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A monthly round-up of
news, views, events
and services at
St George's, Heaviley,
SK2 6NU,
and St Gabriel's, Adswold
in the
Parish of St George, Stockport.

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Dear Readers,

WHO, in July, said that 'schools should no longer be forced to hold collective worship because of the decline in Christianity in Britain'? None other than the Church of England's head of education the Rt Rev. John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford. He claimed that compulsory acts of worship in assemblies were more suited to the Forties and could put children off religion. However, he said schools should still have to make time for "spiritual reflection" using silence, story-telling or music with elements of Christianity and other major religions.

Not quite the same thing, in my humble opinion, although it would equally serve to bring the morning 'break' that little bit nearer which is all that young rascally children are really interested in. Under the 1944 Education Act, schools are obliged to stage acts of collective worship "wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character". Apparently the law is already being widely ignored because of lack of space or availability of staff willing or able to lead worship. Separate arrangements exist for Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and Sikh schools.

Now that one third of C of E clergy are women it is no surprise that the recent vote for women bishops resulted in a definite "yes". An article inside explain why there will be some passage of time before we see the first one appointed.

The formal licensing of Revd Sandra Woodhead as Assistant Priest, and the

licensing of the Revd Chris Moore as Assistant Curate, took place in the presence of many parishioners and well-wishers on 18th July. I think that just about completes the team which will lead St George's and St Gabriel's into the future. The work load has been borne by so few for such a long time and we are grateful for their dedication in having kept things at least 'ticking over' in the meantime.

I am sorry to have to report that Atousa Khoshrouz's recent second application for a visa to stay in this country was turned down. Because of her conversion to Christianity, she fears the repercussions if she returns to Iran where the regime does not like conversions from Islam to Christianity. Her solicitor is appealing against the judgement and she now awaits that further decision. A number of us turned up in support of Atousa's application at her recent court appearance but, sadly, to no avail. Atousa is a willing voluntary helper at St George's in a number of ways and has written several articles for this magazine. We need to continue to provide whatever support that we are able and are asked to remember both her, and all asylum seekers who have converted to Christianity, in our prayers at this difficult time.

Note that the enclosed Chester Diocesan News insert includes an item on Bishop Robert's recent installation as Bishop of Exeter..

God Bless, sincerely yours,

Mark Lane. Editor

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

Vicar of St George's	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall 456 9382	Bible Study Group	meets in church in Lent on Wednesdays 11.15am. Contact the clergy	Mothers' Union	meet in the Parish Room, 2nd Monday of the month, 7.30pm Christine Berry 01625 874546
Curate	Rev. Chris Moore 483 7131			Open Door	in church every Wednesday from 7 - 7.45pm for anyone who would like company or a chat Michael Coupe 612 0222
Assistant Priest	Rev. Sandra Woodhead 01663 765708	Brownie Guides	for ages 7-10 years: meet in the Parish Room, Thursday evenings. 6.30 - 8pm. Rachel Lockett 775 2755, Evonne Lomas 292 8216 or 07956 674241	Pastoral Visiting Team	meets every month and visits the sick and housebound across the parish Michael Coupe 612 0222
Retired Priest with Permission to Officiate	Rev. Glenys Sellors 483 0359			Praise & Play	meet every Monday 9 to 11am in church in term time. Story time at 10am. For 0-4's and their carers Janet Neilson 483 9025 Pat Wilke 376 2494
Parish Office	480 2453	Chancel Guild	meets on 2nd Tuesday in the month from 9.30 - 12 noon, and cares for the chancel Edna Tootell 483 5753	Press Officer	Mark Lane 439 2282
Magazine	Mark Lane 439 2282			Rainbow Guides	for ages 5-7: meet in the Junior Hall, Fridays 6.15 to 7.30pm Trisha Brown 07403 353 175 Susan Kirkland 0785 4101918
St George's					
Pastoral Worker	Audrey Manzano 494 7054	Choir	sing for services at 10.15am and 6.30pm, practise in the vestry on Thursday evening John Horton 339 5031	Scouts	for ages 10½ -14. Meet in Trinity Methodist on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm Bill Frith 439 3232
Readers	Michael Coupe (emeritus) 612 0222 Peter Hall 456 9382	Church Cleaners	meet on first Tuesday from 9.30am to 12noon Dorothy Walton 483 3088	Singing Group	sings at All-Age Service about once a month Everyone welcome to join Debbie Heaton 483 4643
Director of Music	John Horton 339 5031	Church Flowers	Isobel Garlick 440 9272 Marjorie Lees 483 3676	Sunday Clubs	meet during the Family Eucharist at 10.15am Sue Burt: 483 6446, Debbie Heaton: 483 4643
Church wardens	Steven Kelly 439 9458 Sue Burt 483 9589	Church Gardeners	meet on Tuesdays from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Sunday Creche	The Creche is in the Lady Chapel
Deputy Church Wardens	John Hayden 483 2367 Andrew Regan 440 0408	Cub Scouts	for ages 8-10½: meet in Trinity Methodist Fridays 7.15 - 8.45pm. Bill Frith 439 3232	Family Eucharist	The Children's Corner is at the back of church
Treasurer	Stephen Jones 439 6690	Coffee Mornings	in the Parish Room from 10.30am on Wednesdays Dorothy Thompson 474 7058	Website	submissions, updates and corrections Andrew Regan 440 0408 andrew@andrewregan.org.uk www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk
Secretary	Hazel Jenkins 483 4679	Fellowship of Marriage, Women's Fellowship	meet on 2nd Thursday of the month from 2pm in the Parish Room Edna Tootell 483 5753		
Bookings for Parish Rooms	Parish Office (above) or Andrew Garlick 440 9272	Guardians of St George	keep the church open during the week		
St George's Primary School Head teacher	For ages 5-11 years Mark Quinn 480 8657	Guides	for ages 10-14: meet Thursdays in the Parish Rooms 7.30-9pm Jane Brocklehurst 07801 843810 Heather Worth 477 2388		
Verger	Ian Staley 456 3093	Guild of St Raphael	meets once a month to pray for the sick Olga Jones 439 6690		
Deputy Verger	Vacant	Linen Guild	maintains the church linen Tril Sutherland 480 5397		
St George's Play Group	meets in the Meeting Room Monday - Friday, 9 - 11.30am and 12.30 - 3pm for ages 3 years and upwards Joanne Shannon 07591541389	Magazine Editorial Group	meets monthly to plan the subsequent issue Mark Lane 439 2282		
Regular Church Groups and Activities					
Beaver Scouts	for ages 6-7: meet in Trinity Methodist Fridays 6-7pm. Bill Frith 439 3232	Medical Missions Committee	raises funds to help support the Church Mission Society Christine Berry 01625 874546 Kathleen Heawood 01663 762402	Bookings	Shirley Bailey 456 8749
Bell ringers	meet in the Tower on Sundays at 9.45am and Mondays from 7.45pm. Anne Mayes 485 6477			Regular Groups and Activities Praise and Play	meet every Friday 9.30-11am in church. Story time 10am. For 0-4's and their carers Marie Flint 483 2321
Bible Reading Fellowship	Notes are ordered on request Ian Staley 456 3093				

St Gabriel's

Churchwardens Frances Farrar
Shirley Bailey
c/o 456 8749

Secretary John Sutcliffe
286 2301

Treasurer Pat Margetts
483 0270

Bookings Shirley Bailey
456 8749

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Elaine writes:

There are times when we can tell people things in great detail, we can write the information down, we can send it by text, email or letter; we can skype or face time it, spread it abroad by social media sites, broadcast it on posters or via legal documents and there are those who will swear blind that they have never heard

what has been conveyed, those who seem surprised at the "new" information and those who will do exactly what they like all dependant on the subject matter.

It got me to wondering how God manages with all of this. Over many hundreds of years he has sent His Angels, His Prophets, Preachers and Evangelists. He has shown Signs and Wonders, Miracles and Healings. He has parted the sea, spoke through clouds and burning bushes, written on walls, provided food and drink and for those who still hadn't got the message, he sent His Son Jesus to tell us all again.

What is it that makes people filter out what is thought to be irrelevant against what they want to hear? What enables them to go ahead with things despite evidence to the contrary?

We have all been gifted with free will to give us choices. God, our Heavenly Father, has set out suitable pathways for us to consider but we choose the path marked

"diversion". He has set up "no entry" signs that we think don't apply to us so we skirt around them. He has often warned us in advance of a "no through road" but we go through it just in case, pushing the boundaries even though it leads only to a dead end.

Why do we do it? Is it just because we can? Is it because we feel we know best? So many people in our Bible were of those opinions and they found out to their cost, time and time again that God knows what we need, that He wants us to have what's best for us because He loves us.

So we strain against the leash and toss away the bits that we don't feel are necessary and we drag God along with us like a wayward dog tugging along its owner to the places where we feel we require Him to be even though that may be into the path of a lorry and danger.

God speaks to us and longs for us to listen. He gives us signs and promptings to move forward in a particular direction and we need to set aside our disinterest, our stubbornness, our pride and our position to really sit up and take notice.

We have the Bible, much more than a Highway Code, to help and guide us in our journey of faith and life. It is His inspired word through which we can be led and directed. It is our focus for prayer and reflection to discern what is relevant for our lives in a real and personal way.

Perhaps we need to listen carefully; to watch closely and to pray fervently and then we might get to know what God really wants us to do.

With every blessing

Elaine

St George's Christmas Tree Festival 2014

Reserve your place

I AM JUST WRITING to remind everyone that St George's eighth Christmas Tree Festival will take place this year from 26th-30th November. Times of openings have not yet been established, but are likely to be more extensive than usual. This means that we will have even more need of volunteers this year. We are always grateful for their support.

Last year's event featured 82 trees and attracted nearly 4,000 visitors, so it is a great way to publicise your school, club, church or business. Sponsoring a tree involves a fee of £5 and provision of a decorated and illuminated tree, using a theme that has some significance for you. You will be able to place business cards and discreet signage near your tree.

To reserve a place to sponsor a tree, please contact Angela Wadsworth or Kim Regan after 14 September. Their contact details are as follows: Angela 439 3919 or Kim: d.kim.regan@gmail.com

Kim Regan

Attraction

SEVERAL YEARS AGO I lived in California, where I taught Sunday School at a somewhat rural church. One Sunday morning the minister called me. "Come down to the sanctuary quick," he said, "and bring a net." As I was a biology teacher, I guess he figured that I could deal with nature.

Expecting some kind of wild animal, I entered the room cautiously. I was greeted instead by the sight of an excited congregation watching a hummingbird fly around. Rather than use the net, I suggested they hang red paper by an open door. The bird would be drawn to it, I explained, and eventually fly out.

After the Sunday School lesson, I went back to the sanctuary. The minister saw me come in and interrupted the service. It seemed my idea about the red paper had worked. "Now," he said, "we have two hummingbirds flying around the church."

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So why are there STILL no women bishops in the Church of England?

Considering the legal process of how women will actually become bishops, by Steve Jenkins.

IT'S A REASONABLE QUESTION. After all, the General Synod passed all the necessary legislation for women bishops in the Church of England on 14th July. Unfortunately, some might say, there's a lot more to be done before the first woman can be ordained/consecrated bishop.

Part of the compact that goes with being the established Church in England is that Parliament gets a say in every piece of new legislation the General Synod puts forward. It's complicated but it generally works.

The Legislative Committee of the Synod sends a report explaining the new legislation to the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament. If that committee finds the legislation 'expedient', it then goes to both Houses of Parliament. The House of Lords and House of Commons can't change the legislation: they can only vote on it. If both Houses pass the legislation, it then goes to Her Majesty The Queen for Royal Assent before it becomes law.

Then there has to be a vacancy for a woman to fill. Unlike deacons and priests, who are ordained while in training and then apply for posts, bishops are only consecrated once they are appointed. The new legislation makes it legal to appoint a woman as a bishop. It doesn't require it. England was the last of the UK's Anglican churches to approve women bishops. Only the Church of Ireland, so far, has appointed one.

Appointing a bishop takes time in itself. A role and person specification has to be drawn up and the vacancy advertised and meetings arranged so that views and suggestions can be considered. A long list of suitable clergy is considered and reduced to a short list by the CNC (Crown Nominations Commission) for a diocesan bishop or an advisory group for a suffragan/assistant bishop. And these groups have to be elected or appointed first.

Those on the short list are interviewed and, through prayer and voting, a preferred candidate chosen. For a diocesan bishop, they must be supported by at least two-thirds of the Commission.

And the process continues. If the chosen candidate accepts, there are DBS and medical checks to complete before the name is passed to The Queen via the Prime Minister. Once The Queen has approved the nomination, a date is agreed with Downing St to announce the name. Only on that date does the name become public.

So, while the newspapers and bookies make up lists of who might become the first woman bishop in England, the one remaining question is will she be appointed as a suffragan/assistant bishop or be given a whole diocese to care for? The CNC has five diocesan bishops to consider between now and next summer – St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, Southwell & Nottingham, Gloucester, Oxford and Newcastle. Time will tell. (These processes in detail can be read at <https://www.churchofengland.org/clergy-office-holders/asa/senappt.aspx>)

Book review:

***So a Comedian Walks Into a Church - Confessions of a Kneel-Down Stand-Up,* by Paul Kerensa**

PAUL IS A CORNISHMAN, a comedian and a Christian – and he is doing a comedy gig at St George's on 8th October. So when I realised that he had written a couple of books, I thought I'd get them for our library.

This, Paul's first book takes you to an assortment of gigs around the country and to the wide variety of services he attends while away from home at these gigs. He is a traditional, middle of the road Anglican, but ends up at all sorts of denominations worshipping at all sorts of places. He juxtaposes his experience of the comedy gig with the experience of the service following it. Sometimes the first is a disaster and the second restores his equilibrium.

Paul comes across as a thoughtful and self-deprecating individual taking a wry look at life. The life of a stand-up is definitely challenging. At times you

travel miles to a venue for just thirty people in your audience in an auditorium capable of holding hundreds. Or the organisers forget to tell you that the gig is cancelled when you have travelled for eight hours through the snow to get there.

Paul takes us to adventures with the URC, the Baptists and a Catholic mass - where everyone knows everything by heart and there are no books or service sheets. He tries to attend a service on a cruise liner, which isn't held in the chapel but in the cinema, but doesn't happen because the projectionist fails to put the appropriate DVD on. He joins Charismatics and the Church in Wales – on the one Sunday when the service is in Welsh and he has little clue about what is going on.

Through Paul's adventures – told in a fun and gently thought provoking way - I came to realise how unglamorous it is being a stand-up for most performers on the circuit. You really have to want to do it. I was also reminded what it can feel like going into an unfamiliar church. And what a wide variety of people there are, all calling themselves Christians!

Chris Dawson

Parish News Roundup

Baptisms :

We welcome into the Church family:

29th Jun: Charles James Hall, Olivia Dottie Murray, Scarlett Hadfield

6th Jul: Riley James Cotterill, Jaxon Anthony Kevin McCartney

7th Jul: Rhiann Davies

20th Jul: Jude Phillips, Isaac Phillips, Annabella Harper Bowden, Jacob Fallows

27th Jul: Ollie Harry Parker, Lewis Gentles, Samantha Watson

2nd Aug: River Noah Ellis Fitkin, Angel Corale Starr Fitkin, Freddie David Hancock

3rd Aug: Megan Lois Cunnah, Alice Evelyn Cross

17th Aug: Beatrice Florence Smith

24th Aug: Amelia Evie-Lilly Booth, Violet Saffron Peel

Holy Matrimony:

28th Jun: Jenna Burt and Callum Rees

5th Jul: Luke Torkington and Bethan Roke

12th Jul: Jay Price-Platt and Kevin Weaver

19th Jul: Wayne Derbyshire and Kay Longden

2nd Aug: Debbie Anne Ellis and David Fitkin

15th Aug: Jamie McSporrán and Karen Longden

21st Aug: Iean Oxford and Samantha Saunders

30th Aug: Lauren Peers and Kevin Huddart

Funerals:

6th Jul: Burial of Ashes of John Puddifoot

9th Jul: Burial of Ashes of Betty & Gordon Wild

18th Jul: Funeral of Grace Watkinson

24th Jul: Funeral of Lilian Cope

24th Jul: Funeral of Mavis Wharton (Rev. K. Kendrick officiated)

4th Aug: Funeral of Jean Lupton

29th Aug: Funeral of Isobel Garlick

High Altar flowers were by:

6th Jul: Janet Heap

13th Jul: Jean Norton, "in memory of Mary & Bill Heavyside"

20th Jul: Jean Berry "in memory of Leslie Berry & Lydia Logan"

27th Jul: Walter Stead and Family, "in memory of Pauline Stead"

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3rd Aug: Stanley Rowden and Family, "In memory of Albert Rowden"

17th Aug: Sheila Graves, "in memory of Maurice Graves"

24th Aug: Marjorie Lees, "in memory of family and friends"

Lady Chapel flowers were by:

27th Jul: The Haydens and the Alcrafts "in loving memory of Vera Fallows"

Chancel Pedestal Flowers were by:

20th Jul: From all the family, "in memory of Wynn Crook"

Floodlighting was sponsored by:

14th Jul: Mrs Gill Hudson "in memory of my husband Roger on his birthday"

Forward dates for your diary:

(see separate notices for some details)

11th – 14th Sep: Heritage Open Days at St George's

Wed Oct 8th: Paul Kerensa (stand-up Christian comic)

Sat 18th Oct: CMS Autumn Fair

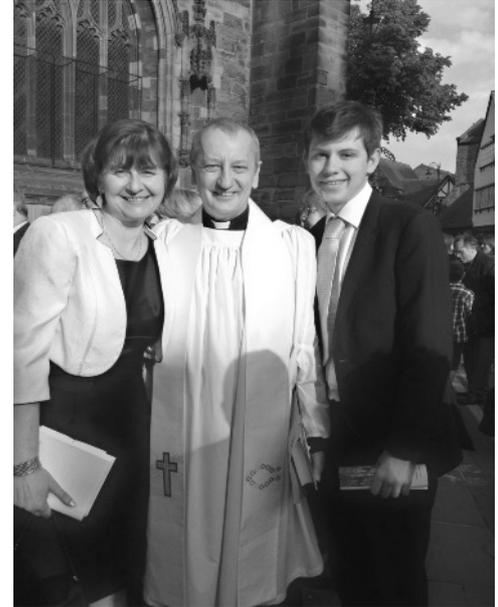
Sun 2nd Nov: Service of Remembrance and Commemoration at 3pm

26-30th Nov: Christmas Tree Festival

Parish News Roundup

Meet the family

Many of us will already have seen, if not actually met, Assistant Curate Chris Moore, but possibly not his family, so here they all are: left to right Avril, Chris and Calum.



Heritage Open Day at St George's

Saturday 13th September 10am – 4pm

An opportunity for you and the community to visit and explore our church.

You and they can:

- Explore this Neo-Gothic, Victorian gem, its architecture and its history
- Look inside the organ and see its workings via a video presentation
- Listen to the newly restored set of 49 hand bells and try them yourself
- Climb the tower, visit the ringing chamber and see the views from the top (weather permitting)
- Listen to music and relax with refreshments – tea, coffee, cake or soup and a roll.
- Stay for choral evensong at 4pm
Children are very welcome and

St George's News:

St George's Organ Restoration Fund

Presents

An evening with comedian

Paul Kerensa

Wednesday 8th October 2014
at 7.30 pm

at St George's

Tickets £10 – Concessions £8
On the door or ring 0161 429 7880

Award for Wellspring

Congratulations to all at the Wellspring on having been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service at a service held at Gorton Monastery. The award was marked by the presentation of a crystal trophy and a certificate by Her Majesty's representative – Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Warren Smith.

Stockport Express 13/08/14

Wellspring's needs this month:

- Tinned fruit
- Ready made custard
- Vegetable soup
- Tins of meat of any kind

John Hardy would like to say how grateful he is for the tremendous support that Wellspring receives from the St George's congregation. Thank you.

Message Board

The Lupton and Garlick families would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their messages of sympathy and support following the death of Jean Lupton.

Oct 2014 Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Friday 19th September**
 Committee meeting: **Tuesday 23rd September**

Recent events:

On Tuesday, 24th June, at the special "Don't cook your own tea" initiative, the speaker, Jonathan Goodfellow was wrongly described in the last Grapevine as a prison officer, rather than as the probation officer he actually is. Apologies to Jonathan.

In the evening of Sunday, 6th July, 28 people attended Evensong at St. Gabriel's, where we were very pleased to welcome the choir to assist our worship.

On Saturday, 9th August, a very successful and well-attended tea was held at Davenport Methodist Church, with many old friends meeting and enjoying the afternoon.

Looking ahead:

On Tuesday, 2nd September, Churches Together will meet at 2pm. at St Ambrose.

The Forest Chapel:

The Annual Rushbearing Service was held on Sunday, 17th August at St. Stephen's Church in Macclesfield Forest, commonly known as Forest Chapel. The preacher was the Venerable Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, and both the setting and the service were memorable. The Church is at nearly 1300 feet above sea level, in the parish of Rainow with Saltersford and Forest (although parking is available near the Church!) This special service is well worth a visit. One of the hymns chosen, most appropriately, was "I lift my eyes to the quiet hills".

Gone to be a sunbeam:

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Lomas was held at St Saviour's Church on Monday, 4th August. Margaret died in her sleep at the wonderful age of 104. She is well known for the grocery shop she kept on Bramhall Lane.

Happy memories of a delightful lady. We send our condolences to her husband Stan, who is himself 97, and to their daughter, June.

The little flock at St. Gabriel's should like to thank everyone at St. George's and especially those who have come along to "St. Gab's" to help us to get ready for a new Journey with our Mission Church.

New initiative at St. Gabriel's:

see p. 23 for information on

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Mothers' Union

Monday Sept 8th- We meet for a service of Holy Communion in church @ 7.30pm

Fellowship of Marriage and Women's Fellowship

11th September: Service in church 2pm
18th October: CMS parcel wrapping.
Note that future meetings will now be held **once** per month on the second Thursday.

St. George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form

(return to Revd Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall, 17 Frewland Avenue, Davenport, Stockport. Sk3 8TZ)



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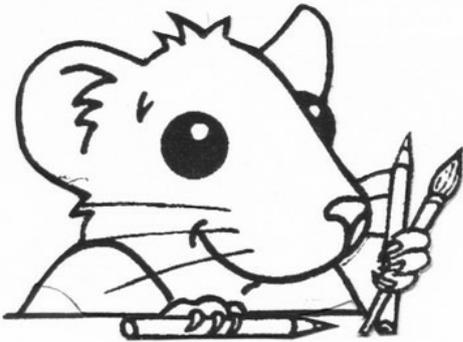
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Mouse Makes

The boxes are full of harvest food for Harvest Thanksgiving, but only two have exactly the same things in them... can you find them?....And can you find the harvest mouse?

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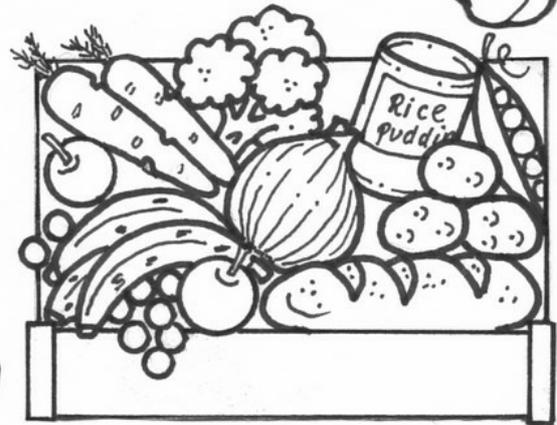
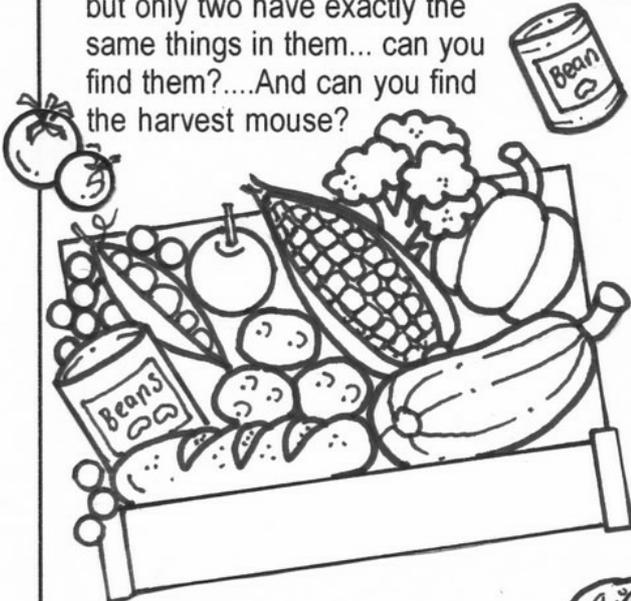
'May the peoples praise you, God!
May all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest;
God, our God blesses us."
Psalm 67:5-6



'Honour the Lord with your wealth and the first part of your harvest'.

Proverbs 3:9



'Let us **fear** and **respect** the Lord our God.

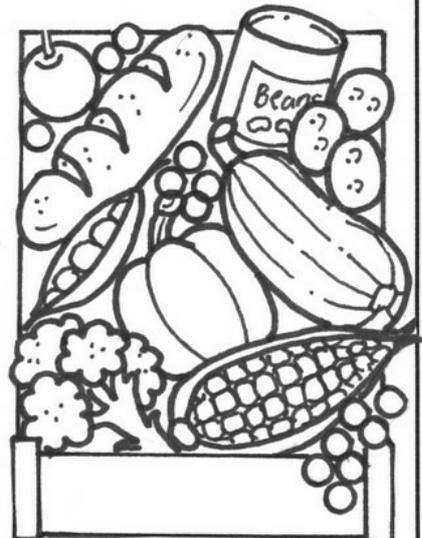
He gives us autumn and spring rains at the right time.

He makes sure that we have the harvest at just the right time.'

Jeremiah 5:24

'God...gives you rain from heaven and good harvests at the right times. He gives you plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy'

Acts 14:16-17



Top marks at Stockport Grammar School



above: Meredith Ellis, Josephene Napper, Tasmin Ray.

right: Nathan Jones, Jed Holloway, Charlie Saunders.

below: Mohammad Mamoon, Hannah Gardiner, Matthew Hughes, Portia Hunt, Ryan Jude.

The Girls and Boys at Stockport Grammar School have much to celebrate as they collect their A Level results, with a 100% pass rate and over 96% of results awarded at A* to C, with over 82% at A* to B. Thirty pupils have achieved at least three A grades, and eight pupils have at least four As. These excellent results will see them heading for courses at the country's most prestigious institutions.



Headmaster Andrew Chicken said, "I am delighted for our girls and boys, through hard work and with the support of their parents and teachers they have achieved excellent results. They have made an outstanding contribution to wider school life, making them role models for the younger pupils. I am sure that with talent and dedication they will continue to achieve highly as they progress to respected universities. I wish them every success."

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Praise and Play - Celebrating Children!

The end of another year of Praise and Play at St. George's

AS THE SCHOOL SUMMER TERM drew to a close we prepared to say goodbye to some of our children who were moving onto school or nursery. Some have been with us since they were born and it has been a joy to share this special time with them and the adults that come with them!



The Revd Glenys Sellors helped in the last two sessions by giving out Bibles to our leavers as a gift from St. George's. We would like to thank the Mothers' Union for their kind donation enabling us to do this and also to other



people who have made donations this year including the Wednesday morning coffee group and individual supporters. Our leavers were Poppy Furness, Miriam Allerton, Oliver Cartwright, Freddie Dittman, Ruby Holtham, Josiah Mhlanga, Oskar Farrow and Rhiannan Flint. Rhiannan is the last of the Flint family to attend Praise



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and Play and we would particularly like to thank Marie for her help and support over the last 8 + years!

During this year we have been visited by 55 adults and 61 children, including grandparents and new-born babies. Some have moved during the year, some have returned to work, some are "just visiting" and many attend other Churches. We have a core of about 30+ adults and 30 + children who come regularly and enjoy our relaxed Monday morning play and Short Service. This is a truly inter-denominational group and we feel blessed that God is with us as we meet each week.



We have been delighted to have our vicar Elaine on our rota and look forward to involving our curate Chris Moore in our storytelling!



For the final party we enjoyed the regular features of games and singing, with some craft activities on arrival and also following the story. The party food was carefully selected so that none of the under 4 children would be compromised and there were special cakes for

the adults! Needless to say, Corners and Pass the Parcel never fail to bring laughter (and occasional tears) quickly followed by a Hokey Cokey! Great stuff!

We are now busy planning with St Gabriel's Friday Praise and Play group, who carried on into August, to ensure that we are offering the same opportunities for learning about God and having fun whilst working with our different situations and surroundings.

We meet again on Monday 8th September from 9-11am in the Lady Chapel. Any children aged 4 and under are welcome with their parents or carers.



N.B. St George's group operates in term-time only. **DO COME!** Janet Neilson, Pat Wilke, Sue Burt, Morag Ranson and team!

St George's CE Primary School Newsletter. Summer June 2014

Collective Worship Themes

Our Christian Values this half are Humility and Responsibility. We are considering what these mean, using examples from our own lives and stories from the Bible.

Our SEAL themes for this term are 'Relationships' and 'Changes'. Relationships, will sensitively deal with issues that can arise in our relationships with people, such as loss or bereavement, and will encourage children to be proud of others' achievements and their own. 'Changes' will be a useful way of thinking about how to manage our feelings as we near the end of our school year, and move on to new classes or new schools.

As usual, we have crammed in a lot of activity since our last newsletter, events that have been taking place both inside and outside school:

Mathematics Challenge. Four of our Year 5 children took part in a mathematics challenge organised by Stockport Grammar School. There were 20 schools competing, and I'm delighted to announce that our team returned with four splendid bronze medals to celebrate achieving third place overall. Congratulations to Nathaniel Ashley, Ben Baker, Joseph Cartwright and Kyle Johnston for their excellent performances, and to Mrs Rhodes for preparing them so well.

5M's reflection on 'Humility'. Class 5M planned and led a collective worship, in which they reflected on the Christian value of Humility. They performed the story of

the tortoise and the hare, which helped the children present to appreciate the benefits of humility and the dangers of showing off.

Walk like an Egyptian. Children in Year 4 got their Ancient Egyptian theme off to a great start with a fantastic array of Egyptian costumes. My personal favourite was the tiger nut sweets.

Rainforest Explorers. Year 3 began their theme of Rainforests with a day of being brave explorers. They came suitably dressed and had a great day finding out all sorts of fascinating forest facts.

Charities Update. Thank you very much to all parents, carers and family members who have supported our programmes of fund-raising for various charities this year. Here is a breakdown of your contributions:

Friends of the Himalayan	
Children's Care Home:	£460.00
Francis House Hospice:	£145.00
Macmillan Cancer Support:	<u>£515.00</u>
Total	£1120.00

PLUS 96 shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse charity, and countless gifts of food for the Wellspring. Thank you for your outstanding generosity!

PTA. Many thanks go to Claire Kivell and all the members of the PTA for their tireless work in raising funds to support the education of our children at St George's. The plans for our summer fair on 27th June are coming together as I write and we are praying for great weather and a great turnout.

Mr M.V. Quinn. Headteacher



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Sudoku puzzle: easy

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Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)

Pamela Ferguson's BLACKBERRY LIQUEUR

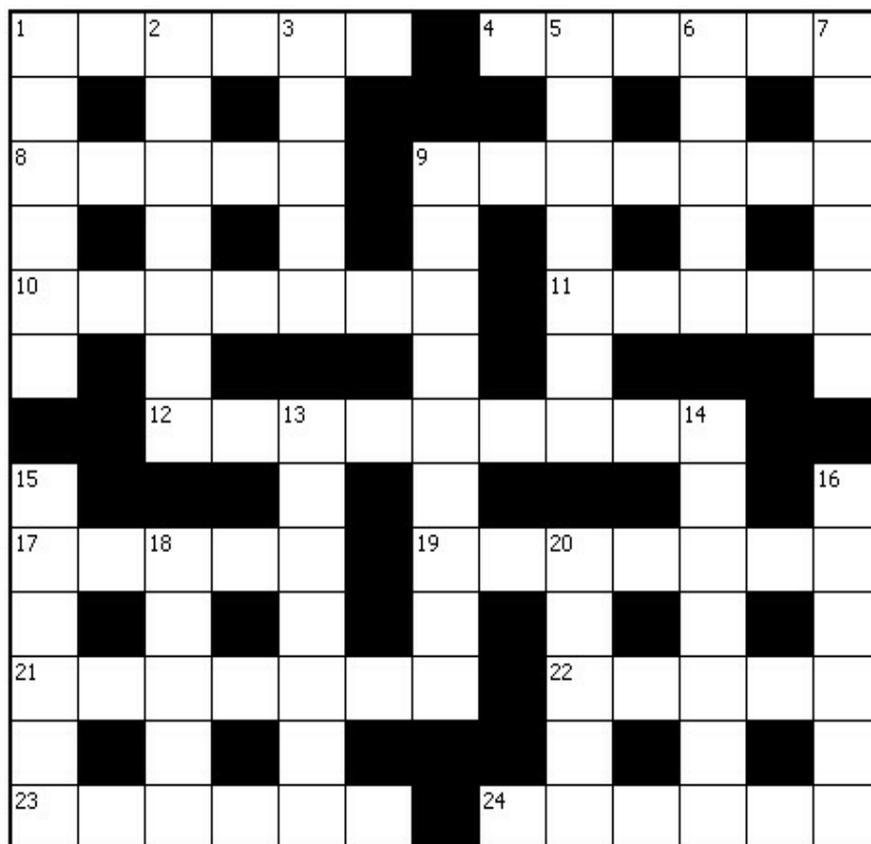
I haven't yet had time to try this recipe as I haven't yet been out blackberrying. However, I intend to and I think the leftover blackberries would be good with ice cream, or perhaps cake.

750ml/1 bottle vodka
450g/1lb blackberries, fresh or frozen
600g/1lb6oz sugar
250ml/10fl oz water

Put sugar and water in a pan, heat slowly until sugar is dissolved, then allow to cool to room temperature.

Pour vodka into a clean glass container. Add sugar syrup and blackberries. Cover with cling film and leave to infuse for at least two weeks. Stir every couple of days but don't squash the fruit. Strain into bottles through fine muslin or a cloth. Keep another two weeks. Makes approx 1 litre.

Crossword



Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained — by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done — — as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the — I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, — Plass (6)

- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 'Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net — ' (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 'There will be weeping and gnashing of — ' (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

Grace Watkinson 2nd June 1940-7th July 2014

Funeral at St George's Church 17th July 2014

Readings Romans 8: 38-39, 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8 and 1 John 4: 7-12

Hymns: Amazing Grace: The Lord's my Shepherd:
Morning has Broken

GRACE WATKINSON was a regular attender at the Wednesday morning service at St George's church, and occasionally at Evensong. Her smiling countenance made it a delight to chat with her, to visit her, to listen and to pray.

Grace was tremendously gifted in many ways and was a good seamstress, making clothes and curtains and doing alterations for family and neighbours. She made her own wedding dress when she and her beloved Alan were married at St George's, almost 50 years ago. Although they both worked at the Coop, Grace in the cheque office and Alan in Accounts, they only met properly on the stairs at Stockport Infirmary, whilst visiting their respective fathers in the hospital. They were engaged two years after they met and were married two years later when Grace was 25. She retired from full time work at 27 to have their family, Elaine, Andrea and Anthony, and became a housewife and mother, a role she enjoyed (apart from a few part time jobs) for the rest of her life.

Grace was pretty competent at most things she tackled – from changing the front door lock with a blunt kitchen knife, to decorating, gardening and redesigning furniture – she hacked the legs off their neighbour's dining room table, converting it into a coffee table, but without the husband's knowledge. It's not recorded what he thought of this!

Despite Grace's many great gifts and abilities, cooking was not one of them. The children knew when dinner was ready because the smoke alarm went off! They never suffered from stomach bugs due to undercooked food – she even managed to burn microwavable food. Quite an achievement.



Grace had a good sense of humour, was rather mischievous but rubbish at keeping secrets. She was also a little imp when it came to Elderberry wine. They had tasted various types at a venue on the Isle of Wight, on one of their holidays, and bought some to bring home. They then found it was sold at a store locally and it was amazing how the contents of the bottle seemed to evaporate whilst in their kitchen. Although not very mobile, Grace had somehow managed to get to the kitchen to have a little drink every night.

There are so many things to remember about Grace – because you are related to her, because you lived near her or because she cared for you and cared about you. She was one of those very humble people, silently strong, who endured such a lot, especially in recent times, without complaining. She would always bravely respond that she was all right, even when it was evident that she wasn't. Grace was totally honest, reliable and trustworthy, polite and kind, and was always smiling. She was very proud of all her family and especially Alan and his achievements. She used to help him as he studied for his professional exams and always attended any awards ceremonies. She was a mother and friend to him – a love story for 55 years.

She had a very strong faith which she often spoke about. She was confirmed aged 17 at Cheadle Heath, where she was born, and then Alan caught up some years later, aged 67, when he was confirmed at St Albans. She knew she was a child of God and I know that she appreciated being given communion when at home or in hospital. She was a confirmed Anglican and saw God in everyone, regardless of denomination or of no faith, and she treated all with equal respect. Whilst in hospital she appreciated all visitors, always offering them a biscuit and thanking them for coming.

Grace knew she was loved by Alan and the family and by so many others. She knew that she was loved by God and that love would never end. She knew that she would be within that love, closer to its source, resting in God's presence, and, whilst she would miss her family, she knew she didn't fear death, because perfect love drives out all fear. God walks with us during these dark and difficult times; He supports us in love through his presence and He is love in all that we do, and all that we continue to do, in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Jean Lupton 1920-2014

Readings: Psalm 121 and 1 Corinthians 13

Hymns: Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him:
The Lord's my shepherd: Thine be the glory

JEAN WAS very much loved, and when her name is mentioned by someone, it is always accompanied by a smile. Her family and friends were everything to her and she made every effort to stay in touch. She liked to be with people, she had so many friends, and loved being a member of the Ladies Luncheon club where she had served as secretary and chairman of the group in the past. She was a regular attender at the Sunday morning service at St George's and was a dedicated member of the Pastoral Visiting team, tracking down the people assigned to her, even when they had been taken to hospital and then on to Care Homes, she never gave up until she had found them and continued to visit them.

Her family were absolutely vital to her. They were all very close and she took great interest in what they were doing. She was much loved by them all and both Andrew and Gail said she was the 'best mother in law you could wish for' which is a great accolade.

Jean was stoical in her limitations as she grew older, but was sharp as a pin right until the end. She was a human ready reckoner, probably due to her work in the bank, and was really annoyed in recent months, to think that the income tax people had got one over on her as she was convinced they owed her between £400 and £500. On another occasion, fairly recently, Jean checked her Utilities bill and found it was not to her liking so she was on the phone to them and managed to get a reduction. Jean was in charge of her own affairs right until the end. She had told the family that they would find everything in order: all the details and documents were filed away neatly.

Jean was a smart cookie in so many respects. She had passionately wanted to do science subjects at school but presumably that's not what young ladies did at Stockport High School for Girls, so she left in the lower sixth and went to join Miss Wilkinson's Secretarial School. As time went on she joined the bank and even ran the little bank in Davenport. It was there that her life would change, when one of the customers came in and

asked if anyone happened to know somewhere her son could go and meet people, as he was home from the army for Christmas. Jean took Arnold Lupton to a dance in December 1944 and, five months later, on 26th May 1945, they were married at St Mary's. It wasn't the most romantic of proposals, Arnold said "If we get married, you can carry on working"! David was born one year later, followed by Isobel.

Jean and Arnold did work together in the textile business and settled in the Stockport area, the town of Jean's birth. Jean loved life and loved people and enjoyed two large family parties on her 80th and 90th birthdays. At these celebrations the family shared their own tributes to her so she was never in any doubt that she was loved and appreciated. More than one of the

stories concerned food – whether it was the Saturday afternoon tradition of the family hitting the shops, which always had to include a cup of tea and cake or a toasted teacake.

There was also grandson Andrew's early traumas about having to eat fish fingers, which he disliked intensely, but appreciated the unusual fare of pigeon, salmon, duck and pheasant at his Oma's! Or there was granddaughter Angela's assurances of a good feed at Grandma's and the sweets and cakes on the way home from school.

Some stories also concerned travel and Jean would travel across the country and the world to be with, and to support, her family. She accompanied John

and Teddy back to Germany, although on one occasion the plane caught fire, nothing to do with Jean, after which John decided he'd travel on his own. But the plane fire paled into insignificance when John described riding in the fast lane with Jean, driving her yellow mini, which was at least 10 feet below any of the trucks they were overtaking!

Jean's beautiful clothes and shoes, her reliance, her intrepid nature, her kindness, her example and her love all characterize Jean and bring so much to the forefront of our memories and we will miss her. Her journey on this earth at least, has ended, but she has left so much to hold on to and to treasure.



A tribute In honour of Mrs Jean Lupton by Audrey Manzano 03-08-14

IN MY TRIBUTE I'd like to share with you a few of my dearest memories of Jean (which I hold deep in my heart) that spring to mind when I think of what Jean meant to me and I'm sure many of you.

Some of you who are old enough may recall a very well loved actress who acted in the black and white films who made me smile and chuckle as a child; of course I would not like to offend anyone (Isobel you know me well enough) so with no disrespect to any of you or your dear mother, this personage is only a caricature of Jean.

This great character was, witty, humorous, jocular, and full of fun, unselfish, clever and a true lady which describes your dear mother, to a "T". Dare I say it?

Well, it's Margaret Rutherford **A quintessential English lady, an upright family matriarch.**

In my opinion this is Jean.

Whenever I visited Jean at home during the last few years, she would make me feel uplifted and happy (something I was supposed to do for her really) Her positive zest for life, her interest in others and the caring thoughtful support she gave to all her friends and family, were a sign of her unrelenting optimism. She always cast a colourful hue on life .She was practical and stoical in adversity. When I visited her in her home, she would share with me, over a cup of tea, her love of the colours of the flowers in her garden, the birds, her love of clothes, necklaces and shoes showing me inside her wardrobe, each item with a story to tell. This love of clothes we had in common.

I remember when I asked for more recruits to form a Welcoming team, both she and Isobel volunteered to be rostered to be on duty together. She was the oldest willing member who engaged in welcoming everyone to the service. These outstanding qualities of loving fellowship she freely offered to us all.

So on reflection when I think of how to describe her it's easy; ---in a nutshell – she was-

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Although when she was gravely ill on the Saturday (I visited her in Stepping Hill Hospital, before she died early on Monday morning,) she fearlessly said that she knew she was going to die soon and hadn't got long to go, reiterating that “she was ready.” Even then she looked on the bright side of life with her cheerfulness and her delicate sense of humour laughing to herself amused by her thoughts She compassionately wondered why a lady in the next bed was crying out and the woman opposite she described as being “a poor little soul” She spoke about your father Arnold and how she fell in love with him at first sight. We reminisced about Matron Dalton my matron when I trained as a student nurse which was yet another link we had in common as our friendship developed. Arnold apparently used to make Marjorie Dalton laugh. Before I departed she even enquired when I was next going away to Spain again.

But her main worry and concern was for her dear daughter –Isobel. So I asked the nurse if it were possible to use a 'phone. So I dialled you on her behalf. During that intimate to soldier on as she so resolutely had done.

What a precious mother and daughter relationship you had and I know that is something you treasure Isobel. Of course not excluding you David you will understand

I asked if she had a favourite psalm to which she replied “I lift up mine eyes to the hills” As I read it to her we made eye contact throughout; what beautiful blue eyes; what depth I saw in them **A taste of heaven.**

She said that was lovely thank you. And thank you for coming I know you are so busy. Always putting others before herself. Jean was **the epitome of a loving Christian Lady.** Thank you.

Millions of us rely on church community support

10 MILLION ADULTS a year in England use community services from their local churches. That is more than half of all who access these services. Recent research by the Church Urban Fund, CUF, has found that these community services range from food banks, luncheon clubs and night shelters along with relationship courses, financial advice and even access to computers and the internet.

That's excluding the millions of us reached by regular and other church services such as baptisms,

weddings and funerals. In a foreword to the recent Theos/Church Urban Fund report *Good Neighbours: How Churches Help Communities Flourish*, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby said: "This report demonstrates the scale and nature of that love for neighbour in practical action. It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that the Church is part of the solution for building community blessing at every level."

The Rev Paul Hackwood, Executive Chair of CUF, said: "I am delighted that this report shows that churches are providing such a huge and significant part of the answer."

Help is needed to clean up our dirty beaches

In an article in the Stockport Times, Thursday, August 14th 2014, by Sean Wood, he writes:

THE MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY claims that our seashores were litter-free just a few generations ago, whereas these days there is all manner of detritus, including crisp packets, plastic bottles, cigarette stubs, fishing line, cotton bud sticks, condoms, nappies and tonnes of plastic and polystyrene.

Most of the rubbish is recyclable and, in an attempt to highlight the issue and do something about the problem, the MCS is looking for volunteers for **The Great British Beach Clean** from **September 19th to 22nd**. In a similar clean-up campaign last year, an average 2,309 pieces of litter were picked per kilometre cleaned. The aim is to litter-pick 400 beaches in four days and to carry out a litter survey which will give valuable data to help reduce litter in the future. During several beach cleans along the north Kent coast, a large number of plastic syringes were found. Once the make of the syringe was identified, so was the company in London which was being paid to incinerate them. It had been dumping them in the Thames.

Much of the litter found on our beaches is carelessly dropped, but with wind and tides it can soon be carried out to sea, where, inevitably, it will meet rubbish coming ashore from elsewhere. Marine litter affects more than 260 of our marine species – either because they accidentally eat floating rubbish, or they get trapped and injured by it. A sperm whale was recently found with more than 200Kg of litter in its stomach, including fishing nets, plastic bags and even a plastic comb.

To become a Beachwatch volunteer or for more information, visit beachwatch@mcsuk.org or call 01989 566017

House Groupsand more!

Please be in touch with any one of the ministry team if you would like to be a part of a house group beginning in September. The group will meet on a midweek evening, once a week for 6 weeks, and we will begin by looking at Paul's letter to the Galatians.

All are warmly invited and you are just as welcome to come along and listen as you are to read or take part in discussions. A willingness to drink tea/coffee and to eat biscuits occasionally are the only necessary qualifications.

Looking further ahead, to the beginning of next year, we will also be starting a discipleship course which will run from January until just before Easter. That course is at planning stage and further details will be available soon.

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Our wedding and honeymoon

THE MUCH ANTICIPATED day came and went in all but a blur... As the bride, I had no time to be nervous. The only point I felt the need to crawl back under the duvet to hide was when a large beehive monstrously representing my head was revealed to me- as my wedding hair! This was the only moment a small hint of a 'bridezilla' emerged – but was quickly remedied, much to my relief (and everyone else's.)

I have to admit, I was still getting dressed at 12.40pm (but was still ten minutes early!) Any nerves both Luke and I had, dissipated during Elaine's wonderful service – all went without a hitch, except for me offering Luke the wrong hand for my ring... a great start! At least it gave another pleasant chuckle for the congregation present.



For our honeymoon, we chose Rome as the destination. Both Luke and I have a keen interest in history and not to mention food and wine.

We love to immerse ourselves in our surroundings when we leave our home comforts, so needless to say the first stop off the plane was to the train. Once we had arrived at Roma Termini, it almost seemed natural to take the Metro across the city to Lepanto station. When initially planning our trip, this route to the hotel seemed straight forward; however upon exiting the underground onto the busy streets of Rome, the rat race had truly begun. What on a map was a 15 minute walk to our hotel, it eventually led to a near 2 hour frantic search. Not only had we been walking in the wrong direction, but asking for directions was also a daunting task, as we had left the phrase book packed away in our luggage! Needless to say, the bottle of complimentary Prosecco on ice awaiting us in our room was welcomed with sheer delight.

Our first stop of the sights was the Vatican, which I totally underestimated. We spent an entire day there taking in the wondrous architecture and the various art collections of Popes past and present. It seemed not one inch of it was in any way plain... everything had decoration and intricacy, whether it was a piece of art, mosaic or sculpture.

The top of St. Peter's basilica was absolutely worth the 551 step climb to the summit, even though I was concerned that one of us would 'drop' before reaching the top. We began to feel the €3 additional fare for the lift was not so unreasonable when we were half way!

The panoramic view (and cool breeze) was our reward for reaching the top – and what a view! Rome is a beautiful city from the ground, but from above, its beauty is even more compelling... When we had come back down to earth (quite literally), we



had the honour of stepping inside the basilica itself. All you can seem to do is look upward to the ascending archways, beautiful statues and awe inspiring stained glass windows. We also went underground to view the tomb of Saint Peter and the resting place of pontiffs that succeeded him. Needless to say, our entire day at the Vatican was a truly humbling experience.

One cannot visit the City of Seven Hills and not visit the Colosseum, which was the next stop on our trip. Adjacent to the ancient amphitheater is the most ancient part of the city – Palatine Hill. The Palatine was truly a wonder to behold, from the forum, to the ancient palaces, to the Arch of Titus, it was truly awe inspiring to imagine what this scene would have looked at in the height of its glory.

Rome is truly a wonder for all senses, not only was it an opportunity for us both to visit a city which has stimulated our imaginations since we first learned about the Roman Empire as children, but now as adults, it allowed us to explore the true magic of the city and Rome truly surpassed every expectation we had. I would truly recommend all who read this to visit at least once if you haven't already. It truly is breathtaking.

We both hope to return to Rome next year for our anniversary, just to relive the magic we experienced from the moment we arrived. Let's hope next time, the Trevi fountain won't be being restored, so a coin toss will ensure our return.

Beth and Luke Torkington

Sporting reflections

2014 HAS SEEN a huge summer of sport, with probably the most overuse of the word, 'rollercoaster', ever known! (Someone once told me, when describing her determined but decidedly amateur attempts at diving, that she had been on a rollercoaster – no wonder she did not win the competition!) I have just heard of Jo Pavey's triumph in the 10,000 metres at the European Championships; now **there** is someone who knows about life on an emotional rollercoaster, with injuries and illnesses interspersed with achievements until, aged 40, she reaches the pinnacle of her athletic career!

In French, a person described as sportif/ve needs only to enjoy watching sport, so many of our generation can happily accept the label - and there has been so much to watch this year! My husband, David, who would not normally claim to be a sportif, nonetheless watched most of the Football World Cup. Many of his comments and remonstrations would, I am sure, have been as surprising to football pundits as to St. George's PCC! His drift – and mine, I admit – was clear: Can they really call this the beautiful game? TV technology is now so advanced that every foul, from diving to biting, can be picked up by a camera and relayed in both real-time and slow-motion around the entire world – and yet the fouls continue.

The most beautiful sporting achievements this year, I would contend, came from gymnastics. If patriotism can ever be linked to purity, it was pure joy to watch our gymnasts, male and female, performing in Glasgow and finding such success. Movements on floor, pommel horse, rings, uneven bars and parallel bars were breathtaking in their power and elegance. But aren't the men lucky that they do not have to use the dreaded 4-inch wide beam? Can anyone witness the girls' efforts with equanimity? Watching as someone teeters to avoid falling off is anything but pleasant, and I feel like a child wanting to hide behind the sofa when 'Dr Who' is on the telly.

The most fascinating sport-watching this year for David and me has been attending sports day at the schools of our granddaughters, aged 4 and 5. In each case, the occasion concerned only Reception and Class 1 children. It was very different from anything we or our own children had experienced – blissfully so! The children participated in groups, and were involved in a great variety of physical skills, throwing balloon javelins, aiming bean bags at targets, guiding a ball round objects with a plastic hockey stick, jumping along on a 'space hopper' and kicking a football through a goal guarded by an older child. Some activities were familiar: three-legged, sack and egg-and-spoon races all featured. There was little or no difference between the skills of boys and girls, with the one exception of the football game, where it was clear that the boys had been extensively coached, kicking well and extremely hard! The girls, with few exceptions, made poor contact with the ball – or none at all!

Traditional running races provided another surprise, as I remembered two generations of young children who would set off eagerly, only to turn around close to the finishing tape to wait for their best friend, with whom they would then cross the line in an affectionate embrace. No such thing! These children understood very well the concept of racing, galloping eagerly for the line and raising their arms in celebration. It soon struck me – it is television that has made the difference: these children, unlike ours, understand what a race is because they have seen it happen on TV.

Most heart-warming of all was the behaviour of children who jumped the gun (or rather, the whistle). Having given themselves a significant advantage through the false start, they would suddenly turn, look abashed, and lose any ground they had won. If only, I thought, professional footballers had the same attitude, football might indeed be a beautiful game!

Angela Foulkes

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Recent baptisms



Isaac and Jude Phillips (twins) and the first babies baptised in our new font on 20th July during the morning communion service.



Freddie David Hancock aged 5 who was baptised on 2nd August at St George's. Freddie helped with the service.



Samantha Watson, next to Elaine, was baptised on the 27th July. Samantha's mother is next to curate Chris with a neighbour and friend in the centre.

St George's is grateful to all those who generously contributed to the cost of the new font.



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT MUSIC LIST – SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday 7th September – Trinity 12			
10:15am - St George's Service		6:30pm – Evensong	
Setting:	Greening	Hymns:	626 – Ye holy angels bright 615 – What shall I do my God to love 424 – Fill thou my life 19 – Round me falls the night
Hymns:	334 – Awake, awake, fling off the night Let there be love shared among us 411 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind 444 – God is working his purpose out	Canticles:	Mag: 50 Nunc: 65 Psalm: 108
Anthem:	Cantate Domino - Pitoni	Anthem:	Lead me Lord - Wesley

Sunday 14th September – Holy Cross			
10:15am - St George's Service		6:30pm – Evensong	
All-Age Holy Communion		Hymns:	627 – Ye servants of God (Paderborn) 212 – Captains of the saintly band 543 – O praise ye the Lord 10 – Abide with me
		Canticles:	Mag: 48 Nunc: 64 Psalm: 150
		Anthem:	O Saviour of the world - Goss
Sunday 14th September, 2:30pm – Battle of Britain Service.			

Sunday 21st September – St Matthew			
10:15am - St George's Service		6:30pm – Service in the Taizé Style	
Setting:	Greening	Service in the Taizé Style	
Hymns:	470 – I the Lord of sea and sky SP151 – Christ is the one who calls 622 – Will you come and follow me 612 – We have a gospel to proclaim		
Anthem:	Be thou my vision - Chilcott		

Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15			
10:15am - St George's Service with Baptism		6:30pm – Choral Evensong	
Setting:	Greening	Hymns:	325 – The Church of God a kingdom is 471 – I to the hills will lift mine eyes 131 – Blest by the sun, the olive tree (i) 22 – The day thou gavest
Hymns:	166 – Crown him with many crowns SP36 – The God of compassion 34 – On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry 455 – Guide me O thou great Redeemer	Canticles:	Harwood in A flat Psalm: 124
Anthem:	Call to Remembrance – Farrant	Anthem:	Go forth into the world in peace - Rutter

Sunday Clubs' Festival

ST GEORGE'S SUNDAY CLUBS recently organised the annual Children's Festival. This year saw us adapting a picture book, *Hermie the Common Caterpillar*, by Max Lucado. The children had been practising in Sunday Club sessions and identified with some of Hermie's feelings of wishing he was like the other characters who all seem to have special qualities. Hermie learns to be happy with the way he is and to trust God's plan for him. Children from the choir were able to join in with the acting and everyone enjoyed the costumes and props. There was a gasp from the congregation when the ant really did walk in carrying 'a pine cone that was bigger than he was'!



There was some great music; Praise and Play led a song which got everyone moving and the service ending with a version of Praise Him which was signed as well as sung. The Children in Sunday Club had been learning the signs so that they could show us how it was done, but it was great to see that everyone in the congregation was joining in. The Singing Group's performance of the Rutter version of *All Things Bright and Beautiful* truly was beautiful and the junior hand bells group demonstrated how well they are now doing with a polished performance of *Magnificat*.

The Sunday Clubs children read out the prayers that they had written after discussing Hermie's story. After the service they finished making some bookmarks inspired by the insect characters and the prayer response – there are



quite a few of these left at the back of church, please take one for yourself or someone who would like one.

The day continued with several of our families meeting up at Norton Priory near Runcorn. We enjoyed a picnic in the grounds and followed some of the sculpture trail; the replica medieval bell was great fun. The priory ruins were interesting especially from the viewing platform where the different layouts through the centuries could be seen clearly. The highlight of the museum is the giant statue of St Christopher with the Christ child, we felt we could easily have another trip and take more time to have a look around. There was a Victorian Fair in the walled garden where the children and parents enjoyed taking part in the falconry display.

Quotes from the children:

Sarah "I enjoyed going to Norton Priory with my church friends. I especially liked the Victorian fun day, where I made a bee muffin and we got to see different birds."

Emily "I loved being a ladybird"

Lilla "We had a great day, it's hard to decide which was better, the children's service or the outing"



Morgan "The picnic was good"

Daniel "The best part of the Sunday Clubs Festival was the trip to Norton Priory"

Austin "My favourite bit was when the Harris Hawk landed on my hand"

Louise Clark

Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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

Crossword solution

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

Recipe: Blackberry and apple cobbler

700g/ 1½lbs cooking apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

25g/ 1oz butter, melted

4 tablesp sugar

1 tablesp orange/apple juice

225g/ 8oz blackberries

Cobbler

225g/ 8oz self raising flour

¼ teasp cinnamon

pinch salt

100g/ 4oz cool butter, diced

50g/ 2oz sugar

5 teasp semi-skimmed milk

1 egg, beaten

1 tablesp semi-skimmed milk

1 tablesp Demerara sugar

Mix together apples, butter, sugar and juice. Put half in a large dish, add a layer of blackberries and cover with the remaining apple mixture.

For the cobbler, mix flour, cinnamon and salt and rub in butter, then add sugar (or use a processor). Add 5 teasp milk to the egg and mix with dry ingredients. Stir together with round bladed knife, or large fork. Knead lightly until smooth. Roll dough out 1cm/ ½" thick. Cut into about 12 rounds, approx 4cm/ 1½" diam. Arrange on top of fruit, overlapping as necessary. Brush top with 1 tablespoon milk and sprinkle with Demerara. Bake at 200C/400F/Gas 6 for 10 mins. Lower heat to 180C/375F/Gas 4 and continue cooking for approx 20 mins, or until top is cooked and golden and fruit is tender.

Serve hot or cold with thick cream or custard.

Serves 4-6.

Pamela Ferguson

Can you help?

Volunteers wanted to share in our new community project

Cameo

(Come and meet each other)

In October we shall be opening the first stage of **Cameo**

Where? At **St Gabriel's Adswold** – on the corner of Clover Ave near the traffic lights.

When? every Thursday morning 10am -12 noon

Who is it for? Everyone of all ages, Wheelchair-users welcome

What for? An open space to sit, talk, and meet friends, drink tea, enjoy some food, (toast and teacakes for a small charge) and there will be tables with 'new to you' baby clothes, adult clothes, bric a brac and books to borrow or buy.

Who else will be there? The clergy from St George's and St Gabriel's will be available.

What else? Baptisms (Christenings) can be arranged as can weddings.

In January next, **Cameo** will be also opening on Saturday mornings for single parents and their children to meet, and relax. There will be toys and games and refreshments available.

Please have a word with the clergy if you feel you can help in this exciting adventure

When Adam met Eve

The topic for my class was palindromes, which are of course words or sentences that are the same read forward and backward. I asked the question 'What is the first thing Adam said to Eve?' I was expecting 'Madam, I'm Adam', but one student had a better reply: "Wow."

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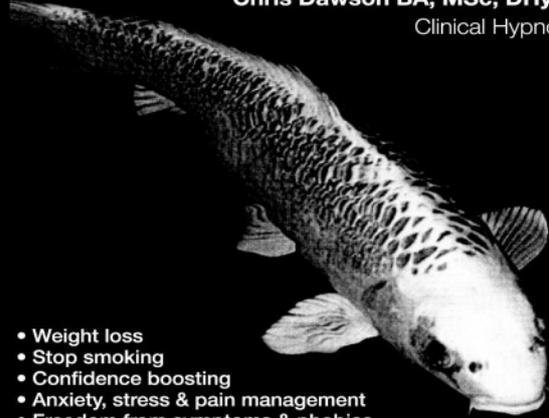
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