	1986
	Ellen Ridgway	2001		Kyle Richard Turner	1987
	Joan Pilling	2012		Eric Lister Jones	1995
13 Oct	Doreen Kay	2004		Edna Smyth	2004
14 Oct	George Alan Wilson	2010			



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 Philip.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

17 September

Ethel-Rose Adams, Holland Avenue, Stalybridge
Ida-May Adams, Holland Avenue, Stalybridge
Holly Neve Rawlinson, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge

Weddings

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

9 September

David Thomas Merritt to Yvonne Jackson

23 September

Simon James Pymm to Rowen Aefa Ratcliffe

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

11 September

John Darbyshire (aged 70 years) Hopkins Farm, Arlies Lane, Stalybridge

24 September

Carole Mort (aged 69 years) The Sycamores, Mossley
Interment of ashes



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 for any Sunday this year.

What Have You Done Well?



Dear All

On our recent holiday to Suffolk, a flat landscape of wonderful scenery and home of the artist John Constable and composer Benjamin Britten, we visited a number of places owned by the National Trust and English Heritage.

On our return journey, we called off at Woolsthorpe Manor, nine miles south of Grantham in Lincolnshire. The manor, now in the ownership of the National Trust, is just an unassuming small farmhouse, but it was the birthplace of one of the world's greatest mathematicians, physicists and philosophers: Sir Isaac Newton. He was born, quite prematurely, in the year that Galileo died, on 25 December 1642 (Julian calendar) and was not expected to survive. In fact, his father never saw him, since he had died three months earlier. In 1665, Isaac graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge shortly before the terrible plague struck hold in 1665 and 1666.

The apple tree, under which Newton sat, although we were told that the apples don't taste very nice, still remains to this day. We were also told that the apple didn't actually fall on his head. However, with the falling apple, *'the notion of gravitation came into his mind. "Why should that apple always descend perpendicularly to the ground," he thought to himself.'*

According to William Stukeley's *Memoirs of Sir Isaac Newton's Life 1752*, Newton records that "In this place, the world changed."

Gravity, laws of motion, calculus and the fact that white light is made up of different colours – the colours you see in a rainbow – are all discoveries made by Newton. Those, plus many others!

For Newton, the world of science was by no means the whole of life. In fact, he spent more time on theology than on science and wrote over one million words on biblical subjects. His understanding of God came primarily from the Bible, which he studied for days and weeks at a time and took special interest in miracles and prophecy, calculating dates of Old Testament books and analysing their texts to discover their authorship.

A member of the Anglican Church, Newton attended services and participated in special projects, such as paying for the distribution of

Bibles among the poor, and serving on a Commission to build fifty new churches in the London area.

Despite his intense biblical study and belief in a creating God, Newton observed the distinction between religion and science made by Galileo: "*The Bible tells us how to go to Heaven, not how the heavens go.*" Newton himself is quoted as saying, "*Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who set the planets in motion. God governs all things and knows all that is or can be done.*"

Other phrases by Newton include "*If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants*"; and "*To every action there is always opposed an equal reaction*"; but the one I like is, "*Do a little with certainty, and leave the rest for others that come after you.*"

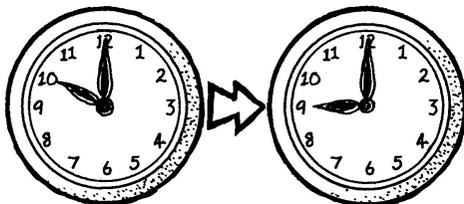
Perhaps we could apply that to our life, not just once, nor once a year, but on a daily basis.

With my best wishes to you all
Philip

P.S. If you should decide to visit Woolsthorpe Manor be VERY aware of the low door lintels. Despite numerous warnings from the room Guides, I left there with a large egg shaped lump on my head!!

DON'T FORGET

British Summer Time (BST) ends at the end of the month. This means you will need to put your clocks back by one hour on **Sunday 29th October 2017 at 2am.**



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FOUNDATION FOR PEACE

Anne Hanson's son Tim is a keen amateur photographer. For Father's Day this year he produced a book of photographs he'd taken over time of Manchester for his Dad and his brother. These photographs included more recent ones he'd taken during the initial mourning period following the Arena terror attack, showing how Manchester came together. Various people who looked at this book passed comments encouraging Tim to try to produce one he could sell, enabling him to make donations to a charity.

This book is now with the publishers and it is Tim's intention to make a donation to the Foundation for Peace for every book he sells. The Tim Parry Jonathan Ball Foundation for Peace was established in memory of these two young boys who were killed by the IRA bomb in Warrington in 1993.

The reason Tim chose this charity is because Rachel stumbled across it as she was desperately seeking help following the trauma she suffered on that fateful night. The charity is there to support people who are victims of terrorism and they have proved to be a turning point in helping Rachel come to terms with the situation she found herself in.

The book will be priced at £25 and a donation will be made to the charity for everyone sold. During Tim's meeting with the Foundation for Peace they mentioned that they are always looking for ways to publicise their work so the book will have their name on the acknowledgement page, helping the Foundation to make people aware of their existence and the wonderful work they do.

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All Souls Service

Our annual service All Souls Service when we remember those who we love but see no longer will be held on to 5th November at 3.00pm. If you would like the name of a family member or friend read out at this service, then please add their names to the list that will appear at the back of church towards the end of this month. Everyone is most warmly invited to attend and to light a candle in memory of their loved one.



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CHURCH FINANCES

September 2017 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
03 Sep 2017	Trinity 12	£48.90	£207.00	£255.90	
10 Sep 2017	Trinity 13	£43.36	£585.98	£629.34	
17 Sep 2017	Trinity 14	£30.92	£448.95	£479.87	
24 Sep 2017	Harvest Thanksgiving and Back to Church Sunday	£69.50	£418.00	£487.50	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
Monthly Total		£192.68	£2523.93	£2716.61	-£749.39

* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £3,466 per month



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and Safety warning!"

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200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for August 2017 and September 2017 are:

August:

1st Prize	£25	25	Joyce Vernon
2nd Prize	£15	96	Alison Powell
3rd Prize	£10	60	Pat Booth

September:

1st Prize	£25	18	Irene Agnew
2nd Prize	£15	22	Michael Davies
3rd Prize	£10	67	Anne Hanson

The cost is £12 per year per number and 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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Smile Lines - On how long a sermon should last...

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,
I am afraid we will never agree about the appropriate length of sermons. Your 50 minute exposition on the theology of St. Paul concerning women wearing hats in church is, I am sure, of real interest to you. But as your sermon slowly unfolds, I suspect it will prompt quite a different concern among your congregation. Have they set the oven timer to come on too early?

Whenever I even hint that a matter of theological importance may be about to appear in one of my sermons, an expression of benign incomprehension comes over my congregation. You know the look – you see it on golden Labradors whenever they try and work out what their owners are telling them.

There are certain sure signs that should warn you when you have preached for long enough. One is when members of the congregation reach for their prayer books to try to work out for the umpteenth time how the date for Easter is calculated. The organist turning on the blower when you say “and finally” is another.

Most members of the congregation will count the number of dead flies on the windowsills during your sermon. But when you can see members of the congregation counting the numbers in the congregation counting the numbers of dead flies, that is absolute proof that it is time to stop.

There has only been one occasion when I preached for longer than my standard eight minutes. Our former organist was in the habit of taking his dog for a walk during the sermon. I knew I had to carry on preaching until I heard the latch on the vestry door for the second time. That meant he was back, and ready to play the last hymn. Unfortunately one Sunday, his dog ran away.

While he searched for it over every field in the parish, I spent the intervening two hours reading the greater part of Leviticus, discussing the food laws set forth in Deuteronomy, and arguing for a Deutero-Isaiah. I was headed for the Babylonian exile when we all heard the vestry door re-open.

After the Service, the congregation left looking as though they had just been rescued from a major shipwreck. And at the next church council meeting, we unanimously voted to buy our organist a stronger lead.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Readings and Psalms for October 2017

Sun 1st	16th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Ezekiel 18. 1-4,25-end; Psalm 25.1-8; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32
Tues 3 rd	10.30 Zechariah 8.20-end; Psalm 87; Luke 9.51-56
Sun 8th	17th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 Isaiah 5.1-7; Matthew 21.33-end 10.30 Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.9-17; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-end
Tues 10 th	10.30 Jonah 3; Psalm 130; Luke 10.38-end
Sun 15th	18th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Isaiah 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14
Tues 17 th	10.30 Romans 1.16-25; Psalm 19.1-4; Luke 11. 37-41
Sun 22nd	19th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22 10.30 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 24 th	10.30 Romans 5.12,15,17-end; Psalm 40.7-12; Luke 12.35-38
Sun 29th	Bible Sunday 10.30 Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12; Psalm 119.9-16; Colossians 3.12-17; Matthew 24.30-35
Tues 31 st	10.30 Romans 8.18-25; Psalm 126; Luke 13.18-21

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September Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

Street Pastor Recruitment and Prayer Event

Saturday 14th October 2017
Bacon Butty Morning and Prayer Team Event
at St Matthew's, Stalybridge

The first part of the morning is a recruitment drive from 9.00am - 10.15 am where people can come and find out about the work the Street Pastors do with a view to joining us.

The second part of the morning is 10 :30 - 12:30 is the prayer event.

Everyone is welcome to come and take part in praying specifically for this ministry.



The Twilight

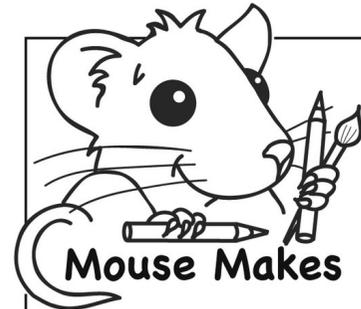
Years

It's Autumn once again, or as the Americans call it, 'the Fall', the time when Summer's leaves die and drop to the ground, leaving the trees bare until Spring. There is something about Autumn that speaks of transition: from sun and holidays to mists and long nights: Keats's 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. It's not Winter, but it is Winter's herald. When the nights grow longer, we know it's not far away.

I suppose for all those reasons we also often associate Autumn with the twilight of life. Once our working days are done, and we've enjoyed the early years of active retirement, many people then enjoy (and I do mean 'enjoy'!) the twilight years of reflection, memories, and family, without the pressure of needing to 'justify' themselves or 'prove' anything. There's a wonderful verse in Psalm 92 which captures the feeling perfectly: "In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap".

So, older readers of these words, Spring-time green and 'full of sap', enjoy your Autumn. And younger readers, don't dread the future arrival of those twilight years. You may find they're a lot more rewarding than you expected.

Children's Page



The Valley of the Dry Bones

Ezekiel the prophet had a special dream from God. In his dream he stood in the middle of a valley full of a great many bones. God made him walk

around them, then God said; "Son of man, can these bones live?" Ezekiel replied;

"Sovereign Lord, you know."

God told Ezekiel to prophesy over the bones, to tell them;

"Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord, I am about to put breath into you and you will live. I will put tendons on you and muscles over you and cover you with skin,

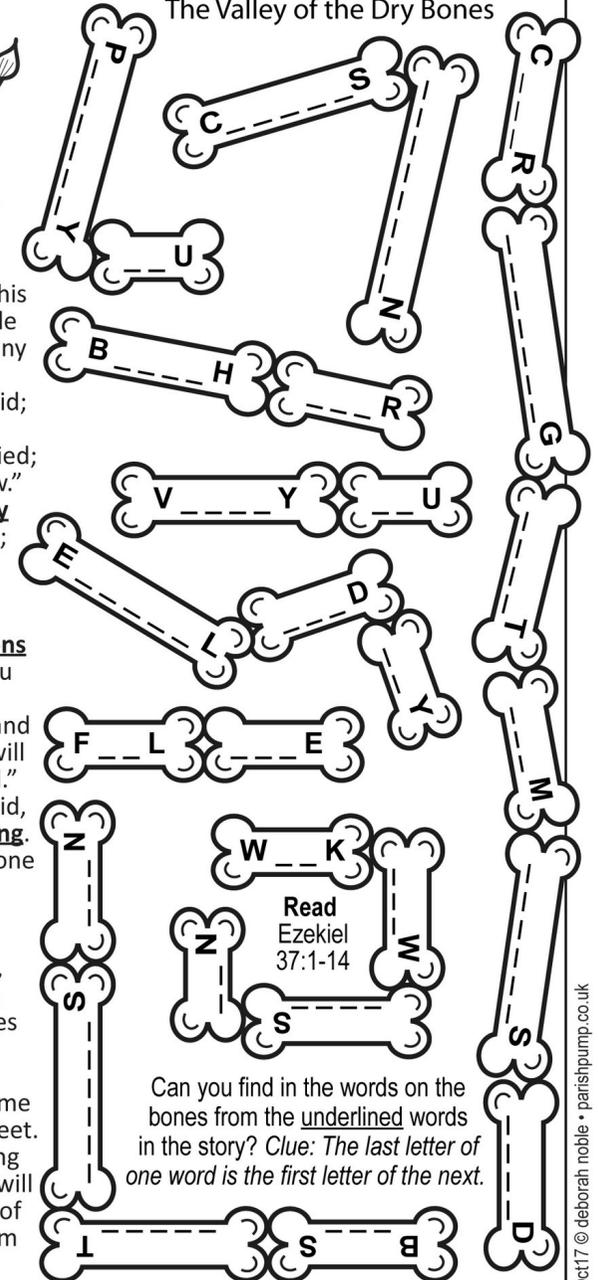
I will put breath in you and you will live. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

So Ezekiel did as God had said, he heard the sound of rattling.

The bones came together bone to bone, then tendons and muscles and skin appeared on them. God told Ezekiel to say to the breath; "Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe on these corpses so that they may live."

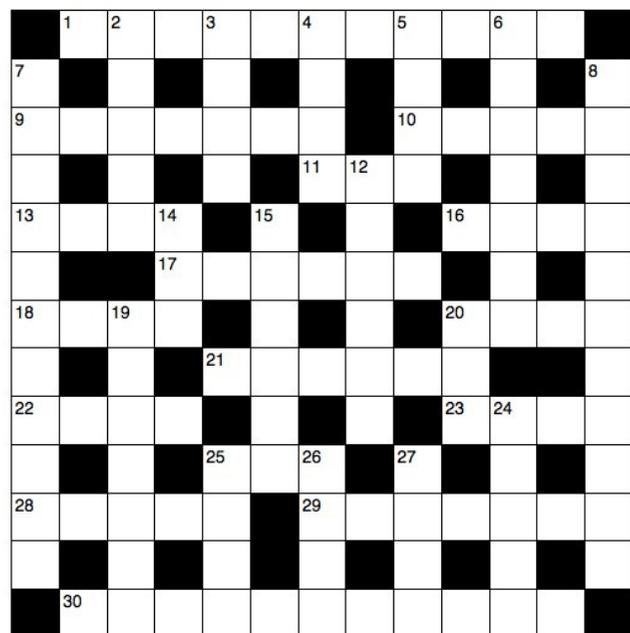
Ezekiel spoke what God had told him and the corpses came alive and stood on their feet.

God explained the meaning of the dream and said; "I will put my Spirit in the people of Israel and they will know I am the Lord and they will live."



Can you find in the words on the bones from the underlined words in the story? *Clue: The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next.*

October Crossword



Across

1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11), 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — —' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3), 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5), 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3), 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4), 16 Metallic element (4), 17 At line (anag.) (6), 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4), 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4), 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6), 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4), 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4), 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3), 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5), 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7), 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made —' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5), 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4), 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4), 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4), 6 I veto me (anag.) (7), 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11), 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11), 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5), 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3), 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the —, something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6), 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4), 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under —, but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3), 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5), 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4), 26 Heroic tale (4), 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you —' (John 8:32) (4)

Some dates for your diary - October 2017

Sun	1st	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
		6.30p.m.	Festal Evensong at All Saints, Daresbury
Mon	2nd	10.00a.m. - 4.00p.m.	Clergy Formation Day at Manchester Cathedral
Tues	3rd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	4th	7.30p.m.	Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee
Thurs	5th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	7th	4.00p.m.	Wedding
Sun	8th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	10th	10.30a.m.	NO Holy Communion
Thurs	12th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	14th	2.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun	15th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	17th	10.30a.m.	NO Holy Communion
		7.45p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Wed	18th	7.30p.m.	Deanery Safeguarding Meeting at St. John's, Hurst
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
Tues	24th	10.30.a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	26th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	29th	Bible Sunday - Last After Trinity Proper 25	
		British Summer Time Ends	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Tues	31st	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion

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



Saint of the Month
26 October, Alfred the Great,
King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899

Alfred was born in Wantage in 849, son of Ethelwulf, King of Wessex. Alfred became king at the age of 22 in 871, a most difficult and dangerous time for Wessex, engaged as it was in a struggle against the Danes who occupied most of north and east England. However he bought time and peace by paying 'Danegeld'. But from 875 the Danes went

on the offensive again and much of Wessex was overrun. Alfred went into hiding at Athelney in the Somerset marshes, quietly gathered about him as many loyal Saxons as he could find in preparation for a counter-attack and, when he engaged the Danes at Edington in 878, won a famous victory. The Danes were obliged to withdraw to north and west England (the 'Danelaw') and their leaders were required to submit to baptism, probably in order to lessen the possibility of persecution of Christian English by pagan Danes in the Danelaw. In the south and west, Wessex, under Alfred, was now supreme since the successive Danish invasions had crushed out of existence most of the individual Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Alfred made Wessex a rallying point for all the Saxons and by freeing the country from the invaders unwittingly unified England and prepared the way for the eventual supremacy of his successors. Although there were further invasions, incursions and battles, Alfred was able to maintain his supremacy in the south and west and the Danes gradually settled down to peaceful occupations in the north and east.

Historically, great wartime leaders have not always proved so successful at peacetime government. Alfred, however, proved an able and farsighted ruler, though he suffered from an unknown chronic illness, possibly psychosomatic. A priority was defence: Alfred created the first English navy, improved the efficiency of military call-up and created a system of fortified boroughs for defence in time of war. Religious, educational and legal matters were also important to him. Though brought up illiterate he learned to read and write in his late thirties and did much to encourage Anglo-Saxon scholarship, especially the translations of key religious texts into the vernacular. It was a source of some regret to Alfred that, having acquired a thirst for knowledge comparatively late in life, Wessex lacked scholars to teach him as much as he desired.

The only English monarch ever to be called 'the great', Alfred died on 26 October 899, and was buried in the Old Minster at Winchester. He

was a man of rigorous and sincere personal spirituality unusual for a lay person in Anglo-Saxon England. He compiled a personal prayer book of psalms, readings and the daily office, much of which he learned by heart, and always carried it with him. Alfred also endowed a number of monasteries as key spiritual educational and social centres and he codified the English legal system, giving it a clear Christian basis.

500 years on from the 95 Theses

The Reformation is said to have started
500 years ago this month, because it was
on 31st October 1517 – now
celebrated as Reformation Day – that German priest and theologian Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg.

This action sparked huge debate in the Catholic Church that led to the birth of Protestantism, but it was intended merely to be a series of proposals for discussion, principally on the corrupt practice of selling letters of indulgence for forgiveness of sins. His own emphasis on salvation by faith and on the Bible as the central religious authority was not new – it was propounded by St Augustine – but his gift for expressing it caught the public imagination.

Luther was born in Eisleben, Germany, in 1483. In 1501 he enrolled at the University of Erfurt, and attained a Master's degree in 1505. In July of that year, he got caught in a violent thunderstorm and vowed to become a monk if he survived. As a result, he abandoned his plans to study law and entered an Augustinian monastery.

When he propounded his theses 'out of love for the truth and from desire to elucidate it', he was professor of Moral Theology at the University of Wittenberg. One of the things that outraged him was the sale of indulgences to finance the rebuilding of St Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Luther was excommunicated in 1521 and died in 1546 during a visit to Eisleben. The Book of Common Prayer was first published in England three years later.
