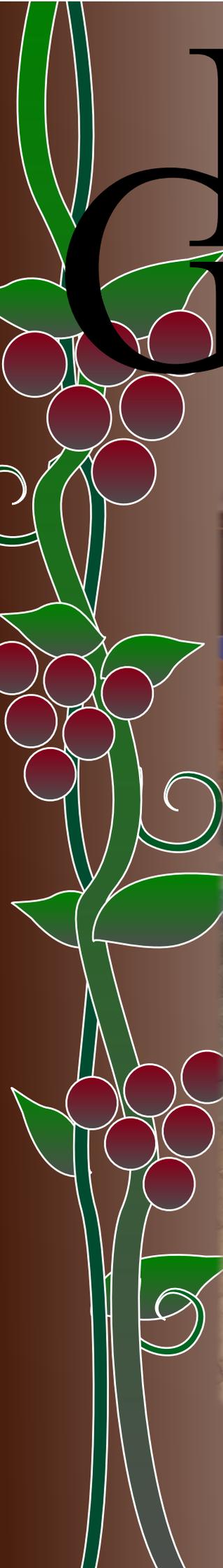


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news, views, events  
and services at  
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SK2 6NU,  
and St Gabriel's, Adswold  
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# Parish Grapevine



## 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>Pastoral Worker</b>	Audrey Manzano 494 7054	<b>Uniformed Groups with connections to St George's</b>		<b>Church Gardeners</b>	Walter Stead 430 2449 Meet on Tuesdays 9.30-12.30.
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<b>PCC Secretary</b>	Andrea Webb Reilly 07400 883938	<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>Cursillo</b>	Usually meet on last Wednesday of the month. 7.30pm at different venues.
<b>PCC Treasurer</b>	Steven Kelly 439 9458	<b>Guides</b>	Heather Worth 07894 507 466 For girls aged 10-14. Meet Thursdays 7.30-9pm in the Parish Room.	<b>Handbells</b>	Debbie Heaton 07981 331 758 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>Parish Office</b>	Marion McCall 480 2453	<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>Linen Guild</b>	Pat Rigley 487 1999 Maintain the church's linen.
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<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk">www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk</a>	<b>Other Groups and Activities</b>		<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.
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		Louise Clark 483 3703 For children of nursery and school age. Meet during the 10.15am Parish Communion service most weeks during term time.			
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		James Hibbert 07365 519207 Practise 6.30-7.30 on Thursdays in the vestry; sing on Sundays for 10.15am service.			

### Front cover photo

Advent wreath and candles  
at St George's

Advent Sunday is on  
29th November

(photo by Andrew Regan)

### Services and events in November:

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## From the Editor:

Dear Readers,

I STARTED THE last edition of "Grapevine" with a quotation from *Hamlet*. I'm very tempted to begin this November editorial with 'To pack or not to pack'! Yesterday, the new lockdown regulations were announced and we were clear to travel down to Exmoor for a very much anticipated holiday. This morning, the situation seems to be somewhat less clear! Are we going to be locked down in Greater Manchester, and, if so, is travel outside the area banned? The hotels seem to want us, but will they – or we – or both – be fined if we do travel? I quite like the idea of being made to quarantine on Exmoor – good walking, lots of books, clotted cream – but who knows?

But, as Elaine's sermon reminded us last Sunday, being locked out of a normal, comfortable life is much worse than being locked in. Homelessness and what must seem a complete lack of hope, is hard to imagine, but must be devastating to experience. I've been reading again the beautiful story of Ruth; I always forget at what an early stage in the Old Testament it comes, and how it has so many of the ingredients that we enjoy in a contemporary page-turner. It starts with sadness, loss and grief, then continues with suspense. What will happen to Naomi when she returns to Judah? Will Ruth join her sister-in-law in staying in her own, familiar, country? The relationship between the three women is convincingly and poignantly drawn, and Ruth's affirmation to Naomi as simple and powerful as any statement could be:

'Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.'

I think that Shakespeare would have been very proud of penning those lines from the anonymous writer of *Ruth*! When Naomi and Ruth do arrive in Bethlehem, of course, the plot thickens, with the coincidence that the fields where Ruth goes to glean happen to belong to one Boaz, a relative of Naomi's husband! The budding romance

between Ruth and Boaz is both tender and humorous, carefully helped along by Naomi's wisdom, and set among the fascinating details of harvesting the wheat and barley. The generous and considerate ways in which Boaz helps and protects the young woman from a different country and culture is added to by the writer, with humorous and very practical detail, such as Ruth being advised to take a bath, and put perfume and her nicest dress on before lying down at Boaz's feet! Naomi adds that Ruth shouldn't let Boaz see her until after he has had a good dinner! The author's dry understatement, 'He was surprised to find a woman lying at his feet!', is a delightful touch, as is Naomi's understanding of the situation. She tells Ruth, "Just be patient, my daughter ... The man won't rest until he has settled things today."

More suspense: will the other 'man', the second 'family redeemer' take up the offer of marrying Ruth? This is followed by the delight of a happy ending when he doesn't, and Ruth and Boaz get married. The story ends with the delightful picture of Naomi cuddling the resulting baby to her breast – 'And she cared for him as if he were her own.' The baby boy, Obed, will become the grandfather of King David, as the account tells us. We also know, from Matthew's Gospel, that from this family lineage would come Joseph, 'the husband of Mary', who gave birth to Jesus, 'who is called the Messiah.'

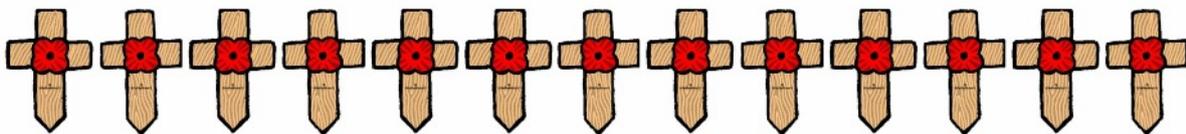
What a great story! Naomi and Ruth, outsiders, and 'locked out' of conventional society by the death of their menfolk; thanks to the kindness of Boaz, and the grace and provision of God, they find new hope, happiness and a future that at one time must have seemed impossible.

It is wonderful to know that, however gloomy our situation seems, God ultimately is in control of the story! As the well-known Irish blessing puts it, God holds us all 'in the palm of his hand.'

God bless!

Richard Parr.

Editor.



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## Janine writes:

A month ago, I received a telephone call asking me to complete a telephone survey. I don't usually agree to such things but this survey was on behalf of the university where I trained for ordination and was exploring graduate career paths. Feeling a sense of loyalty and with a rare moment of free time (that post-lunch lull) I agreed to take part.

The first questions were fairly straight forward: *"What degree did you take?"* and *"Why did you choose that degree?"* The questions progressed to *"What is your job title?"* and *"Who is your employer?"* Again, fairly straight forward.

And then the question that stopped me in my tracks, *"Can you describe your job in one sentence?"* My first thought was *"Errrr ... no I can't."* My mind began to race and I mumbled some answer about weddings, baptisms and funerals. I was acutely aware that the person on the end of the phone was probably working through a flow chart based on work-related tasks and there was no provision for a more abstract answer.

And then the next question, *"Can you describe the purpose of your employer in one sentence?"* My first thought was *"Who is my employer? Is it God or the Church of England?"* I'm thinking for the purpose of this survey it is the Church of England. So, can I describe the purpose of the Church of England in one sentence? NO! I'm not sure I could describe the purpose of the Church of England in a whole thesis let alone one sentence!

This timely survey got me thinking as I prepared to be ordained priest early this month. What is my rôle? What is the rôle of the Church? Of course, these are not new questions. Anyone who has explored any form of ministry within the Church will have pondered these questions repeatedly and will have come to the same conclusion: there is no one definitive answer.

The night before our ordination as priests, 21 of us gathered in the cathedral for night prayer. As I looked around my cohort, I saw deacons called to minister in many different roles and contexts: chaplaincy, Fresh Expressions of Church, cathedrals; ministry with children or the elderly, inner city or rural areas. All 21 with the same calling but a calling that is and will be expressed in many different ways.

So, what is our 'job'? What is the role of the Church of England?

I was drawn back to a conversation I had with a priest at a New Wine Summer Conference a few years ago. I was just beginning to explore ordained ministry and was overwhelmed with the range of churchmanship in the Church of England. Having spent some time discussing styles and types of ministry, this priest gave me the best advice I have ever received. He said simply *"Just preach the Gospel."*

And that is what we are all called to do, and that is what the Church is called to do. We can get ourselves tied up in knots about licensed v lay ministry; different colours of stoles; bells and smells; and BCP v Common Worship. But what matters is that, whoever we are and however we are called to minister, we are all called to preach the Gospel. That is our calling and it is the calling of the Church – summed up in one sentence.

Blessings, Janine

## Thank you from Janine

Thank you to everyone who organised and attended my priesting and first Holy Communion service on Sunday 4th October. What a wonderful day and what a blessing you all are!

I can't thank you enough for all your support and prayers over the last year and especially over these last few months. Considering the restrictions on us, this was an amazing service – thank you!

*Rev Janine*

## Parish News Roundup

### Holy Baptism

28th Oct Aisa Alipour

### Holy Matrimony

30th Oct Lee Kan Hai and Claudia Spencer

### Funerals

8th Oct Derek John André Cooper

13th Oct Charles Booth

See also page 14 for details of the funeral of Irene Hinde at St Matthew's Edgeley.

### Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

#### Main Altar:

4th Oct from David Gittings, for Margaret

11th Oct from the Stead family, in memory of Leslie and Lucy Williams

25th Oct from Kathleen Heaward, in loving memory of George Heaward

## Parish News Roundup

### Thank you

I would like to thank the people of St George's Church for their prayers, enquiries, thoughts and love over this year while I have had major orthopaedic surgery. I am happy to report that it has all gone well and it is now over to the physiotherapists and myself to get my ankle back to a usable joint.

Thank you. Margaret Parr.

### Message Board

St Ann's Hospice is holding a special Christmas pop-up shop on:

**Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th between 10am and 3pm**

with everything from Christmas cards and wrapping paper, to gifts, decorations and other new and pre-loved items.

## Parish News Roundup

The pop-up shop will be taking place at: St Ann's Hospice Distribution Centre, Bankfield Industrial Estate Unit A1, Coronation Street, Reddish SK5 7SE.

At Wednesday morning's cake sale (October 21st) in aid of **Breast Cancer Now**, Morag Ranson raised **£212**.

### Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

Please contact the vicar  
telephone: 0161 456 9382  
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vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk.

### December 2020/January 2021

#### Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 20th Nov**  
Committee meeting: via email

**STOP PRESS:** following the Government's announcement of increased Covid-19 restrictions, services and events in church are likely to be cancelled during November. We plan to continue to open for private prayer, and to broadcast some services. Please see our website and Facebook pages for announcements.

## Services at St George's in November

### Live streamed services and events

**Mondays to Fridays:** Morning Prayer at 9.30am

**Every Sunday:** Compline at 9pm

**On the first weekend of each month:**

**Friday:** Messy Church Bake Off at 1pm

**Saturday:** Messy Church Craft at 1pm

**Sunday:** Story Time at 5pm

**Sunday 22nd November:** Choral Evensong at 4pm  
(Live streamed only. **Choir and Clergy only**)

### Services in church

#### Wednesdays:

Morning Prayer at 9.30am (also live streamed)

Holy Communion at 10am (Book of Common Prayer)

Private prayer in the chapel 11am to 12 noon

#### Sundays:

Holy Communion at 10.15am (Common Worship, also live streamed)

Private prayer in the chapel 11am to 12 noon

### Special services in November:

#### Remembrance Sunday

**8th November**

The Remembrance Sunday service at St George's will start at the usual Sunday service time of 10.15am. This service will also be live streamed, and the live stream will cover only the service in church, and not the final part outside at the war memorial.

#### Advent Carol Service

**Sunday 29th November at 6.30pm**

**Ordination of Priests**  
**Saturday 3rd October 2020 at Chester Cathedral**



*(Peter Bacon/Diocese of Chester)*

Can you tell who's who?

**St George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form**  
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## Hattie's walk

A LITTLE GIRL is walking 80 miles in memory of a grandfather she never knew.

Hattie Davies wants to raise £1,000 to help cure dementia – the cruel disease that sadly took her grandad's life.

So far the three-year-old from Woolley Bridge, Hadfield, has:

- scrambled across the Snake Pass moors to the wreck of the B-29 USAF Super Fortress
- managed a few miles over more moors to Wormstone and...
- strolled across sandy beaches on a family holiday in Cornwall

(all of them with a big, beaming smile on her face and some with dog Ruby).

Mum Ruth is proud of her daughter and she knows her dad – and Hattie's grandfather Barry – would have been.

At the end of February 2016, Ruth found out she was pregnant – 24 hours later the elation switched to sorrow. Ruth, 33, said: "The doctors told us dementia was bringing dad's life to an end and he would not survive the next two weeks. It did, however, mean that dad and I could share a very special secret. I only told my dad, and that was the last time he responded to me. He looked at me and smiled. I know that dad knew he would be a grandad. Dad died peacefully seven days later, surrounded by love."

Hattie was born eight months later, growing up without getting the chance to meet her grandad, but Ruth made sure she knows all about him. She said: "Hattie is always hearing stories of the ridiculous things he used to get up to and how she would have been the



absolute apple of his eye. "He would have spoilt her with time, energy, love and ice-cream."

Barry would have been 80 this year, so in honour of this milestone birthday, mum and daughter decided to walk 80 miles to raise much needed funds for Alzheimer's Research. They have until October 31 to complete the marathon and they still have Mam Tor, Cock Hill, around Swineshaw, the Longdendale Trail and other trails to go.

When Ruth asked Hattie if she felt this is something she could do, her rapid response was: "Of course I can, for grandad." Mum and daughter are taking on the ARUK Virtual Explorer and Ruth is passionate to help fund groundbreaking research and

#MakeBreakthroughs-Possible. So far the pair have raised £816 of their £1,000 target and walked 35 of the 80 miles. You can donate at:

[justgiving.com/fundraising/hatties-walk-forgrandad](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hatties-walk-forgrandad).



### Update

As of today (Monday 19th October), Hattie has walked 60 miles and raised £1170.

## Harvest – mostly home!

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS in West Somerset in the late forties, as in most towns and villages throughout the country, were quiet times. In most houses, the best meal of the week had been eaten, school-age children had been packed off to Sunday school, and parents were having the only time to themselves that the week allowed.

Apart from Christmas, there were two memorable Sundays for us as children – Mothering Sunday and Harvest Festival. At each, we climbed the hill to St Decuman's with 'offerings to lay upon the altar', as one of our Sunday School teachers put it.



We had had to have a special lesson the Sunday after Mothering Sunday one year after some children had objected, not just strongly but much too directly, to the unfairness of the format of the service, which required that each child bring forward a flower gift, which was placed in a tray. The tray of flowers having been blessed, the posies were handed out so that each child could take one 'home to Mum.' As was said the week after, it is absolutely understandable that taking up a beautifully arranged posy of spring flowers and leaves and then receiving two primroses and a violet tied up with an elastic band may not feel fair, BUT using flowers as weapons to slap people is never acceptable, and will never help any mother to feel valued and appreciated!

Harvest Festival seems always to have been a conflict-free zone! Sneaking an apple from your Harvest offering, as Michael Coupe admitted to doing, was probably common, but caused no problem. That is not, however, to say that there were never any problems – I can vouch for that!

It would have been 1945, I think. Our apple tree had done particularly well that year, and I would be carrying five large, ripe fruit. Dad was, as ever, proud of the tomatoes he grew every year, and added these. It was a handsome display. Mum had several baskets, but none seemed to be the right size, so she had opted for one of her handmade leather bags, the sort with two large squares of tooled leather joined together by thonging, then having leather handles attached. The bag was waiting for me at the front door – Mum and Dad had prepared well for their much-valued Sunday siesta!

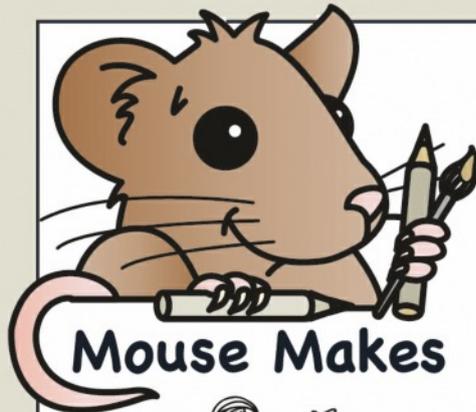


I started off steadily, walking up through the narrow main street, round the bridge and into Church Fields, with its narrow tarmac path running gently up through the meadows to the church. The bag was quite heavy but felt somehow easier as I swung it forward and back in time with my steps. Now I am sure it is a well-known fact that, when swung, objects of different sizes and weights behave somewhat differently and may not stay in their relevant positions, but it is one easily ignored or missed by children. I think I did register the fact that there seemed to be rather fewer tomatoes in the top of the bag.

On the other hand, children are not slow to realise the consequences of their actions. In this case, the first clue came as I settled into my pew and went to lay the bag on the floor: a large drop of liquid landed on the toe of my Sunday-best patent leather shoes! It must have been at that point that I remembered that thonging involves making holes in the leather with a punch. When it was time to take offerings to the altar, the drips landed rhythmically on the tiles every eight to nine inches as I advanced up the aisle, and I noticed some tell-tale tomato seeds in the liquid! There was, of course, nothing to do but pretend I had not noticed. I was, as you can imagine, very glad that these offerings were not 'laid upon the altar' but deposited at its foot!

At the end of the service I queued with everyone else to collect our containers – and could not believe my luck! Some kind soul had wiped the whole bag clean! I have always wished I could have thanked whoever cleaned up Mum's bag for me. It was probably also the moment I realised just how uncomfortable a guilty secret could make one feel!

*Angela Foulkes*



## REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

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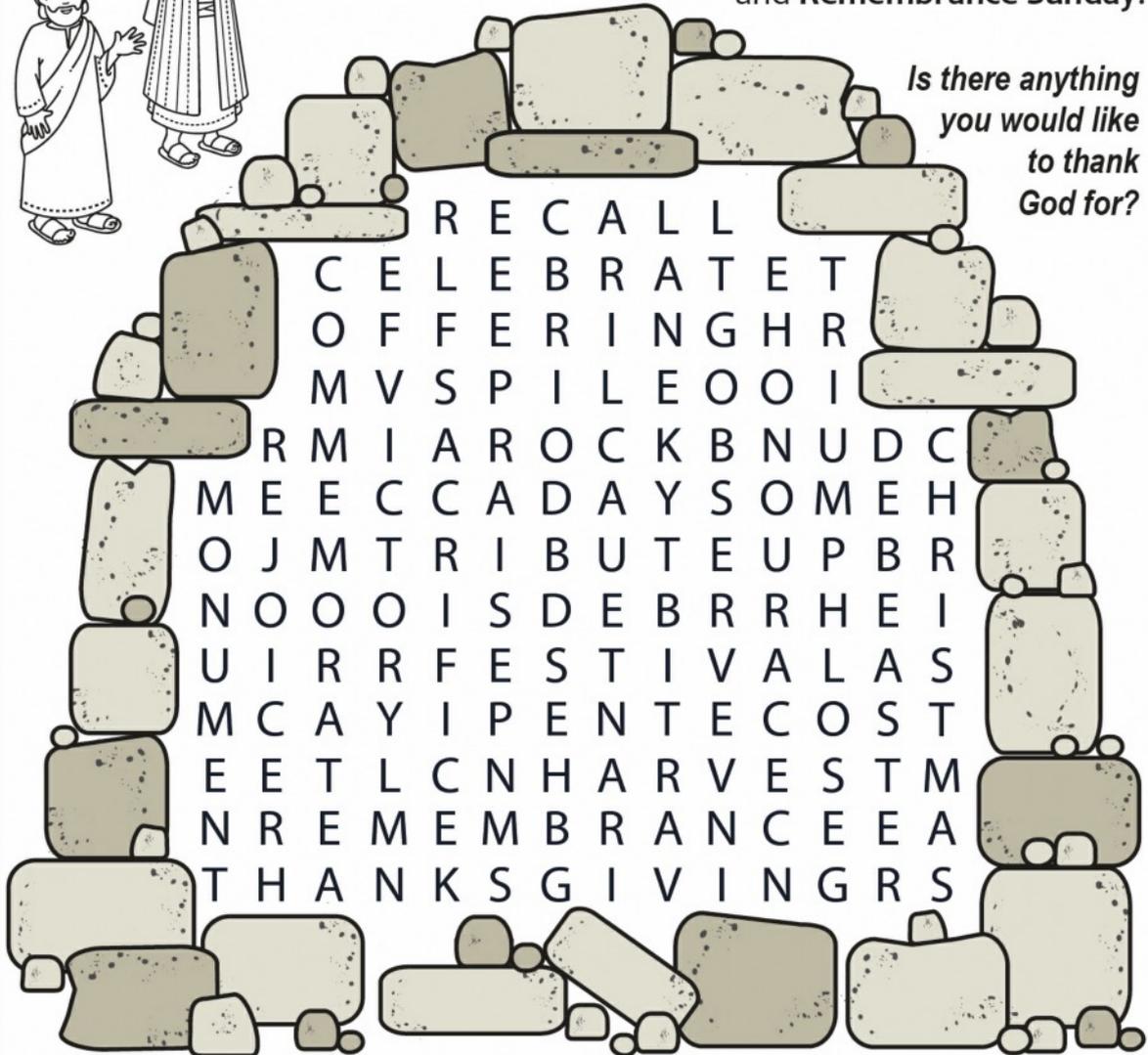


**READ** Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Today we too build monuments to remember and hold services of thanksgiving like **Harvest** and **Remembrance Sunday**.



*Is there anything you would like to thank God for?*



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# News from Stockport Grammar School:

## Inspiring academic ambition

THIS AUTUMN, Stockport Grammar pupils have enjoyed a busy and varied school life with lessons, day trips and sporting activities all taking place while following the new Covid-safe routines.

Senior School pupils are being taught the full curriculum and pupils have been on a number of day trips to extend their learning. Junior School children are also enjoying their normal range of lessons.

Amongst the day trips taken this term, Fourth Year Geography pupils headed to the peaceful surroundings of Edale on a field studies expedition to collect data for their GCSE course.

In Science, experiments in Biology, Chemistry and Physics are being conducted with additional care taken to clean and sanitise equipment.

Sport, music, drama and academic extension clubs are in operation and Saturday mornings see year group bubbles playing practice matches and developing their skills.



Chemistry teacher Mrs Katrina Britton holds popular sessions for Sixth Form students interested in becoming medics, vets and dentists. Last year, 12 of our A-level leavers embarked on degrees in medicine – this is over 10% of the year group.

Sixth Form students have been enjoying newly opened social and study spaces with a stunning glass roof creating a bright and vibrant atmosphere. For the school's youngest nursery-age pupils, the new Pre-Reception building is nearing completion with exciting play spaces for every Junior School age group the next stage in the project.

## Recipe of the month: Apple and Mincemeat Slice

For the dough:

8oz self raising flour

6oz butter

2oz caster sugar

1 large egg

For filling:

1lb cooking apples

Few tablespoons mincemeat

2oz caster sugar

Rub butter into flour until it resembles coarse breadcrumbs, add sugar and then egg and mix to a soft dough. Put in fridge for half an hour.

Peel, core and grate apples.

Grease a square or rectangular shallow tin measuring about 8-9 in. Take half the dough and press into the tin. Spread apples over the dough, sprinkle on the sugar and mincemeat. Roll out the remaining dough to the size of your tin and put on top of the fruit mixture. I usually find this breaks up as it is a soft dough but it can just be fitted together as well as possible. It gives it the homemade look! Bake in preheated moderate oven for about an hour.

Variations: this can be made without the mincemeat, with the addition of some raisins and cinnamon, or with other fruit added such as raspberries.

*Pamela Ferguson*

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## Sudoku puzzle: easy

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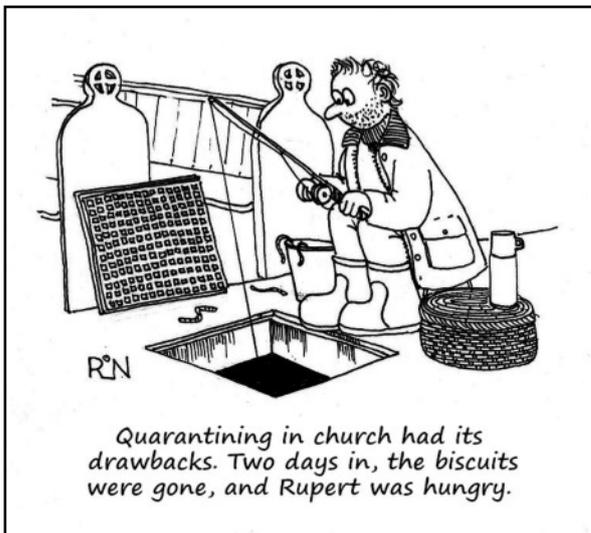
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## Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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	8	4				1		
				2			1	
	5				7			
4		8						3

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)



Quarantining in church had its drawbacks. Two days in, the biscuits were gone, and Rupert was hungry.

## Crossword

1		2		3			4	5		6		7
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17		18				19		20				
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23								24				

### Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)

- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

### Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

# Irene Dorothy Hinde

## 7 June 1933 – 7 September 2020

IRENE'S FUNERAL took place at St Matthew's, Edgeley on Friday, 9th October and was conducted by Revd David Brewster, vicar of St Matthew's. This was followed by a short service at the Rowan Chapel and cremation at Stockport Crematorium.

Following the welcome and introduction, there was the rousing hymn, "Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand has made. *Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee...*" the tune of which probably stayed with the congregation long after the service.

**Memories of Irene** given by Daniel Wiltshire/Laura Robson (great nephew and great niece):

"Aunty Irene, funny, kind, caring, encouraging, and most of all loving. Although our hearts are broken right now we have so many happy memories, where do we begin. The stories of old, how we used to listen in awe of times gone by. Your childhood and the mischief you caused. The many times you would encourage Grandma and Uncle David to carry out your plans.

Sending Grandma scrumpling for apples in the neighbouring orchard. Meanwhile you had set David the task of making the fire to bake the pie. How you all enjoyed the spoils of your efforts.

The hardship of the war years, the beauty queen contests at Golden Sands, baked beans for tea and hand made Christmas presents. All of the time family at the forefront.

We all came along and you were so proud of us all and everything we did and the adventures we went on. All of our time spent with you was filled with joy, excitement, laughter and Love.

Happy times at Hillington Road, the sleepovers we had. Do not venture behind that door, the cellar lurks beneath. Andy thought better and chose to be brave. He took on the challenge to see just what was down those cold concrete steps. Mistake, big mistake!! He had to face the wrath of Aunty Irene!! He was the only one who received a telling off – was it worth it? maybe not – the only treasures he found were enough bottles of juice to share with the whole street.

Walking into the bathroom in the morning to find a set of teeth in a mug. We all remember the first time we found them staring at us. We got our own back, ha ha, and howled with laughter as we asked her to talk without her teeth in.

We have been on so many adventures with you – Manchester's museums and galleries, parks, countryside, holidays and beaches, just about everywhere. Solomon's temple made us all quiver. Whaley Bridge, with raft building and pooh sticks too, affectionately remembered by Harry from the contests you had.

Laura remembers how you could bring history to life with your stories of wartime and how you lived through those hard years.

Johnathan and I fondly remember taking you to our art exhibitions. You had great enthusiasm about everything you saw especially the use of colour. You would give your opinions, sometimes not always positive, trying to interpret what you were seeing. As we look around today we can see Irene's love of colour, a rainbow of colours.

On all of our adventures there was always one thing that we feared... what would be on the sandwiches? Would it be cheese and honey or sardines and jam? But what happy, special times we had. Food, how you loved your food. At Christmas you would happily eat four courses and then seconds and whilst everyone else was full to the brim you always found space for that extra mince pie or cheese. You are the only person we know who could go to a carvery and ask for the small portion but end up with a larger plateful than Andy who had paid for a large portion. Contented with your meal you happily journeyed home fast asleep in the back of the car.

As we grew into adults, your encouragement, listening ear and words of wisdom have helped us all along the way. Never judging, just giving us your unconditional love and support.

Then along came Bobby - your Great, Great Nephew and the same love was showered on him too - but not the sandwich fillings!

We are sure all of these stories resonate with everyone here today. We could keep talking for hours about our adventures and the mischief we all got up to with Irene. These stories will live long in our hearts and minds and will continue to be talked about for many years to come.

Just one more thing, and I hope you can all feel it right now, the biggest hug and squeeze from Heaven above. See you later, night night Aunty Irene, we love you. God Bless."



**David Brewster** gave the address, saying:

“Joy and happiness are two words that a lot of people would associate with Irene – and, maybe, wisdom, and a great sense of mischief!

Irene always had a smile, always friendly, always accepting of people – she never judged. She was always there to talk things through – the joys and the sorrows – she was the listening ear, the brightest light, a huge comfort and she was good with her advice. Whenever she saw you, she was pleased to see you. You were the most important person to her at that moment – following even the shortest of conversations she would say: *‘Oh you’ve made my day!’*

She was always out and about, either riding her bicycle, until she was told to stop following a hip operation, not that many years ago – or on holiday – was it 10 different trips planned before Christmas? They provided her with many happy memories, especially the trip to Iona with her sister, Margaret, a very special place for them both.

Irene was a lady of great and deep faith. For Irene, it wasn’t just church. Her faith, like her smile, shone out of every part of her life. I don’t know how better to put this – if you were to need a poster girl for Cursillo, Irene would be her. Cursillo is ‘a movement of the church, providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through **prayer, study and action** and enabled to share **God’s love with everyone.**’ That was Irene – and I know that Irene encouraged many people to experience Cursillo and that they found it changed their faith.

Irene’s life was one of worship, and a way in which she expressed it was through flower arranging. Once, when she had finished her arranging, she found herself locked in

church. It didn’t faze her – even though there wasn’t a telephone, there was a loo, a kettle and plenty of coffee. Her ingenious way of attracting attention was to start tolling the bell, until help arrived! Irene was such a lover of life.”

The service ended with a final hymn, “All things bright and beautiful” and a poem, “Miss me, but let me go”.

Prayers of intercession, commendation and committal.

The music on dismissal was “Somewhere over the rainbow” sung by Eva Cassidy.

*Rosie Stead*

### **A Prayer for Irene**

Dear Lord

As we mourn the passing

Of our wonderful friend Irene

We give you thanks for her

Presence in our lives,

Her radiant smile,

Her joy in living her life

in your service,

The love and grace she

shared with all

Are like whispers of love

that will keep her memory

forever in our hearts.

Amen.

*Marion McCall*

## **Irene at Arley Hall Gardens**

IRENE is pictured here during a recent visit to Arley Hall Gardens with Kim Regan in August this year. Irene was enraptured by the gardens, particularly since she had never been there before. Irene loved the natural world and had a particular fondness for flowers and garden plants. She had been at one time a flower arranger at St Matthew’s Church. We enjoyed a lovely day out together. I will miss her enormously.

*Kim Regan*



## Recent Baptism: Aisa Alipour



(Photo: Hazel Jenkins)

AISA ALIPOUR was baptised during the Wednesday morning service of Holy Communion on 28th October, and is seen here with her parents Atousa and Pourya, her godparents Elmira, Macauley and Natalie, and Elaine (who was also a godparent!)

### Baptisms at St George's

A BAPTISM is a joyful time. A gathering of family and friends, meeting together to celebrate and to support. Whilst we have had to work under the specific guidance of the government and Church of England, we have been able to do baptisms for a few months now. They are different but they are still the joyful and important markers on a journey of faith. Should you wish your child to be baptised then just be in touch ([vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk)).

If you, as an adult have been thinking about baptism, just let me know. It's never too late – I baptised one lady who was days off her 90th birthday! For specific guidance about baptisms in the current coronavirus situation, check out <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

*Elaine*

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## Garden Gnomes

NOVEMBER IS HERE already, bringing with it wind and rain to blow all the leaves from the trees and probably the first frosts of the year. Last year a lot of the pelargoniums commonly called geraniums survived through to spring and have continued to flower all summer. I wonder if we will be as lucky next year. What can we expect from the weather this month? There is always a chance of frost now which could very well bring an end to the summer displays in the garden. The days are getting shorter now and temperatures are noticeably colder too. We have already experienced some wild weather in October with strong winds and lots of rain. With all the wet weather the leaves are falling faster than we can clear them, but it is important to keep clearing them as they fall, because they create a slip hazard. However, the fallen leaves are not all bad as we put them in the compost bin to create lovely mulch which can be put on the beds next year.

You all have been very generous in donating spring bulbs after our appeal and while a lot of these will have been planted in October the remaining ones will be planted this month so that their roots are established before the really cold weather sets in. Around the church garden most other plants are dormant at this time of year and require very little attention. The dahlias in the front garden near the A6 entrance performed poorly this year. This may have been due to the combination of dry and hot weather in spring. Due to the lockdown we were unable to water them and the tree at the entrance shades this bed so they do not get much rain.

However at this time of year we will be giving the tubers a good mulch as we do not have the facility to store them over winter, and hope for a better performance next year.

Away from the church garden we did manage to get away for a short break in early September for a week in Cornwall. This gave us the opportunity of visiting the Eden



Project and Trebah Gardens south of Truro. We planned to visit the Eden Project on the one day when the weather forecast was for rain and thought at least we would be dry in one of the two biomes. The Eden Project was first opened in 2001 but work started in the bottom of the clay pit several years before. We had to get timed tickets but once inside we had excellent views of the two biomes as we took the meandering path through the planted landscape towards the tropical biome. This houses the tropical plants such as bananas, coffee, rubber and bamboo together with fantastic flowering plants, many out in bloom. There was lots of information dotted around about the tropics and the use of each plant type. After a meal in a café we then went into the Mediterranean Biome where we could wander among orange and lemon trees, olive groves and the beautiful flowers of the Mediterranean. The Eden Project was a great place to visit and has won numerous awards.

A few days later we went to Trebah Gardens which are



some distance south of Truro and on the coast. The gardens are situated in a steep-sided valley and due to the Covid-19 situation there was a clearly marked one-way system. This magnificent 26-acre Cornish ravine garden features a rich collection of rare and exotic plants, trees and shrubs. The gardens slope from a stately house down to a lovely little private beach. We descended on the west side passing gigantic gunnera and into hydrangea valley next to mallard pool. There is a one-way system operated by traffic lights along the passage



which leads from the gardens to the peaceful beach. We sat on the beach having our sandwiches, which we followed up with an excellent ice cream. There is a touching memorial to American soldiers who set out for Omaha beach from the gardens in 1944. On the way back up the slope this garden is a woodland wonderland and tropical paradise with a mini bamboo forest. This was a wonderful place to visit and was a lovely surprise.

*Robert Gnome*

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## Messy Church Bake Off: Soul Cakes



ANEURIN AND ELAINE making Soul Cakes for Messy Church Bake Off on Friday 30th October. Aneurin certainly kept it 'Messy' but he enjoyed helping.

You can still watch the video of the Bake Off on demand at St George's Church Facebook page if you would like to have a go!



## When life goes wrong for us

WHERE IS GOD when we are hurting? When we are sick or a loved one is sick, why doesn't God always answer our prayer for healing? If He has not answered us, how do we know that He is even there at all?

The words of Alister McGrath\* are helpful:

"Experience cannot be allowed to have the final word... the theology of the Cross draws our attention to the sheer unreliability of experience as a guide to the presence and activity of God. God is active and present in His world, quite independently of whether we experience Him as being so. Experience declared that God was absent from

Calvary, only to have its verdict humiliatingly overturned on the third day.

"So, where does that leave us? As with the Cross, it may be that our personal darkest hour may be also God's finest moment for us. It may be there that He does His greatest work in and for us, albeit unseen by us at the time. Thus, instead of letting circumstances consume us, we are to be consumed with God. To that end, we should pray without ceasing, trust in His sovereignty, and find comfort in His love and hope."

\* Mystery of the Cross (Zondervan, 1990)

## Christmas Tree Festival 2020

SORRY, BUT HERE I am again writing about our changes to the Christmas Tree Festival. As the restrictions have tightened on Greater Manchester and could become even tighter, we have taken the very reluctant decision that we can't have a festival with people walking round the church. However, in last month's article I talked of plan B, and that is what we are going to do. We have trees entered into the festival and lights lined up waiting for PAT testing, so we're going ahead and celebrating our festival online.

Each tree will be videoed after it has been erected and someone will explain about the group who have set it up, their rationale and the theme behind the tree. Then, hopefully, all those video clips will be stitched together with some backing music of our own choir singing carols and we will be able to post it online. We will provide the facility for anyone who wants to contribute to St George's to do so online as well.

We hope that the trees can be left up for a couple of weeks until their owners want them for their own decorations. That way, anyone coming to a service at St George's will be able to see them all for real along with our own tree, Christmas banners, etc.

So thank you all you cake-makers and raffle-ticket sellers, but what I now need to know is: is there anyone out there with super IT skills that involve merging and combining video files and overlaying music files, etc.? If so, it would be great to hear from you, as none of us profess to have all the answers in that department.



*Hazel Jenkins*

## All Saints' Day – the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,  
And made converse and walk with thee,  
And with thy saints here and above,  
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;  
The several vessels of thy fleet,  
Though parted now, by tempests tost,  
Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,  
Shall be my company above;  
And thou, my best and surest Friend,  
Who shall divide me from thy love?\*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints – a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

*\*(Maurice Frost (ed.), Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.*



## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT MUSIC LIST – NOVEMBER 2020

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints Day &amp; All Soul's tide</b>			
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>		<b>4:00pm – Celebration of Life Service</b>	
<b>Introit:</b>	Cantate Domino – Pitoni	<b>Introit:</b>	Thou knowest, Lord – Purcell
<b>Setting:</b>	Communion Service in F – Darke	<b>Hymns:</b>	537 O God, our help in ages past, 458 Have faith in God, my heart 516 Love divine, all loves excelling
<b>Hymn:</b>	232 For all the saints (Choir only)		
<b>Anthem:</b>	Give us the wings of faith – Bullock	<b>Anthem:</b>	Come to me – Hill

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday</b>			
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>		<b>4:00pm – Service currently suspended</b>	
<b>Setting:</b>	Office for Holy Communion – Merbecke		
<b>Hymn:</b>	The National Anthem (Choir only)		
<b>Anthem:</b>	Greater love hath no man – Ireland		

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – The Second Sunday before Advent</b>			
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>		<b>4:00pm – Service currently suspended</b>	
<b>Introit:</b>	The Call – Lloyd		
<b>Setting:</b>	A Mass for for Worth Abbey – Greening		
<b>Anthem:</b>	Ave verum corpus – Elgar		

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Feast of Christ the King</b>			
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>		<b>4:00pm – Choral Evensong</b>	
<b>Introit:</b>	Hosanna to the Son of David – Halls	<b>Hymns:</b>	546 O worship the king, all glorious above; 14 Glory to thee, my God, this night
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne		
		<b>Responses:</b>	Ferial
		<b>Psalm:</b>	93
		<b>Canticles:</b>	Fauxbourdon Service – Morley
<b>Anthem:</b>	King of all ages – Isom	<b>Anthem:</b>	O sing joyfully – Batten

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Sunday</b>			
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>		<b>6:30pm – The Advent Carol Service</b>	
<b>Introit:</b>	Adam lay y'bounden – Ord	See special Order of Service for details	
<b>Setting:</b>	Missa Stopfordiensis – Mayes		
<b>Anthem:</b>	Sleepers', wake! – Mendelssohn		

## Why should you bother to pray?

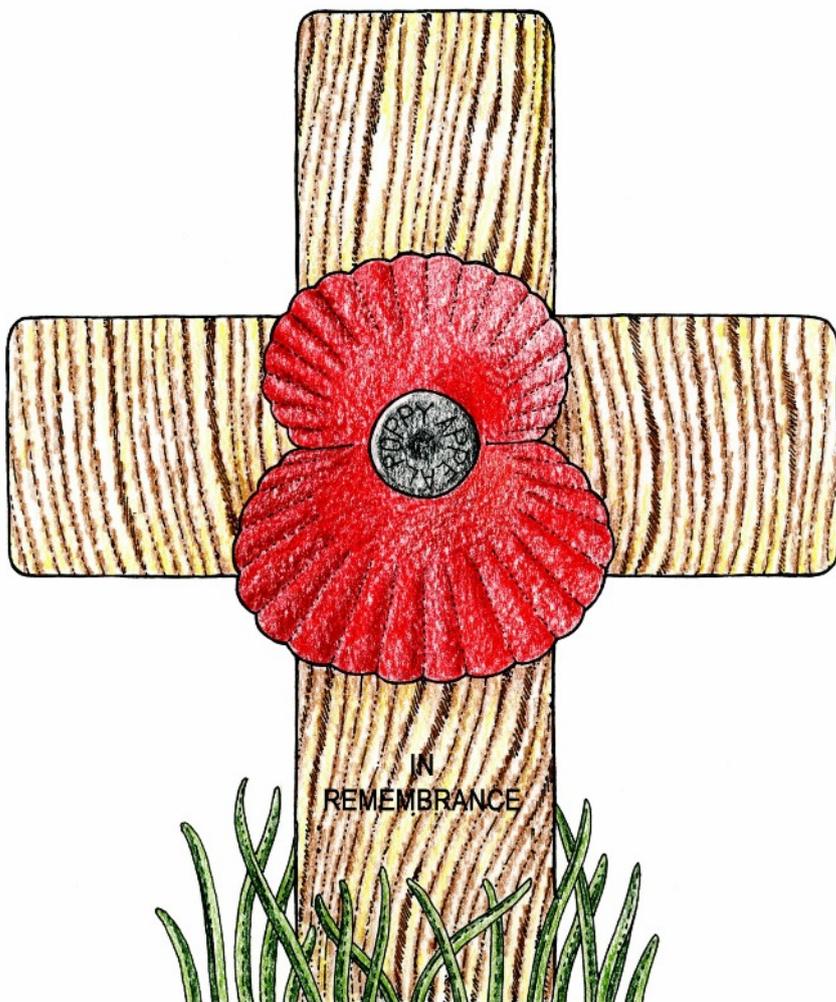
THE GREAT preacher **C.H. Spurgeon** once said this of prayer: 'God says to His own son: "Ask of Me and I will give you the nation for your inheritance." [Psalm 2:7-8] *If the royal and divine Son cannot be exempt from the rule of asking, that He may have; you and I cannot expect that rule to be relaxed in our favour. God will bless Elijah and send rain – but Elijah must pray for it.*' And God promises us that if we really seek Him, He will make sure that we find Him.

## Smile lines

### Fire in church

THE TOWN'S fire prevention officer was conducting a health and safety course at the local church. The officer said to the minister: "Now imagine this: it is a Sunday morning and you have a number of people, spread socially distanced, throughout your church building. Some are in the choir stalls, some are in the kitchen, and some are in the nave. Suddenly, a big fire breaks out. What are the first steps you would take?"

The minister thought carefully for a moment. "Really big ones," he said.



## Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

6	9	3	7	1	8	2	5	4
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Crossword

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## Poppy Appeal 2020

Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.

One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount.

This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."



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