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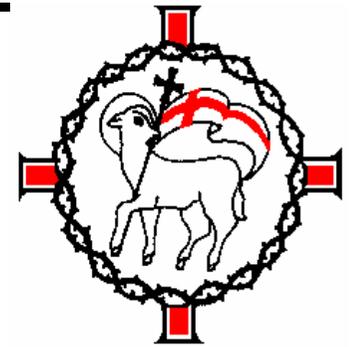
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St George's Church Stalybridge



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Worship

Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (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

Jul 1	Kenneth Gee	2008	Jul 17	Lorraine Whalley	2008
Jul 2	John Benson	2015	Jul 19	Hilda Saville	1986
Jul 4	Norman Carter	1966		James Arthur Wright	2009
	Leonard Haigh	1976	Jul 25	Joseph Jones Davies	1949
	Doris Hotchkiss	2013		Constance Marshall	2002
Jul 5	Jason James Brander	2007	Jul 26	Joseph Sidney Holt	1954
Jul 6	Derek Arthur Castle	2003		Dorothy Thomson	2003
	Kathleen Hague	2007		Arlene Lesley Lancake	2006
Jul 7	Denis Ireson	1980		Elsie Mary Walton	2017
July 8	Barbara Partington	2013	Jul 27	John Whalley	1970
Jul 11	Florence Reynolds	1997		Beatrice Buckley	1992
	Lily Margaret Stanley	2004	Jul 28	Robert Docherty	2008
Jul 12	Robert Smyth	2004	Jul 29	Matthew Gordon Wood	1981
	Eric Leigh	2010	Jul 30	Alan Jackson	1988
	Harold Kershaw	2016		Minnie Millin	1994
Jul 13	Andrew Liepins	1981		Alice Connor	2007
Jul 15	Fred Holt	1951	Jul 31	Clara Cope	1961
	Mary Emma Grimshaw	1975		Marjorie Tetlow	2000
	David Fred Harding	2006		Florence Cooper	2002
Jul 16	Margaret Mary Noonan	1997			

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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

3 June

Alexander James Halligan, Holly Close, Stalybridge
Lucas Tyriq Wenjere, Platt Avenue, Ashton-under-Lyne

17 June

Scarlett Rose Quarmby, Arundel Close, Carrbrook, Stalybridge
Lucas James Harrop, Buttermere Terrace, Stalybridge

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

25 May

Pheo-Cole Henry Kirkham, Staveley Avenue, Stalybridge

29 May

Sarah Quinn (aged 92 years) Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge
Interment of ashes

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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 for any Sunday this year.

Friends

When Philip asked me to contribute to the magazine I was really pleased and then I realised that there are so many things to write about – where did I start!, as well, as I shall have many essays to write in the coming months I shall try not to make this into one!



First off I would like to thank Philip and Irene for their support over this last year and of course to all who have offered kindness and support to me along the way. The Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) course is drawing to a close with only two more study days to go before commissioning. It has been enjoyable and interesting to see how God is at work within lay ministry.

As this course closes another opens for me in September as I was fortunate enough to be accepted for Licenced Lay Ministry (Reader) training last month after a long process of discernment. As this unfolds I hope to be helpful to Philip and to our Church in whatever way I can.

Lay ministry is thriving in many different ways. Many people want to offer their time and talents in particular ways, and the ALM scheme offers them a short but focussed Diocesan training course, to equip them for specific roles in their parishes. I would encourage anyone who feels they have a calling above the primary calling as a Christian, to explore these exciting lay ministries.

Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM), also known as Readers, are part of the nationally recognised and accredited public ministry of the Church of England. Readers are trained in theology, pastoral work and a variety of ministerial skills and at the heart of the role, there is a ministry of the word that is a ministry of teaching, preaching and leading worship. According to their gifts, LLM's are also engaged in a wide variety of other ministries, such as pastoral work, evangelism, and chaplaincy work or community involvement.

I look forward to the challenge!

There is a very important nine words in the passage, John 15:9-17, that relate to our faith and those words from Jesus, 'You did not choose me but I chose you... Certainly in the beginning I thought that I had made the decision to follow Jesus but in fact this passage tells me that actually, I responded to His call.

Isn't it a great privilege to be 'chosen' for anything and if God is doing the choosing, then that is the greatest privilege of all. However, at first, we might not be able to discern where that call is asking us to go and we may not be sure that we want to listen!

For me, God scattered my complacency and He challenged my dependency on what was comfortable and known to me. It was in those ordinary moments of life that I heard God call and keep on calling until I listened!

So now I find myself in the midst of discernment ...nearing the end of one course and at the beginning of another, a companion to Franciscan Sisters in Derbyshire who are helping me to write a Rule of Life to help with my prayer life, helping to re-establish Pastoral Care here at Church, running a business and a busy Grandma to boot!

There seems to be no scenic route at the moment but, I'd recommend it!

Like many of you here I see St George's as my home Church, even though I have only recently been led back here on this journey. This is where I was Baptised, where I took those early tentative steps with my Grandfather as he took the collection plate round, where I went to Sunday School, joined the Brownies and Guides, where my family have been married, had their funerals and are buried, had their baptisms and a place very dear to my mother.

So, I am proud to take up God's challenge here, and I hope that in my quest to minister in partnership with lay and ordained colleagues I can help to encourage other people's gifts. If you are open to new possibilities and willing to step beyond the familiar in following Jesus, no matter how uncertain you may feel, perhaps you too might begin to discern if God is calling you.

Father, I am seeking:
I am hesitant and uncertain,
But will you, O God,
Watch over each step of mine
and guide me.
Augustine, 354-430

Gail

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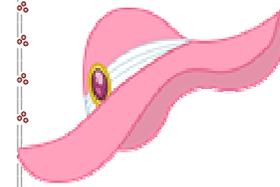
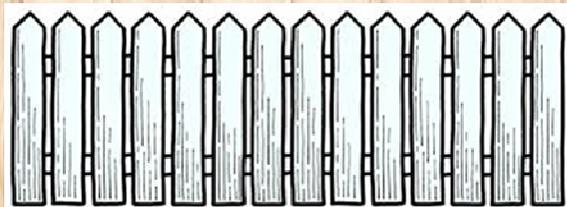
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Ladies! ...
time to get your glad rags on
St George's is holding a

Ladies Day

with a
Traditional Afternoon Tea and 'bubbly'
on Saturday 11th August 2018
2pm - 4pm

Cost is £10 including a glass of 'fizz'
Ladies will be encouraged to wear hats or fascinators.

The list is now available in the church lounge.
Last year's event was very successful and numbers are limited to
40 and when that number is reached the list will be taken down so
get your name down quickly before it's too late.

Tickets will cost £10 and are available from Alicia Harris.

70 years of the National Health Service

The National Health Service began operating 70 years ago, on 5th July 1948, when Sylvia Beckingham, 13, was admitted to hospital in Manchester to be treated for a liver condition.

It was the climax of a hugely ambitious plan by Labour Health Secretary Aneurin Bevan to bring good health care free to all at the point of delivery. The health service would be available to everyone and financed entirely from taxation, which meant that people paid into it according to their means.

It was based on a report by William Beveridge in 1942. The problem with it remains the huge increase in costs resulting from, among other things, advances in medical science, drugs and machinery. As Andy McSmith wrote in *The Independent* ten years ago: "It seems no amount of money will satisfy the infinite demand for better NHS care."

Within a few years prescription charges were introduced, as well as a charge for dental treatment. The current prescription charge is £8.80 per item, and dental charges are huge.

Saving the NHS seems to be a national preoccupation in the 21st century. The Christian Medical Fellowship is campaigning to emphasise the vital and radical need for Christians within it.

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CHURCH FINANCES

June 2018 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
27 May 2018	Trinity Sunday	£7.90	£191.40	£199.30	
03 Jun 2018	1 st Sunday after Trinity	£50.00	£564.00	£614.00	
10 Jun 2018	2 nd Sunday after Trinity	£76.30	£187.80	£264.10	
17 Jun 2018	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	£56.00	£548.00	£604.00	
24 Jun 2018	Anniversary & Godparent's Sunday	£	£	£	
Standing Orders etc			£952.00	£952.00	
Monthly Total		£190.20	£2,443.20	£2,633.40	-£832.6

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

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200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for June 2018 are:

1st Prize	£25	21	Timothy Hayward
2nd Prize	£15	115	Rachel Hansell
3rd Prize	£10		Nicola McLeese

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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You know you are living in 2018 when....

You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.

You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.

You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of five.

You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.

You e-mail your children upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.

You stay in touch with various family and friends only if they are on Facebook.

You arrive home and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.

Every TV advert has a Facebook link at the bottom of the screen.

Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for total panic.

In the morning you go online before getting your coffee.

Readings and Psalms for July 2018

Sun 1 st	5th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Lamentations 3.23-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8.7-end; Mark 5.21-end
Tues 3 rd	10.30 Habakkuk 2.1-4; Psalm 31.1-6; Ephesians 2.19-end; John 20.24-29
Sun 8 th	6th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13
Tues 10 th	10.30 Hosea 8.4-7,11-13; Psalm 103.8-12; Matthew 9.32-end
Sun 15 th	7th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Amos 7.7-15; Psalm 85.8-end; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29
Tues 17 th	10.30 Isaiah 7.1-9; Psalm 48.1-7; Matthew 11.20-24
Sun 22 nd	8th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 Song of Solomon 3.1-4; John 20.1-2,11-18 10.30 Song of Solomon 3.1-4; John 20.1-2,11-18 Worship For All
Tues 24 th	10.30 Micah 7.14-15,18-20; Psalm 85.1-7; Matthew 12.46-end
Sun 29 th	9th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 2 Kings 4.42-end; Psalm 145.10-19; Ephesians 3.14-end; John 6.1-21
Tues 31 st	10.30 Jeremiah 14.17-end; Psalm 79.8-end; Matthew 13.36-43

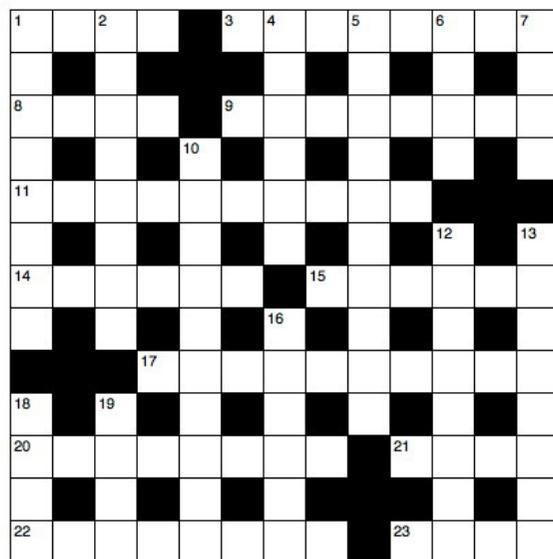
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June Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give

July Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
 3 'Shall we go up again — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)
 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom!Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
 23 'As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

DOWN

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
 19 Rear(anag.)(4)

Some dates for your diary - July 2018

Sun	1st	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Mon	2nd	7.30p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Tues	3rd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
		7.30p.m.	Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee Meeting
Thurs	5th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	7th	2.00p.m.	Wedding of Joanne and Jack
Sun	8th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Mon	9th	7.30p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Tues	10th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	12th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	14th	2.30p.m.	Wedding of Sarah and Daniel
Sun	15th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Tues	17th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
		7.45p.m.	Social and Fund Raising Meeting
Thurs	19th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	21st	1.30p.m.	Treasure Trail
		2.00pm to 5.00pm	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun	22nd	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30.p.m.	Worship For All and Junior Church Prize Giving
Mon	23rd	7.30p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Tues	24th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.	Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
Thurs	26th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	28th	2.00p.m.	Wedding of Colette and Neil
Sun	29th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tues	31st	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion

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Saint of the Month
31 July Ignatius of Loyola,
Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

The youngest son of a Basque nobleman, Ignatius was born at his family's ancestral castle at Loyola in north-east Spain. He served as a page at the court of King Ferdinand V of Castile, and later entered military service, being seriously wounded at the French siege of Pamplona in 1521. During his lengthy convalescence (his leg never properly healed and he was left with a permanent limp) he read the life of Christ and biographies of various saints. The result was that he resolved to devote himself to the spiritual life. He went on pilgrimage to Montserrat (near Barcelona), where he hung up his sword over the altar and exchanged clothes with a beggar. He then spent about a year at nearby Manresa, first working in a hospital there, then living as a hermit in a cave. He studied Thomas à Kempis' *The Imitation of Christ* and it was probably during this year that he wrote the *Spiritual Exercises*, a manual of Christian prayer and meditation which has subsequently been used and valued by Christians of many denominations and traditions.

After a pilgrimage to Rome and Jerusalem, he returned to Spain in 1524 and studied at the universities of Barcelona, Alcalá and Salamanca (where he fell foul of the Inquisition because of his unauthorized preaching). He went on to Paris to continue his studies and it was there in 1534 that Ignatius and a group of six students (including Francis Xavier) vowed to go as missionaries to Islamic Palestine. In 1537 the group, now ten in number, finding that war prevented them travelling beyond Venice, offered their services to the Pope. By 1540 they had been ordained and with papal approval formed the Society of Jesus, with a vow of personal obedience to the Pope in addition to the traditional three monastic vows. Ignatius was elected the first general of the order and in the remaining 15 years of his life saw the order grow a hundred-fold and to be in the vanguard of both the Counter Reformation and the missionary work of the Roman Catholic Church.

He died on 31 July 1556. His prayer has become treasured by Christians of all traditions:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1918 was the final year of the Great War. This year, Canon David Winter is looking back on highlights of those critical 12 months, when the very shape of modern world history was being hammered out on the battlefields.

Diary of a Momentous Year: July 1918 -
WHEN FRIENDS COME TO HELP



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

It is called 'World War 1' and certainly no previous conflict had spread its ugly fingers so widely. Of course, we tend to think of the Western Front. Our default image of the War is of men in trenches, of mud and blood and soldiers with drawn bayonets going 'over the top'. In fact, the War was being fought on many Fronts: the Eastern Front (Germany/Russia, about to end with the new Russian regime); the Ottoman Front, in the Middle East; the Italian Front (Italy and France against the 'Central Powers'). Then there was the Ocean Front (U-boats against Allied shipping), the only one where the Germans were winning.

Not surprisingly, in view of all that, the War became one of resources, human, military and economic; and by 1918 the Allies had a great advantage. Hard-pressed armies were being continuously refreshed by the arrival of well-trained and committed troops from many quarters, notably Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and decisively the United States. These soldiers, and many from other countries in the British Empire, were now being equipped with newly designed, modern equipment. At last the Allies outnumbered the Germans in tanks and aircraft – and the new planes were faster, better equipped and armed.

All of this was, of course, evident to the German High Command, and persuaded them to launch in July 1918 what one historian, Gary Sheffield, has described as perhaps the defining battle of the War, the second Battle of the Marne. It was a desperate attempt to inflict a heavy defeat on the Allies – not in the vain hope of winning the War, but of getting a better bargaining position in the peace negotiations that everyone expected. Launched on July 15th, it succeeded in driving the Allies back across the Marne. But they had been prepared for it, and three days later launched a massive counter-attack. Two French divisions captured 15,000 men and 500 tanks in a single morning, and then went on to drive the Germans back across the Marne. From now on the Allies knew they could win the War, and the Germans finally accepted that they could not.

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