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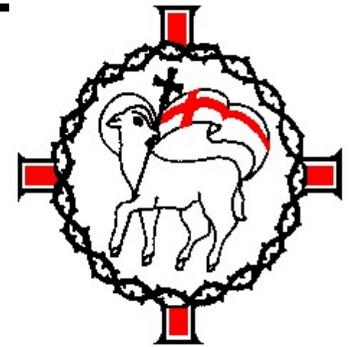
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## From Our Book of Remembrance

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		David Alan Swift	2019
May 9	Alice Day	1966	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988		Agnes Waddington	2007
	Redeyoff			Myrtle Constance Prescott	2016
	Mary Miller(nee Higgins)	2010	May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986		Albert Hopwood	2012
	Wendy Rosemary Miles	2016	May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
May 15	May Blease	1999	May 26	Ian Peter Blake	2009
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 28	Margaret Theodora Roberts	2017
	Mary Woolley	2008	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
	Charles Swainson	2012	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979		Raymond Herbert Russell	2013
	William Hamnett Tonge	2006	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010

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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 the vicar or one of the wardens.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

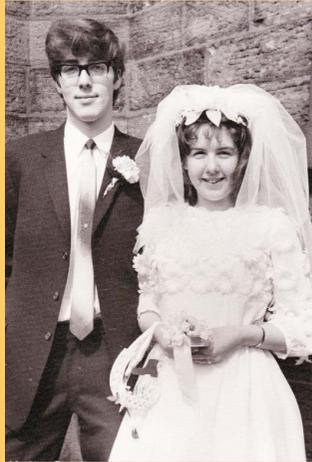
To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact the Vicar or one of the Wardens.

**For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone the Vicar on 07393 420763. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.**

## From the Registers

### IRENE AND PHILIP BRIERLEY

Married at St George's Church, Stalybridge  
2nd May 1970



### CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

2nd May 2020

## Smile Lines . . . some light relief for challenging times .....

### Top Ten Silliest Questions asked on a Cruise Ship

- Paul Grayson, Cruise Director for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

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3. Which elevator do I take to get to the front of the ship?
4. Does the crew sleep on the ship?
5. Is this island completely surrounded by water?



### The Vicar writes...

In these 50 days between Easter and Pentecost we continue to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit as we do each year, but this year is of course different. This year we wait in a different way to see how the future unfolds; we do our best to trust in God, we support each other, we pray, and we wait.

It has been a long while since we have been able to celebrate the Eucharist together and receive Holy Communion – we hunger for God to feed us in the bread and wine of the altar, and to be in fellowship and prayer together. C.S Lewis in *“The Weight of Glory”*, wrote that “next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbour is the holiest object presented to your senses.” It is hard then that we are currently distanced even from our neighbours, not to mention family, loved ones and friends.

This year Pentecost (Whit Sunday) falls on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. It is a shame that this year the Whit Walks are unable to go ahead. At the time of writing, we do not yet know when we will be able to worship together again. We are reminded that the disciples, as they met in that upper room in Acts two did not know what to expect either, but they knew that God is faithful and that Christ's promise to send an advocate would be fulfilled. The sign of the rainbow has been so prominent recently – a reminder of hope, a reminder of God's promises to his creation.

We are encouraged to have faith and hope in these difficult times and beyond and to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and minds. In the days to come there will be much work for the church to do, in the name of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*“Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the world  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.”*

With love and prayers,  
Penny



***A huge thank you to everyone who is making sure that the life and ministry of St George's Church is continuing, albeit in different ways during this time.***

We are continuing to collect for **Tameside East Foodbank** (who are currently operating centrally from St John's Church Centre, Dukinfield.) We are supporting **Tameside Hospital's Comfort Pack appeal** and so far have made 3 large donations of bags full of puzzle books, pens, toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand cream, shower gel) hot chocolate sachets. If you'd like to contribute with items or financially, do be in touch with Rev Penny.

So many people have been in touch to say that they are using their prayer booklets so that we continue to pray together as a church – thank you. The PCC are keeping in touch and transacting necessary business by email. We are doing our best to communicate with as many people as possible, by telephone, email, social media, post and running errands. The choir have a group to keep in touch with each other. Junior Church are taking part in activities and sending us their wonderful work to share. Volunteers are helping Penny to phone around church members and others who would like contact, so that we can keep in touch.

If you have suggestions as to what we could do as a church to help in the COVID-19 response, please be in touch. There will be a lot for us to do in the coming months as our community gets back on its feet – we pray for wisdom and vision in our response.

#### ***Whit Walks 2020***

Sadly, but inevitably, it has been agreed by the organising committee that the Whit Walk scheduled for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May cannot go ahead. The Whit Friday Band Contest has also been cancelled.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. You can choose which section to listen to, whether that is prayers, hymns, reflections, and a recording of the national Church of England Sunday service. It is updated daily.

The line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** and calls to the number are free.

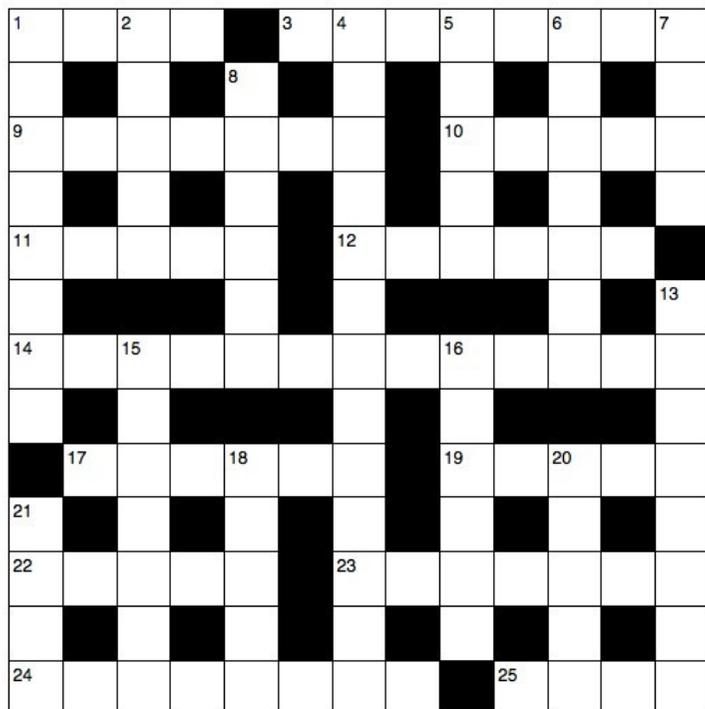
Why not give it a try!

**Give us strength**

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Lord Jesus Christ,  
 you taught us to love our neighbour,  
 and to care for those in need  
 as if we were caring for you.  
 In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
 to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
 and to assure the isolated  
 of our love, and your love,  
 for your name's sake.  
 Amen.

## May Crossword



### Across

1. 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4), 3. 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4), 9. According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7), 10. Group of eight (5), 11. The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5), 12. — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6), 14. Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9), 17. 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6), 19. Attend to (3,2), 22. Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5), 23. Tea rite (anag.) (7), 24. Rule of sovereign (8), 25. Test (anag.) (4)

### Down

1. The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8), 2. 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5), 4. 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5), 5. Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5), 6. Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7), 7. Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4), 8. Minister of religion (6), 13. 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8), 15. 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4), 16. Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6), 18. 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5), 20. Establish by law (5), 21. Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

## Readings and Psalms for May 2020

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **4th Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 2.42-end; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-end**
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup>      Acts 11.19-26; Psalm 87; John 10.22-30
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup>**      **5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 7.55-end; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14**
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup>      Acts 14.19-end; Psalm 145.10-end; John 14.27-end
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup>**      **6th Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-end; 1 Peter 3.13-end; John 14.15-21**
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup>      Acts 16.22-34; Psalm 138; John 16.5-11
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>**      **Ascension Day**  
**Daniel 7.9-14; Psalm 47; Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.44-end**
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>**      **7th Sunday of Easter—Sunday after Ascension Day**  
**Acts 1.614; john 17.1-11**
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup>      Acts 20.17-27; Psalm 68.9-10,18-19; John 17.1-11
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup>**      **Pentecost - Whit Sunday**  
**Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36,37b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23**

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### April Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.  
**DOWN:** 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.



## Paws for thought

Dear friends,

It has been wonderful to enjoy the sunshine recently. I have had lots of opportunities to play in the garden, (even if we've not been able to visit the lovely places we usually do.) I love having the door open when its sunny so that I can wander in and out and occasionally shout at those pesky woodpigeons and that black cat (I'm sure they team up to taunt me!). But there is a creature even more infuriating than those pigeons and that cat – the fly.



Apparently, there was an old lady who swallowed a fly. Penny says she doesn't know why. I do – I'm quite sure that it was to stop that infernal buzzing around and irritatingly swooping past her ear. "Sitting, flying, buzzing... to what end?! They don't play with balls, they don't dig holes, they don't eat biscuits. From what Penny tells me that they do, I think they sound like creatures with very unsavoury habits. Every time we open a window or a door they fly in (uninvited, I might add) and make themselves at home. They don't listen to reason when asked to leave and seem to enjoy getting everyone to chase around after them (and I get told off for attention seeking!)

I suppose it stands that we should love all creatures – pigeons, cats, spiders, flies... even the ones we find most annoying and difficult to deal with but who remain God's handiwork. And that fly has taught me one thing at least, and that is not to give up! One day, I'll finally catch one and until that day I'll enjoy trying!

Buddy



## Florence Nightingale – the founder of modern nursing

Florence Nightingale was born 200 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1820. Best known as the Lady with the Lamp who saved many lives in the hospitals of the Crimean War, she was also a social reformer, a statistician and the founder of modern nursing.

She was named after the Italian city of her birth, but the family moved back to England the following year, and she was brought up in Derbyshire. Here – and elsewhere – she had several experiences that she believed were calls from God to devote her life

to the service of others.

She never married, but among her several close friends was Sidney Herbert, who became Secretary of War and helped to make her work in the Crimea possible. Some claim that she reduced the death rate in hospitals there from 42% to 2%. She introduced hand-washing and other hygiene improvements, but she never claimed personal credit for reducing the death rate.

Her work inspired nurses in the American Civil War, and in 1883 she became the first recipient of the Royal Red Cross. In 1907, she was the first woman to be awarded the Order of Merit. She died in 1910. Her image appeared on the reverse of £10 banknotes issued by the Bank of England from 1975 until 1994.

It is a fitting tribute to her that the emergency hospital just opened at the ExCel Centre in London is called the NHS Nightingale Hospital. Other Nightingale hospitals have since followed in Bristol, Harrogate, Birmingham, and Manchester.

## 2020: WHO's Year of the Nurse

When the WHO (World Health Organisation) decided to make 2020 the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, they based it on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1820. But with the arrival of the coronavirus, it is a remarkably apt year to celebrate all that nurses do for us.

The Bishop of London, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally trained and worked as a nurse before being appointed to senior positions in the Health Service. She was Chief Nursing Officer for England between 1999 to 2004.

She says: "I became a Christian as a teenager and wanted to follow Christ with my whole life. Rather than having two careers, I have had one vocation: to follow Jesus Christ, to know Him, and to make Him known."

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## VE Day – the end of World War II in Europe

VE Day (Victory in Europe) – was celebrated 75 years ago this month, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, marking the end of World War II in Europe. It was marked with a public holiday.

The previous day the formal act of military surrender had been signed by Germany, and celebrations broke out when the news was released. Big crowds gathered in London, impromptu parties were held throughout the country, and people danced and sang in the streets. King George VI and his family appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, and Churchill made a speech to huge applause. The two princesses Elizabeth and Margaret mingled with the crowds outside.

Many went into churches to give thanks – and to pray for those still involved in the war in the Far East, because the real end of the war, Victory over Japan, would not happen until 15<sup>th</sup> August. At St Paul's Cathedral there were ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each attended by thousands of people.

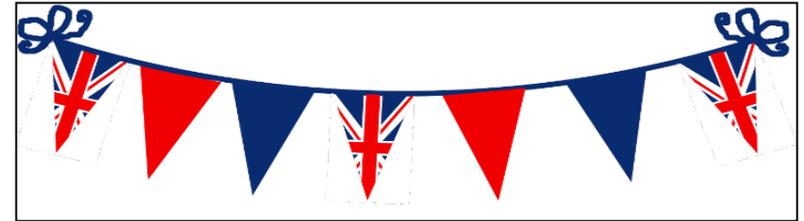
The celebrations masked the fact that so many had lost family and friends, as well as possessions and homes. But for the moment normal social conventions broke down, strangers embraced, and love was in the air.

On a more personal note, my parents got engaged on VE Day 1945, it was my mum's 18th birthday and my dad was 20. They married on 2nd March the following year at St Stephen's Church in Audenshaw and were married for 53 years.

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## Stay at Home Street Party!! Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May in your home



With lots of celebrations cancelled,  
why not hold your own...

Hang some bunting, wear red/white/blue, make  
some decorations, download some 1940s playlists  
& break out the party food!

You could even have a picnic in the garden  
and wave to the neighbours

*Let's share the celebration together!*

