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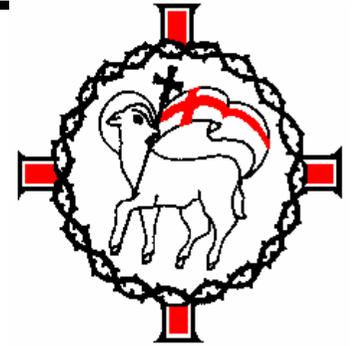
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## Worship

### Sunday

10.30 a.m.

Sung Communion and Junior Church  
(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Family Service)

18.00 p.m.

Occasional Special Services as  
announced

### Tuesday

10.30 a.m.

No service during interregnum

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 Wardens.

**For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone the Warden, Derek Redeyoff on 0161 338 4779. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.**

## From Our Book of Remembrance

May 1	Stephen Mark Young	2009	May 17	William Henry Priestley	1950
	Kenneth Doggett	2013		Bessie Travis	1991
May 2	Annie Selby	1975		Richard Barratt	2006
	Derek Kay	2009	May 18	Abel Ollerenshaw	1967
May 4	Harry Wright	1981	May 19	Clarice Barber	1976
	Martha Keatting	1996		William Dale	1967
May 6	Evelyn Parkinson	1902	May 21	Gladys Lowe	1996
	William Cooper	1970	May 22	James Geoffrey Brayshaw	1970
	Martha Kinder	1987		George Henry Cope	1970
May 8	Agnes Winifred Barker	1979	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
May 9	Alice Day	1966		Agnes Waddington	2007
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988		Myrtle Constance Prescott	2016
	Redeyoff		May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
	Mary Miller(nee Higgins)	2010		Albert Hopwood	2012
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986	May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
	Wendy Rosemary Miles	2016	May 26	Ian Peter Blake	2009
May 15	May Blease	1999	May 28	Margaret Theodora Roberts	2017
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
	Mary Woolley	2008	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
	Charles Swainson	2012		Raymond Herbert Russell	2013
May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010
	William Hamnett Tonge	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.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry



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.

## From the Registers

### Funerals

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*

**8 April**

Beryl Shepherd (aged 90 years), Staveley Avenue, Stalybridge

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### **What is on the other side of death?**

A doctor was visiting a very ill man, who was also his next door neighbour. As he finally got up to go, the man said: "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

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The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, his young spaniel sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough."

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### **Dancing in the Rain**

We wait and hope for better times  
And pray for far less pain;  
We're waiting for the storm to pass  
Taking shelter from the rain.

But yet we wait for far too long  
And waiting seems in vain.  
The storms outside are stronger still  
We see torrential rain.

So wait not for the storm to pass!  
Come – see what joys we gain!  
By laughing 'neath those heavy clouds  
And dancing in the rain!

By Nigel Beeton

## Friends

### The Psalms of God's People



There are songs scattered throughout the Bible because song has always been understood in Israel as a fitting response to what God has done for His people. The Book of Psalms in the Bible is a collection of 150 Songs and is sometimes referred to as the 'hymnbook of the temple' or Israel's prayer book. Perhaps the most important thing to consider about the Psalms is that they are prayers and that their language and purpose differ from most other parts of the Bible as they are intended to express praise, gratitude, grief and petition to God. The Psalms are filled with feeling and probably contain every human emotion possible, from joy to hope and thanksgiving to anger, frustration and desperation. Nothing about us can be hidden from God so the Psalms are genuine and honest expressions arising from the human heart.

The Psalms include hymns for public celebrations, individual meditations at times of danger or suffering, expressions of awe at God's creation and so much more. Taken together the Psalms give us a broad picture of the temple, the priesthood and the ancient nations, but they also give us personal voices that can express doubts, fears and celebration too, as much needed today as then!

I have been studying Psalm 12 at college which is a very simple psalm, a cry to the Lord from someone who has seen the evils and injustices of society and is appalled. It begins with a complaint about dishonest speech (12:1-2) and continues with a request for the Lord to deal with it! Verses 5 and 6 are celebrations that the Lord has done this and the Psalm concludes with two contrasting statements that describe the reality of the world we live in, namely, that God will of course protect and guard His people (12:7), even though evil persists all around (12:8).

Verse 3 and 4 of this Psalm focus on the 'evils of the tongue' and we find similar advice in Proverbs (Prov 10:19-20, 12:118-9 and also in the letter of James, (James 1:26 and 3:5). The power of evil words is considerable as well we know and Scripture reminds us not to forget this.

The middle part of the Psalm confirms the power of God to work

within this world to establish justice in particular for the poor, and, as it winds down towards its end, the Psalm declares the power of the Lord to guide and to protect His own.

In the midst of difficulties then we may be blessed by remembering that God has always intervened in history to help and bless His people. Time passes by and most of us find it hard to see God at work in some of the situations in which we are involved but when we look back, we undoubtedly see his faithfulness despite the ever present evil works around us. Psalm 12 ends with a reminder of this and assures us that God's love and His desire to help and save is far greater than any human evil.

So, in applying Psalm 12 to our lives today we can, when speaking, try to keep our motives pure and even if we 'get it wrong' without intending to, God will forgive us. It is when as the psalm says, 'we use the power of the tongue to manipulate and to do evil', that we will be judged.

Therefore, let us ask ourselves whether we have a problem with our own speech and place the issue before God in prayer. Let Him be the judge of our motives and ask Him to help us to avoid unintended offences to others. Let us pray for our church and other churches and for those who find it difficult to tolerate each other because of offence, whether from the past or the present. Let us ask the Lord to bless our church with a heart to be pure in speech for the good of all.

*Father,  
Give us hearts that are open to Your will and guidance. May we be prepared to go wherever you call and have the courage to stand against any evil, using the gifts you have given us. Help us to be willing servants to others so that we may glorify you Father, in all that we do. Amen.*

*(Little Rock Scripture.org)*

*Gail*

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### April 2019 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
31 Mar 2019	4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	£79.56	£280.35	£359.91	
07 Apr 2019	5th Sunday of Lent	£48.00	£296.00	£344.00	
14 Apr 2019	Palm Sunday	£83.84	£311.00	£394.84	
21 Apr 2019	Easter Day	£85.92	£385.35	£471.27	
28 Apr 2019	2nd Sunday of Easter	£	£	£	
Standing Orders etc			£902.00	£902.00	
<b>Monthly Total</b>		<b>£297.32</b>	<b>£2174.70</b>	<b>£2472.02</b>	<b>-£993.98</b>

\* 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 April 2019 are:

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2nd Prize	£15	88	Beth McManus
3rd Prize	£10	113	Nicola McLeese

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**Saint of the Month**  
**26 May**  
**John Calvin, Reformer, 1564**

Born at Noyon in Picardy, north-east France in 1509, Calvin studied law at Orléans, Bourges and Paris. He grew to appreciate the humanistic and reforming movements, and he undertook studies in the Greek Bible. He underwent a conversion experience in his mid twenties: 'God subdued and brought my heart to docility. It was more hardened against such matters than was to be expected in such a young man.' He renounced Roman Catholicism and left Paris with the intention of travelling to Strasbourg to study with the reformer Martin Bucer. But war made a lengthy journey via Geneva necessary and there the reformer Guillaume Farel prevailed upon Calvin to stay and work with him.

Thus began a love-hate relationship between Calvin and the people of Geneva. Indeed for three years (1538-41) Calvin sought refuge in Strasbourg after the Genevan citizens refused to swear loyalty to a Protestant statement of belief. While in Strasbourg, Calvin married Idelette de Bure, a widow. John Knox, who was hardly unbiased, described Geneva as 'the most perfect school of Christ that ever was on the earth since the days of the Apostles'. Knox, like many others, experienced Geneva as a welcoming centre for Protestant refugees. Though Calvin was never entirely successful in his attempts to enforce the Church's moral discipline on the people, he sought to improve the life of the city's citizens in many ways. He supported good hospitals, a proper sewage system, special care for the poor and infirm, and the introduction of new industries.

Calvin's writings, however, have proven to be his most lasting contribution to the Church, in particular his massive yet easily readable work of Protestant systematic theology, *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*. The first edition was produced in 1536 and constantly enlarged until the final edition of 1559. Calvin stressed the sovereignty of God, the nature of election and predestination, the sins of pride and disobedience, the authority of Scripture, and the nature of the Christian life. His theology was greatly influenced by Augustine. Calvin tried to steer a middle course between an exclusive emphasis on divine providence and an exclusive emphasis on human responsibility. His influence was felt widely elsewhere in Europe, including England and Scotland.

Calvin's health was never robust (he was a chronic asthmatic) and he became very frail after an attack of fever in 1558. He died on 26 May 1564 and, at his request, was buried in an unmarked grave in Geneva.

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**Readings and Psalms for May 2019**

<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> <b>10.30 Acts 9.1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11-end; John 21.1-19</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 No Service
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.30 Acts 9.36-end; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-end; John 10.22-30</b>
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 No Service
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.30 Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148.1-6; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 No Service
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10.30 Acts 16.9-15; John 14.23-29</b> <b><i>Worship For All</i></b>
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 No Service
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ascension Day</b> <b>20.00 Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-end; Luke 24.44-end</b>

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<p><b>April Crossword Solution</b>  <b>ACROSS:</b> 1, Priesthood. 7, Replica. 8, Get up. 10, Calf. 11, Governor. 13, See you. 15, Not see. 17, Incident. 18, Sake. 21, NSPCC. 22, Trample. 23, Perishable.  <b>DOWN:</b> 1, Papal. 2, In it. 3, Shalom. 4, Huguenot. 5, Outings. 6, Procession. 9, Perseveres. 12, Mordecai. 14, Escapee. 16, Snatch. 19, Apple. 20, Lamb.</p>
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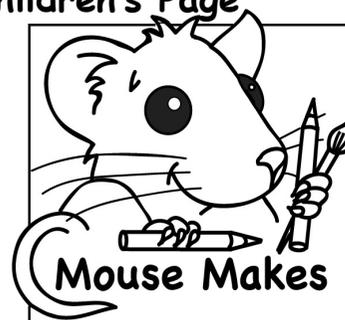


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### Children's Page



You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions' den**, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing** on the wall, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.

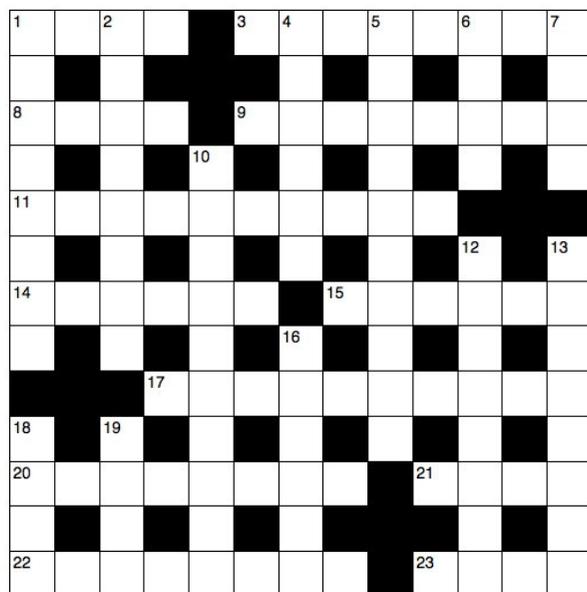


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Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?  
KING • NEBUCHADNEZZER • DANIEL • DARIUS • ASHPENAZ  
HANANIAH • MISHAEL • AZARIAH • DREAM • STATUE  
IDOL • FURNACE • TREE • WRITING • WALL • LAW • LIONS  
DEN • PRAYER • LORD • GOD • TRUST • RESCUE • ANGEL

## May Crossword



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### Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

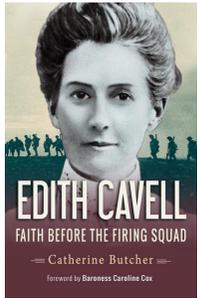
### Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

## Some dates for your diary - May 2019

- Thurs 2nd 7.00a.m. to 10.00p.m. Polling Day
- Sat 4th 10.00a.m to 4.00p.m. Selling Raffle Tickets in Tesco
- Sun 5th Third Sunday of Easter**  
**10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church**  
**12.30p.m. Holy Baptism**
- Tues 7th 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
- Thurs 9th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)  
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sun 12th Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church**
- Tues 14th 1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
- Wed 15th 7.30p.m. Archdeacon's Visitation at St. Michael's, A-u-L
- Thurs 16th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)  
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sat 18th 11.00a.m to 2.00p.m Spring Fair
- Sun 19th Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church**
- Tues 21st 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café  
 7.45p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
- Thurs 23rd 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)  
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
- Sun 26th Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**10.30a.m. Worship For All**
- Tues 28th 2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
- Thurs 30th Ascension Day**  
**8.00p.m. Holy Communion Service with Hymns for**  
**The Ascension of Our Lord**  
 9.00a.m. Half Term Holiday for Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)  
 7.30p.m. Half Term Holiday for Tameside Community Voices Practice

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*This May is the Centenary of the funeral in Westminster Abbey of Edith Cavell, the British nurse widely celebrated for saving the lives of soldiers from both sides during the First World War.*

### **Edith Cavell – faith before the firing squad**

Nurse Edith Cavell gave her life to others – and was executed as a result. This year is the centenary of her state funeral at Westminster Abbey. The daughter of a Norfolk vicar, Edith trained as a nurse, and because she could speak French fluently, she was invited to start a nurses' training school in Belgium. When war was declared in 1914 she was in England on holiday but went straight back to Brussels where she cared for Belgians and invading German troops alike.

When English soldiers were trying to escape back to England, she gave them shelter – and when she was betrayed, her only defense was that if she had not helped them to escape, they would have been shot. She had confessed to the crime of 'conducting soldiers to the enemy' – helping soldiers escape who could potentially return to the battlefield. Guilty, she was sentenced to death in a German military court in occupied Belgium. But Edith's last words were not of revenge or recrimination.

On the night before she was executed, she met with her local priest Revd H. Stirling Gahan. She told him, *"I thank God for this ten weeks' quiet before the end...Life has always been hurried and full of difficulty...This time of rest has been a great mercy..."* She then said words that have become her memorial around the world: *"But this I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone."*

Edith knew that people who had been close to her had played a part in her betrayal. She knew patriotism was not enough for these final hours. She knew that to enter into God's presence she needed to be forgiven for her own shortcomings. And just as Jesus' death had bought her forgiveness, she needed to forgive any and all who had wronged her. After celebrating Holy Communion, the Rev Stirling Gahan began to say the words of the hymn 'Abide with me' and Edith joined him in repeating *'...When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me...'* She then gave the priest the letters she had written to friends and family and when they came to say 'Goodbye' she smiled at him and said, "We shall meet again." She was confident that death was not the end and they would meet again in God's presence. She was 49 years old.

Edith was executed in Brussels on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1915 and at the end of World War 1 her body was repatriated. After a state funeral at Westminster Abbey, her body was reburied outside Norwich Cathedral on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1919. Her body was returned to England on the same ship that carried the body of the Unknown Soldier in 1919.

In the biography *Edith Cavell – Faith Before the Firing Squad*, Catherine Butcher ex-

### **All in the month of MAY**

It was:

500 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1519 that Leonardo Da Vinci, the Italian artist, scientist and inventor, died.

200 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1819 that Queen Victoria was born. (She reigned from 1837 to 1901)

175 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1844 that Richard D'Oyley Carte, British theatrical impresario, was born.

125 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1894 that the Manchester Ship Canal was officially opened.

100 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1919 that Dame Margot Fonteyn, British ballerina, was born. (Died 1991)

90 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1929 that Audrey Hepburn, Belgian-born British actress, fashion icon and humanitarian, was born.

80 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1939 that Sir Frank Dyson, Astronomer Royal of England and Scotland, died. His observations of the 1919 solar eclipse helped prove Einstein's theory of relativity. He also introduced the Greenwich Time Signal ('pips').

75 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1944 that Joe Cocker, British blues/rock singer and musician was born. Noted for his gritty, raspy voice. (Died 2014.)

70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1949 that the Council of Europe was founded.

65 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that British athlete Roger Bannister became the first person to run a mile in under four minutes. (Three minutes, 59.4 seconds in Oxford.) Also 65 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that British athlete Diane Leather became the first woman to run a five minute mile. (Four minutes, 59.6 seconds in Birmingham.)

50 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1969 that the Monty Python comedy group formed.

40 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1979 that the British General Election was won by the Conservative Party, and Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first female prime minister.

25 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1994 that the Channel Tunnel linking England and France was officially opened.

Also 25 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1994 that Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as South Africa's first black president after many years of white rule.

20 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1999 that the first general elections for the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales took place.

15 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004 that the following countries joined the European Union: Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.