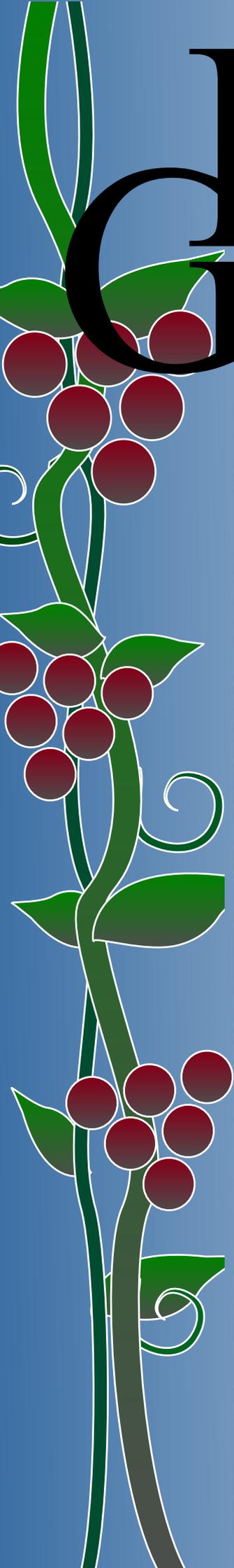


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news, views, events  
and services at  
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and St Gabriel's, Adswold  
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*Parish of St George, Stockport.*  
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# Parish Grapevine



## Who's Who in the Parish of St George, Stockport

<b>Vicar</b>	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall <i>vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i> 456 9382	<b>Praise and Play</b>	Parish Office 480 2453 For 0-4s and their carers. Meet every Monday in term time, 9-11 in church. Story time at 10am.	<b>Choir</b>	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i> Practise Thursdays 7.30-9pm in the vestry. Sing on Sundays at 10.15am and 4pm services.
<b>Assistant Curate</b>	Rev. Dr Janine Arnott <i>rev.janinearnott@outlook.com</i> 612 1048	<b>St Gabriel's</b>		<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Meet on 1st Tuesday of every month 9.30-12 noon.
<b>Reader</b>	Peter Hall 456 9382	<b>Messy Church</b>	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall 456 9382 For children and their parents. Meet occasionally, usually Saturday mornings.	<b>Church Flowers</b>	Marjorie Lees 483 3676 Jean Hayden ( <i>donations</i> ) 483 2367
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Andrew Regan 440 0408 Hazel Jenkins 483 4679	<b>Uniformed Groups</b>		<b>Church Gardeners</b>	Walter Stead 430 2449 Meet on Tuesdays 9.30-12.30.
<b>PCC Secretary</b>	Andrea Webb Reilly 07400 883938	<b>with connections to St George's</b>		<b>Coffee Mornings (Weds)</b>	Olwen Smith 483 6548 Wednesdays from 10.30am in the Parish Room.
<b>PCC Treasurer</b>	Andrew Regan 440 0408 <i>treasurer@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i>	<b>Rainbows</b>	Trisha Brown 07403 353 175 Sue Kirkland 07854 101 918 For girls aged 5-7. Meet Fridays 6.15-7.30pm in the Parish Room.	<b>Cursillo</b>	Usually meet on last Wednesday of the month. 7.30pm at different venues.
<b>Parish Office</b>	Marion McCall 480 2453	<b>Brownies</b>	Rachel Lockett 775 2755 Voni Walker 07956 674 241 For girls aged 7-10. Meet Thursdays 6.30-8pm in the Parish Room.	<b>Handbells</b>	Andy Clark 483 3703 Play for All-Age and Taizé services, plus other special events. Ringers of all ages (with or without experience) always welcome. Rehearsals in church arranged around the ringers' availability.
<b>Magazine Editor</b>	Richard Parr 439 8644	<b>Guides</b>		<b>Linen Guild</b>	Pat Rigley 487 1999 Maintain the church's linen.
<b>Safeguarding co-ordinator</b>	Will Hesson 480 0630	<b>Beavers</b>	Bill Frith 439 3232 For boys and girls ages 6 and 7 Meet Fridays 6-7pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.	<b>Magazine Editorial Group</b>	Richard Parr 439 8644 Meet monthly to plan future issues.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk">www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk</a>	<b>Cubs</b>	Bill Frith 439 3232 For boys and girls ages 8-10½. Meet Fridays 7.15-8.45pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.	<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Pat Durnall 483 4837 Meet on 2nd Monday of the month in church at 2.15pm.
<b>Webmaster</b>	Peter Hall 456 9382	<b>Scouts</b>	Elizabeth Goodred <i>Elizabeth.goodred@stockportscouts.org.uk</i> For boys and girls ages 10½-14. Meet Wednesdays 7-9pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.	<b>Singing Group</b>	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i> Sing about once a month at the All-Age Service, with one practice beforehand. All welcome.
<b>St George's Primary School</b>		<b>Other Groups and Activities</b>			
<b>Headteacher</b>	Deborah Grindrod 480 8657	<b>St George's</b>			
<b>St George's</b>		<b>Bell ringers</b>	Anne Mayes 485 6477 Practise Mondays 7.45-9pm. Ring on Sundays 9.45-10.15am. Meet in the tower.		
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<b>Verger</b>	Ian Staley 456 3093	<b>Bible Study Groups</b>	<i>contact the clergy</i> Study groups and courses are arranged from time to time.		
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<b>Bookings for Parish Rooms</b>	Parish Office or 480 2453 Judith Swift 483 8681				
<b>St Gabriel's</b>					
<b>Secretary</b>	John Sutcliffe 286 2301				
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<b>St George's</b>					
<b>Children's Corner</b>	Available for children (and parents) during services. Equipped with books, crayons and soft toys.				
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<b>Junior Choir</b>	James Hibbert 07365 519207 Practise 6.30-7.30 on Thursdays in the vestry; sing on Sundays for 10.15am service.				

### Front cover photo

St George's in the evening  
sunlight on Trinity Sunday.  
(photo by Andrew Regan)

**Services and events  
in June:  
see page 6**

## From the Editor:

Dear Readers,

RECENT NEWS ARTICLES have included discussion of the proposal by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons that animals should be considered as 'sentient' beings, and therefore treated appropriately. The College suggests that any creature that can experience feelings such as joy, love, fear and sadness, qualify as such sentient beings.

This obviously poses questions and perhaps dilemmas. If, for example you aren't a vegan or a vegetarian, are you therefore guilty of cruelty towards some of God's creation? Or, as one recent letter in my newspaper suggested, are we to include venomous and dangerous snakes such as mambas or king cobras among such creatures? I remember being in a lodge in Uganda where a deadly mamba had made an appearance in the lounge the day before we arrived, and being very grateful that the warden had disposed of it!

But anyone who watches wild life documentaries will be aware of the love and unselfishness that many animals, including elephants, monkeys, penguins, and many others, display towards their young, and also other members of their communities. In Uganda again, we were able to watch a male lion playing tenderly with his cubs, while Mum was very obviously taking a break from childcare duties. Elephants clearly mourn their dead, and recent research indicates that dolphins remember other dolphins who help them when they are in difficulties – and help them in return. However dolphins who ignore those in trouble are also remembered and cold-shouldered if they find themselves needing help! A case of an eye for an eye perhaps!

It's easy sometimes to be sentimental, and attribute anthropomorphical qualities to animals. We do it as young children with our cuddly toys that become best friends, and share all our joys and tears. Yet with our pets, we often develop bonds of deep love that are clearly two-way.

Years ago, when I was away from home, Margaret badly damaged her shoulder and was in agony. Our two cats did what they have never done before, or since, and curled up in bed with her, one on each side, and never moved until morning.

So how do we respond to the demand to treat animals as sentient? I'm not sure how as Christians we should respond. The first chapter of Genesis tells us that God created 'every sort of animal', and 'saw that it was good'. But the same chapter also tells us that human beings were created to reign over all animals, although interestingly it says nothing about eating them! It certainly is a dilemma if, like me, you love a good steak. Perhaps if we are serious about being an eco-church, and therefore caring for the whole environment, we do need at least to consider these issues, difficult though they are.

I don't have answers, but would very much like to hear what you think. If anyone would like to write a letter for Grapevine, or perhaps even write an article, we should be delighted to publish it. I ended last month's editorial with quoting Psalm 37, where God 'delights in every detail' of our lives. I am also sure that the loving Father who cares so deeply for his creation that 'not a single sparrow can fall to the ground' without him knowing about it, can help us find answers to these difficult questions. I think of Isaiah's wonderful picture of his new creation when we will enjoy 'new heavens and a new earth', and where 'the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat; the calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all'. I think this is a glorious picture of the wonders to come, where 'nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain.'

God bless!

Richard Parr.

Editor

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## Elaine writes:

Teaching life events to small children is a joy and a privilege and, over the years, I have been able to explore the ministries of baptisms, weddings and funerals with those of primary school age.

It has been a huge amount of fun to see how they interpret these key occasions and I have learned as much from their perspective as they have from me.

It's a great opportunity to get dressed up. We had a gifted dressmaker in my last parish who created clothes suitable for weddings and baptisms, and the children loved to dress up in them; the teachers and helpers joined in by putting on their "Sunday best."

Baptisms were often a challenge. Each child was encouraged to bring along a favourite toy to be "baptised", so I have done the honours with trains, fish, dinosaurs, teddies and dolls, all of which caused some consternation when choosing a suitable name. Some went for the generic 'dog, cat, teddy' options whilst others were more creative, choosing names which were occasionally unpronounceable and some which were downright amusing.

One occasion which stuck in my head was a reception class who had come into church and they solemnly queued for their chance to have their treasured toy "baptised". The teachers coached them to come forwards. I was about halfway through and the children were still patient and attentive. One little chap thrust a much loved, but desperately dilapidated, bunny into my hands. His fur was unevenly packed, his ears looked chewed, and he looked as if he might appreciate a bath. No matter. I held the rabbit tenderly in my arms and lent forward to the small boy and asked, "What's the baby's name?". "Stinky", he replied without hesitation. The usually helpful teaching staff collapsed forward with a snort of laughter. "Stinky?" I checked, and the little boy nodded. Disconcerted by the barely-concealed giggles of the teachers and my own suppressed mirth, I picked up the shell, filled it with water and intoned the familiar words, "Stinky, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" and the little boy joined in, with a resounding, "Amen."

Our expectations and experiences of life events have changed over the past months. Even the teaching session on baptism for St George's Year 2 pupils had to be recorded (see the photo of the family and godparents at George's baptism, above).

At various times, baptisms and weddings had been put on hold and so many people's hopes, plans and dreams were dashed. Even though they have endeavoured to rearrange these special services, there has been a lot of grief, pain and anxiety en route as people have juggled dates, times, family and work commitments. One couple we know have rearranged their wedding date three times and are still having to gather with a guest list which is much-reduced from what they'd envisaged.

Some people feel short changed and, even though they can see the sense in the covid restrictions, they have struggled to meld together heart and mind from what they want to what they know they can have.

Even though the government road map offers some sense of hope as to how things might evolve, there is no guarantee. Whilst some things are allowed and available in the wider community, there are many situations, some involving the Church, where the restrictions are slightly reduced and we still have to follow some stringent guidelines at these important life events.

Funerals have had their own set of limitations with sometimes confusing advice about what is allowed to happen at any given time. Bereavement has felt truncated, with people meeting each other so very briefly at the service and then having to go their own separate ways. No hugs, no time to share fellowship and remember, and some not even having met the minister in person before the funeral itself.

We have all been affected in different ways. With the hope of summer and the possibility of new things opening up to us, perhaps we can take some time to give thanks for what we have been able to do and maybe grieve for the things that we haven't.

Life events affect each and every one of us as they mark out significant and important periods in our existence, and it's crucial that we acknowledge them and do not let them slip away. Even the events that have been held back or restricted in more recent times can be faced squarely and not ignored, for they will surely come and affect us negatively in the future.

Should any of this be resonating with you, please do come and share it with any of the ministry team who will be happy to help and offer your concerns to God in prayer.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29 NRSV.

With every blessing, Elaine



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### Holy Baptism

30th May Ayla-Bleu Lee

### Holy Matrimony

30th May Darcey Ellen Hufton-Long  
and James Anthony Chow

### Funerals

24th May Mary Warrington

27th May Dorothy Thompson

### Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

#### Main altar:

2nd May from the Mothers' Union

16th May from the Grundy family, in memory of Ken and Joan Grundy

23rd May The Wednesday Morning Coffee Group for loved ones

30th May Mike and José Westwood, in memory of Nellie Westwood

### Floodlighting:

30th May Janet Neilson, in loving memory of Hazel Oldham on what would have been her 90th birthday

### Bishop Mark pays homage to the Queen

The Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner, has paid homage to the Queen, paving the way for his installation on 26th June at Chester Cathedral.

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Speaking afterwards, Bishop Mark said: "I was honoured to be able to pay homage to her Majesty the Queen and to pass on the greetings and prayers of the whole diocese at this time. We are, and I am, blessed to have the support and prayers of such a wise and faithful Queen. I look forward, now, to being able to be installed at the Cathedral in a service which will be live streamed on 26th June."

Having paid homage to the monarch, the installation service for Bishop Mark may now take place. This is due to take place on Saturday 26th June.

The symbolic enthronement and installation service at Chester Cathedral is the final stage in the appointment of Bishop Mark as the diocesan Bishop of Chester.

### Contentious Christianity

On Tuesday 25th May we began hosting six online sessions exploring issues that challenge and inspire us in the Church and society today. Contentious Christianity is being hosted by St George's but is open to anyone across Chester Diocese who wishes to join us.

Each session will be chaired by a member of St George's Church. The guest speaker will give a short talk about their topic and pose some

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questions to think about. We will then have a time of open discussion.

We have had a lot of interest in the sessions so we look forward to some healthy and lively debate around some of the key issues facing the church today.

If you would like to join in some or all of the sessions, please email Janine for the Zoom code on [rev.janinearnott@outlook.com](mailto:rev.janinearnott@outlook.com)

Sessions will be recorded and available to watch at a later date. **See page 9 for more details.**

### Message Board

It is hoped that Parish Lunches may start again on Monday, 5th July. Puss in Boots at 12 noon, the first Monday in each month. Details will appear on the weekly Lance sheet, nearer the time.

### Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

Please contact the vicar.  
Telephone: 0161 456 9382  
or email:  
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### July-August 2021

#### Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 18th June**  
Committee meeting: via email

## Services at St George's in June

We will continue to be open for **congregational worship** for many services in June. Other services will be live streamed, as indicated below. Please see our Facebook page and website for the latest information.

### Services in church, with congregation

**Wednesdays:** 9.30am Morning Prayer (also live streamed)  
10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sundays:** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.15am Parish Communion (also live streamed)

**The church will be open for individual private prayer in the chapel as follows:**

**Wednesdays and Sundays:** 11am to 12 noon

### Live streamed services

**Mondays to Fridays:** 9.30am Morning Prayer (also in church on Wednesdays)

**Sundays:** 10.15am Parish Communion (also in church)  
9pm Compline

**Sunday 27th June:** 4pm Choral Evensong

### Online events:

**Friday 2nd Jul:** 1pm Messy Church Bake Off

**Saturday 3rd Jul:** 1pm Messy Church Craft

**Sunday 4th Jul:** 5pm Story Time

# What you don't see behind the scenes!

Messy Church Bake Off sometimes has to be recorded because of the complications of live streaming anything to do with the time taken for bread products to rise.

The Chelsea Buns session was no exception and Peter helped Elaine to put the timing together with almost military precision (see right).

The resulting buns seem to have been worth it according to the recipients.

### Notes

- 1) The shaded area shows filming.
- 2) This doesn't show a batch after having risen for 45 minutes being placed in the oven. If we wanted that we'd have to have a fourth batch starting at 11:10am!!



Time	Film Schedule
11:55	Mix Batch 1 and knead for ten minutes
12:10	Let Batch 1 rise for two hours
13:00	Mix Batch 2 and knead for ten minutes
13:15	Let Batch 2 rise for two hours
14:10	Take Batch 1, roll it out, add fruit and cut
14:15	Let Batch 1 rise for 45 minutes
15:00	Place Batch 1 in oven and start filming
15:05	Mix Batch 3 and knead for ten minutes
15:20	Let Batch 3 rise for 2 hours
15:25	Take Batch 2, roll it out, add fruit and cut
15:25	Remove Batch 1 from oven and allow to cool
15:30	Let Batch 2 rise for 45 minutes
15:30	Take Batch 1 and glaze
15:35	Stop filming
16:15	Place Batch 2 in oven
16:40	Remove Batch 2 from oven and allow to cool
16:45	Take Batch 2 and glaze
17:20	Take Batch 3, roll it out, add fruit and cut
17:25	Let Batch 2 rise for 45 minutes
18:10	Place Batch 2 in oven
18:35	Remove Batch 2 from oven and allow to cool
18:40	Take Batch 2 and glaze
18:45	Relax

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## Grapevine Production and Late Copy!

SOME OF OUR readers will have read the Grapevine report written for the recent Annual Parish Church Meeting, which offers an insight into our work during 2020 and the first part of 2021. I thought that an article setting out in more detail what happens each month to produce the magazine might be helpful, and possibly interesting! I also wanted to add to the notice we have printed in Parish News for the last few months concerning the need to abide by the deadline dates for copy for Grapevine.

These dates are printed twice in each month's issue, on the Parish News page (usually page 6 or 7), and on the back page. It helps immeasurably with the production process if copy can be submitted by this date. Although it has been a little easier to allow some leeway while the magazine has been produced digitally, it adds extra work if important articles arrive late. When we, hopefully very soon, return to the usual hard copies, produced by our excellent printer, it will be vital that copy is submitted on time.

The way we work is that when copy arrives with the editor, it is read, checked, the word count noted, and the article saved. It is of great help if the article is also sent to Andrew Regan at the same time, which most of our contributors kindly do. If the article isn't sent at all to me, but only to Andrew, which occasionally happens, then he has to make sure that I receive a copy, thereby adding to his work.

Because each page of the magazine has a word limit, which, of course, is affected by any photographs or other visuals included, the layout of the magazine depends on all the copy being received before the layout is considered. Some pages, such as the Children's Page, the Puzzle Page and the adverts, are automatically filled each month. Other regular pages are of a standard size, such as Who's Who and the Music List, whereas others vary in length from month to month, such as the Editorial, the Clergy

Letter, Parish News, etc. All are valued and essential elements. Until they arrive, the pages they appear in cannot be finalised with regard to font size, spacing and, of course, other material on those pages.

Once the deadline date has been reached, the layout can be planned, i.e. which article goes where, both for clarity in reading the magazine, and to ensure that, for example, obituaries and other very important articles can be placed appropriately. Copy that comes in late obviously disrupts this process, and can cause hours of extra work, particularly for Andrew. He receives the suggested layout of each month's magazine, and then ensures that everything fits together, including the clarity and effectiveness of all the illustrations. In 'normal' times, the Grapevine committee then convenes to approve the edition. During the pandemic, the proposed final copy of the magazine has been sent by email for members to approve.

The final, but vital stage of the process, is the detailed proof-reading undertaken by Angela Foulkes. Again, late copy can delay this process and cause additional work. Once any alterations have been made, the magazine is then sent in PDF form by Andrew to the printer. When printed, copies are delivered to the editor, thence to church, where the postal and hand-delivered copies are dealt with, as described in the report to the APCM. During the pandemic, Andrew has taken the responsibility for ensuring the electronic version is available for readers to enjoy – always by the first Sunday of the month, our traditional publication date.

I hope this account has helped to illuminate how we work, and particularly to stress the importance of copy being received on time. I'm aware of how busy everyone is, and grateful, as always, for the many people who contribute to Grapevine, and who work so hard every month to produce the best possible magazine that we can.

*Richard Parr. Editor.*

### **From an appreciative reader of Grapevine**

Hi Elaine,

I hope you and your family are all well, and still managing to get through this pandemic.

First of all I just wanted to thank you so much for continuing to send your lovely magazine every month, I still enjoy reading it so much, it is so full of good news and I sometimes feel as if I am really getting to know who is who, its wonderful.

Also, Elaine, I just have to say what a beautiful cover this month (May issue). It cheers you up before you even start to read it. Well done to whoever took the photograph. Your churchyard must be so pretty, and certainly full of colour.

Thank you again, Elaine, and best wishes, Christine.

*(Christine Bagley)*

## Bishops at the Funky Monkey!

ON THURSDAY 27th May, the next bishops of Birkenhead and Stockport were announced, and they spent the very next day visiting east Cheshire with the Bishop of Chester and the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. This included a visit to St George's Church for prayer, and lunch at the Funky

Monkey café on Bramhall Lane with Elaine, Janine and Hazel.

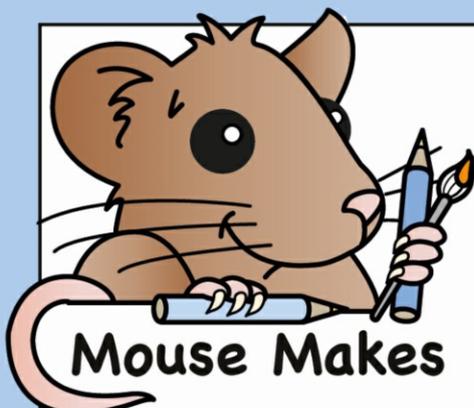
There is much more information about our bishops designate online at [www.chester.anglican.org/news/](http://www.chester.anglican.org/news/)



L to R: Bishop designate of Stockport Sam Corley, Sam's wife Claire (who is also an ordained priest), Bishop designate of Birkenhead Julie Conalty, Bishop of Chester Mark Tanner, and our vicar Elaine Chegwin Hall.



L to R: Churchwarden Hazel Jenkins, Julie's husband Simon, our curate Janine Arnott, Archdeacon of Macclesfield Ian Bishop.



## JESUS HEALS

Who was the first person Jesus healed?  
*John 4:46-54*

Who did Jesus heal from fever?  
*Mark 1:29-31*

How was the the paralysed man brought to Jesus?  
*Mark 2:1-12*

Jesus **healed** and made the...

- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| SICK      | ABLE     |
| DEAD      | WALK     |
| BLIND     | FORGIVEN |
| DEAF      | ALIVE    |
| CRIPPLED  | SPEAK    |
| SINNER    | MOVE     |
| MUTE      | SEE      |
| PARALYSED | WELL     |
| DISABLED  | HEAR     |



Where did the demons ask Jesus to send them when he drove them out?  
*Mark 5:1-20*

How long had the man by the pool been disabled?  
*John 5:1-15*

What did Jesus say made the woman well?  
*Matthew 9: 20-22*



*"There are **many** things that Jesus did. If every one of them were written down, I suppose the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."*

*John 21:25*

How many men were healed from leprosy?  
*Luke 17:11-19*

What did Jesus heal Bartemaus from?  
*Mark 10:46-52*



Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, how many days had he been buried?  
*John 11:1-45*



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### Sudoku puzzle: easy

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3	4				9			8
			2				7	1
	7				3	1		
9	5	2	4		8	6	3	7
		6	9				4	
4	6				1			
2			8				1	3
		3	5	4	2			

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### Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

		5	9	1		8		
2		9	7					
	6			2	5			
		4						
	5		6	3	4			1
						5		
			5	1				4
					2	6		7
	2		4		3	9		

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)



After months of lockdown, the Sunday procession probably needed some practise.

### Crossword

1		2		3			4	5		6		7
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#### Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their

door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

#### Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)



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## First wedding of 2021 at St George's

Darcey Ellen Hufton-Long and James Anthony Chow were married on Sunday 30th May at St George's by our curate Janine, in the first wedding of the year after reopening.



*(photo: Andrew Regan)*

## News, then and now

ON MAY 5TH 1821, *The Manchester Guardian* newspaper produced its first publication, a four-page weekly broadsheet, price 7d. Of this, 4d was Stamp Duty – a newspaper tax that forced newspapers to increase their prices, which made it expensive to publish frequently. When this tax was abolished in 1855, *The Manchester Guardian* became a daily publication, price 2d.

It was after the events of the Peterloo Massacre, [August 1819], that John Edward Taylor, a local cotton merchant, was determined to create a publication which gave liberal reformists a better platform to use their voices. He headed the first edition, claiming that it would advocate civil and religious liberty.

By way of acknowledgement of its 200th anniversary, a copy of that first edition was produced as a supplement on May 5th 2021. It was four broadsheet pages, tiny print, a bit smudged and was mostly adverts, but in between were two items which were considered newsworthy at the time.

In April/May 2021 the unusual event of a whale swimming up the Thames drew crowds of onlookers watching progress. From late February until May, 1821, it was the sight of rooks making nests in the trees of a Manchester city-centre garden, that drew the crowds.

I quote: *'During the last two months some interest has been excited in this town, by the establishment of a colony of rooks in the trees in a small garden at the top of King Street, belonging to Mrs Halls. One pair of these birds made their appearance at the latter end of February and, after cautiously surveying the place, began to construct a nest with branches they very dextrously broke from the trees. They were speedily followed by a single bird, (apparently a female) which, alone and unaided, built a nest in another tree, but when it was nearly completed, apparently not liking her situation, she demolished it and erected another immediately under the first comers.*

*After a short interval, another pair appeared, and constructed a habitation, chiefly with materials purloined*

*from the other nests. The poor widowed female has been particularly exposed to depredation: no sooner did she quit her nest to search for food, than the last comers fell to work (in which they were assisted by a number of Jackdaws) and, on her return, she has found her dwelling reduced almost to its foundations. These thefts, and the frequent contests they produced, have for some time furnished a constant fund of amusement to the bystanders.*

*Today, (May 5th 1821), the nest first built now contains four young ones; nearly fledged, and the owners of the last are engaged in incubation. But the poor female remains in all the misery of singleness, scarcely daring to leave her house, lest it should be demolished before her return.*

*Food has been placed for these birds in the garden, but they have never ventured to descend to it, nor have they been observed to alight on the adjacent buildings. It is difficult to conceive why they should select a situation apparently so ineligible, and so incompatible with their usual shy and cautious habits, as the centre of a large town, but we hope that they will not be molested, and they will have no cause to repent the confidence they have thus reposed to mankind.'*

(The rooks have certainly overcome their shyness and cautiousness in 200 years!)

The second item of news concerned a female dog – I don't like referring to her as 'a bitch'.

*'A bitch, belonging to a gentleman in Arbroath, was given away to a gentleman, who took her along with him in his carriage, to Dundee. She pupped in the evening of her arrival there, and brought forth four. Before morning she had carried them all back to Arbroath, a distance of more than 17 miles.'*

I think you'll all agree, it's a far cry from today's journalism.

Rosie Stead (information taken from <https://www.historic-newspapers.co.uk/>)

## Allium Triquetrum

Also known as three-cornered leek

THIS PLANT is growing prolifically in the church grounds and flowering at present.

It is an invasive, non-native plant whose white flowers are followed by large seeds which are attractive to ants and therefore spread around by them.

The species is listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act in England and Wales 'therefore it is an offence to plant or otherwise cause to grow these species in the wild'.

The plant is most common in southern and western Britain but is increasing and spreading north.

We don't know how it has arrived at St George's but we are doing our best to control its growth and eradicate as much as possible.

Dorothy Walton

## Recipe of the month: Provençal Chicken

*This is an easy recipe and may be suitable for a cool summer! You might want to add mushrooms.*

Serves 4.

1 tbsp vegetable oil  
100g lean smoked bacon medallions, roughly chopped  
1 red onion, cut into wedges  
1 courgette, halved and cut into chunks  
1 aubergine, cut into small pieces  
4 tomatoes, cut into large wedges  
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1 red chilli, chopped  
500g carton passata  
½ chicken stock cube, crumbled  
460g chicken thigh fillets  
½ x 28g fresh flat-leaf parsley, washed and roughly chopped

2 tsp mixed herbs

Preheat the oven to 200°C/180 Fan/gas mark 6. In a large ovenproof pan, heat the oil and cook the bacon for 5 minutes until crispy. Remove and reserve for later.

Add the onion, courgette and aubergine to the pan and fry for 5 minutes. Then add the tomatoes, garlic, chilli, passata, chicken stock cube and 50ml water. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for another 5 minutes.

Add the chicken thigh fillets, mixed herbs, the reserved bacon and half the parsley. Stir to coat the chicken in sauce and cook for 30 minutes in the oven. Remove from the oven and serve straight away garnished with the remaining parsley and seasoned with freshly ground black pepper.

*Pamela Ferguson*

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## A merry May meeting, 2021, covid-style

ANOTHER FAMILY BIRTHDAY, another somewhat thwarted celebration, thanks to the pandemic. In 2020, a big party had been planned for a big birthday, but had to be cancelled. A homely present-giving was arranged, for this part of the family, with doors and windows opened wide.

This year, our fickle weather has played its part, with every April night producing a frost and giving way only to a chilly May sporting heavy showers and the inkiest, admittedly photogenic, clouds.

Six of us were allowed to share a meal in a restaurant, but it had to be *al fresco*. We dined, early evening, in the restaurant's gazebo extension, and were provided with an impressive-looking three-bar heater 'for use later'. The temperature was certainly no problem at 6pm, though the traffic noise reaching us through flapping transparent plastic was rather a strain on the pair of the party with elderly hearing!

The meal was a great success but, of course, the temperature dropped, and it was then that we found that the output of the massive heater was decidedly limited. We had all prepared ourselves for the possible need for extra layers of warm clothing, and some of the party managed reasonably well. Can you see, though, who was farthest away from the heater?

Angela Foulkes



## A prince's legacy on matters of faith

JUST WHEN WE thought the last word had been written about the late Duke of Edinburgh, it emerged that he had a genuine interest in theology. That dashing young naval officer, who became the Queen's dutiful consort and accompanied her to thousands of church services, was someone who listened intently to sermons, thought through what was being said, and then asked questions.

Every Sunday when the royal couple were at Sandringham, a diocesan bishop was invited to preach in the parish church. Afterwards, they were grilled by the Duke who, we are told by one of them, showed that he "wanted to be intellectually and spiritually engaged". That's a polite way of saying he wasn't prepared to swallow what came out of the pulpit if he wasn't convinced by it.

Some Christians are suspicious of people who probe the faith. Should it not be taken on trust? Who are we to question the Almighty? For others, doubt hovers uninvited. Honest doubt won't settle for unbelief but will continue to persevere with its enquiries. The Russian writer and philosopher Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote: "It is not as a child that I believe and confess Jesus Christ. My hosanna is born of a furnace of doubt." Dostoyevsky had lived a turbulent life, both personally and publicly, and

wrestled mentally with himself and God. Some people are like that.

Prince Philip had been baptised into the Greek Orthodox Church and was received into the Church of England just before his marriage. He organised much of his own funeral, and if you followed it, you will remember how traditional it was. Many of the prayers were from the 17th Century Book of Common Prayer, the hymns were more ancient than modern, and the Bible readings confidently proclaimed the magnificence of God's creation and Jesus' teaching about the Resurrection. These are basic to Christianity and it was from such a foundation that he was able to explore.

So, if you wake up one morning questioning everything you have believed, take it as a spur to dig deeper and ask questions. Be encouraged by Philip, who shunned a second-hand faith because he wanted to know the truth for himself.

The next time you hear a sermon which you can't understand or disagree with, don't let the preacher get away with it. And if, in your private conversations with God, you find yourself praying, 'Lord, I believe; help my unbelief,' you won't be the first. See Mark 9, verse 24.

*The Ven John Barton*

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# Service to Celebrate the Life of Dorothy Thompson

5th April 1928 – 11th May 2021

THE SERVICE was held at St George's church, Stockport, on Thursday, May 27th, and was conducted by the vicar, the Revd Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall.

**Music to come into:** Make me a channel of your peace

## Words of Welcome and Opening Prayer

Elaine began by saying:

Welcome to St George's Church as we give thanks for the life of our dear sister in Christ, Dorothy Thompson.

Dorothy was much loved by her family and many friends and has left behind a precious legacy of memories for us to hold onto. Dorothy was a wonderful Christian woman who showed us an example of kindness and compassion with everything that she did, and she related to people young and old, making them feel cared for and important. We mourn her passing and we celebrate her life.

**Bible reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 read by Roger

Elaine continued by giving thoughts from the family and friends:

Whilst one really shouldn't disclose a lady's age, you can see on the front of your lovely order of service, that Dorothy was born on the 5th April 1928. She was brought up in Reddish; her parents Harry and Elsie Jackson had two other children, Alan and Norman. The Jacksons were well known in the area as they were the local window cleaners. Sadly, Dorothy's Mum died when Dorothy and brothers Alan and Norman were still young, which meant that Dorothy took over looking after the home, which must have been a big responsibility.

Dorothy was a member of St Elisabeth's Parish, Reddish, and was chosen to be May Queen. The foundation of faith from her younger days guided and supported her throughout her life. Dorothy met her husband Allan after the war. They were married in 1950 and had three children Peter, Barry and Roger. Their first home was in Woodhall Drive, in South Reddish and, in 1957, they moved to Beech Road, Cale Green where she lived until 2019.

Dorothy worked for Mrs Etchells, just up the road, at the chemist on Bramhall Lane, and the staff still ask about her now.

Allan died when Dorothy was 57 years old and she mourned his passing. It was in her later years that she found a friendship and companionship with Jack, and they had some lovely times together.

Dorothy was a very keen crown green bowler at Stockport Cricket Club where she had many friends. She was an active worshipper at our church here at St George's and was involved in the cleaning team and Young Wives

and was a key figure at our Wednesday morning coffee time after the Communion service. She made special efforts to ensure everyone felt welcome. She built up a lovely relationship with the pre-school encouraging the tinies to put on little shows for us around Christmas.

Dorothy moved to Hillbrook Grange Nursing Home in Bramhall for the last two years of her life where she was very happy.

Dorothy has three loving and supportive daughters-in-law: Margaret, Christine and Catherine; six grandchildren: Kathryn, Mark, Vincent, Alex, Dominic and Oliver, and five great-grandchildren: Finlay, Samuel, Ellen-Rose, Laina and Millie. Dorothy spent a lot of time with her family and loved them all dearly, and they have been able to share some of their many reflections with us.

Dorothy was a keen sportswoman. Not only involved in crown green bowling, she was also actively interested in all manner of sports. Grandson Mark said that he loved how active and sporty his Grandma was; she was basically a celebrity at Stockport Cricket Club. Dominic, another one of her grandsons, said that she liked talking about sports and he particularly remembers watching cricket on TV with her when he was young. Oliver said his Grandma liked talking about sport and football and she always saved the Stockport Express so she could read about County. Great-grandson Samuel remembers his

Grandma as a kind generous woman and says, "She'll be with Maradonna now."

Daughter-in-law Catherine got involved with something that might be considered sporty when she went along with Dorothy to yoga in the 80s. Apparently, they were as hopeless as each other, but Dorothy always "had a go". Then they shared their "feeble efforts" to the delight and disbelief of the family.

Dorothy liked a bit of retail therapy and Margaret recalls them shopping together at Marks and Spencer's and always stopping for tea and cakes. On one occasion, after a trip out with Christine and Maggie, Dorothy commented, "I think you should go home now. I need to lie down!". That must have been some shopping trip!

Dorothy was great at hospitality and was always armed and ready with Ribena and a biscuit. I'm told that if you had sampled her braising steak and onions, you officially knew the meaning of true happiness.

Dorothy radiated happiness and was a wonderful companion for lunches, coffee and a good natter.

She was always an integral part of any gathering. She loved to hear everyone's news, share their joy and loved to



meet her family's friends. Everyone loved her sweet and sociable nature. It was with great amusement that she would always take her daughters-in-law's side and consequently reprimanded her sons. This happened regularly to the great amusement of her daughters-in-law.

Dorothy was described as a grandma who had so much patience and was a great listener. She was a lovely, beautiful, friendly Great Grandma who was a great cuddler.

She was also a tough cookie who had endured much and fought on through some challenges. She was beautiful inside and out and she had a head full of wisdom and a heart full of love.

**Hymn:** 'The Lord's my Shepherd'

**Time of Quiet Reflection and Prayer** as we listen to 'Lead me Lord' - Wesley

Merciful God, we praise you that we are made in your image and likeness. We thank you for Dorothy and for the love and mercy she received from you and showed among us. We rejoice in your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again to be with Christ. We ask that at the last we may come with Dorothy to share in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for those who mourn today and especially we pray for Peter, Barry and Roger; for Margaret, Christine and Catherine; for Kathryn, Mark, Vincent, Alex, Dominic and Oliver; for Finlay, Samuel, Ellen-Rose, Laina and Millie.

We pray for the rest of her family and her dear friends.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround Dorothy's family and friends with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss but have confidence in your goodness and strength in the days to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord our God, from whom neither life nor death can separate those who trust in your love and whose love holds in its embrace your children in this world and the next; so unite us to yourself, that in fellowship with you we may always be united to our loved ones whether here or there; and knowing such unity we may have strength for the days to come, until at last we are fully united in your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. For ever and ever. **Amen.**

Support us, O Lord, all these days of this wondrous and troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then Lord, in your mercy, grant us

safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As we draw towards the end of our service in church may I say thank you, on behalf of the family, for coming along to support them and for joining them online. It means a lot. They will shortly be moving to the Rowan chapel for the final part of the service, and I ask for your prayers for them at this time.

All donations made in memory of Dorothy will be gratefully received towards the work of the British Heart Foundation.

And now a poem, read on behalf of Barry.

### **A Mother's Love.**

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion, and of sacrifice and pain.  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring, come what may  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...  
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters, even though the heart is breaking...  
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...  
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...  
A many splendoured miracle man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender, guiding hand.

*Author: Helen Steiner Rice*

**Hymn:** The day thou gavest

### **Prayer of Commendation:**

Go forth upon your journey from this world, dear child of God,  
Into the hands of the Father who made you  
To find life in Christ, who redeemed you  
To rejoice in the Spirit who renews you.  
May the heavenly host sustain you  
And the company of the redeemed enfold you  
May peace be yours this day  
And the heavenly city your home. **Amen.**

### **Blessing:**

May the God whose power breaks through the stone, break into our lives and free us from all that binds us; may the risen Christ whose love is stronger than death speak our name and bring us new life and joy; the Spirit who walks the road with us, give us wisdom to understand and courage to share God's new life to the whole world and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us all at this special time and for ever more. **Amen.**

**Music as we leave:** Jesu, joy of Man's desiring.

*Edited version of the service. Rosie Stead*



## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT MUSIC LIST – JUNE 2021

*Music listed may be subject to change*

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June – The First Sunday after Trinity</b>	
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>	<b>4:00pm – Service currently suspended</b>
<b>Introit:</b>	If ye love me – Tallis
<b>Setting:</b>	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening
<b>Hymns:</b>	305 I come with joy, a child of God, 621 Who would true valour see,
<b>Anthem:</b>	Ave verum corpus – Elgar

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June – The Second Sunday after Trinity</b>	
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>	<b>4:00pm – Service currently suspended</b>
<b>Introit:</b>	Teach me, O Lord – Attwood
<b>Setting:</b>	The Lincoln Setting – Archer
<b>Hymns:</b>	563 Rejoice! The Lord is King, 591 The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
<b>Anthem:</b>	Look at the world – Rutter

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – The Third Sunday after Trinity</b>	
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>	<b>4:00pm – Service currently suspended</b>
<b>Introit:</b>	Crossing the bar – Parry
<b>Setting:</b>	The Lincoln Setting – Archer
<b>Hymns:</b>	413 Eternal Father, strong to save Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
<b>Anthem:</b>	Never weather-beaten saile – Wood

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>	<b>4:00pm – Choral Evensong</b>		
<b>Introit:</b>	O Lord, increase our faith – Loosemore	<b>Hymns:</b>	NEH440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, 21 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear,
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	<b>Responses:</b>	Ayleward
<b>Hymns:</b>	475 Immortal Love, for ever full, 534 O for a thousand tongues to sing	<b>Canticles:</b>	The Short Service – Gibbons
<b>Anthem:</b>	Come to me – Hill	<b>Anthem:</b>	Do not be afraid – Stopford
		<b>Psalm:</b>	56



Director of Music James Hibbert at the organ console

*(photo: Kim Regan)*

# The Parable of the Great Banquet

ONE THING THAT we've probably missed over the past year is parties. Well, this month should enable us to party again! Lots of Jesus' parables focus on parties, as they are a picture of the joy, hope and life of the kingdom of God. The parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14: 15-24) challenges us not to miss out on this.

In Jesus' day, when people accepted an invitation to a banquet, they were only told the actual time on the day: 'Come, for everything is now ready' (17). Jesus invites each one of us to share in the life of his kingdom.

However, the guests made excuses for not coming. At the time, this would have been extremely insulting to the host. They said: 'I have just bought a field; I must try out my new team of oxen; I have just got married' (18-20). These are all good things in themselves; however, they reveal their priorities were elsewhere.

We too can be preoccupied with our own routines of work, family, retirement, holidays, friends, home, social media, that we forget God's priorities for our lives. Jesus calls for total commitment from his disciples. What priority in my life is holding me back from accepting his invitation?

How did the host respond? He ordered his servants to 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' (21). He invited the unexpected and unacceptable people to His banquet. Jesus makes the point that God's kingdom is open to all! Thinking about our family, friends, colleagues and neighbours, even if they're not like us or show little interest in God, are we willing to offer them God's invitation to share his love and life?

*Canon Paul Hardingham*

## What do you think will happen after covid?

YOU CAN TAKE your choice: a recent survey has found that a third of us think that society may never go back to the old ways, a third of us think we will go back to exactly as we were before, and a third of us think that we will be keener than ever to stay together.

The Together Coalition, chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, has been working for the past year on a piece of research to track just what has happened to communities during lockdown.

The new research has found that "people feel a stronger sense of connection to their neighbours and community. ...We found a clear public appetite for a society in which we are more connected to each other, and the community spirit of 2020 is kept alive."

It also found that around 12.4 million people have volunteered during the pandemic, 4.6 million of them for the first time. And 75 per cent of those volunteers would be happy to do so again.

## Puzzle solutions

*Easy Sudoku solution:*

5	2	1	7	8	6	3	9	4
3	4	7	1	5	9	2	6	8
6	8	9	2	3	4	5	7	1
8	7	4	6	2	3	1	5	9
9	5	2	4	1	8	6	3	7
1	3	6	9	7	5	8	4	2
4	6	8	3	9	1	7	2	5
2	9	5	8	6	7	4	1	3
7	1	3	5	4	2	9	8	6

*Intermediate Sudoku solution:*

4	7	5	9	6	1	2	8	3
2	3	9	7	4	8	1	6	5
1	6	8	3	2	5	4	7	9
7	8	4	1	5	9	3	2	6
9	5	2	6	3	4	7	1	8
6	1	3	2	8	7	5	9	4
3	9	7	5	1	6	8	4	2
5	4	1	8	9	2	6	3	7
8	2	6	4	7	3	9	5	1

*Crossword*

A	M	B	U	S	H		S	C	H	O	O	L		
T		I		I				O		W		U		
T	I	R	E	D			F	A	M	I	N	E	S	
A		E		E			A		P		E		T	
C	I	T	A	D	E	L			E	N	D	O	R	
H		T					S		T				E	
			A	T	O	N	E	M	E	N	T			
F				S			H				A		A	
A	V	E	R	T			O	R	A	C	L	E	S	
R		A		R			O		L		E		L	
M	A	R	R	I	E	D			L	A	N	C	E	
E		L		C					E		T		E	
R	H	Y	T	H	M				H	Y	S	S	O	P

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## Words of 'wisdom'

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The early bird may get the worm, but it is the second mouse that gets the cheese.

War does not determine who is right, only who is left.

A clear conscience is a sign of a fuzzy memory.

I used to be indecisive – now I'm not so sure.

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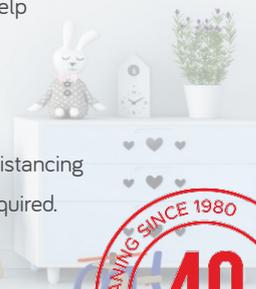
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