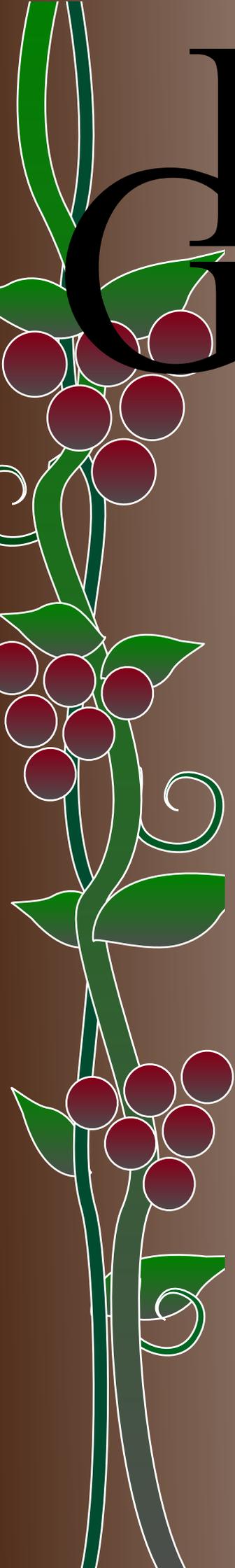


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and services at  
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SK2 6NU,  
and St Gabriel's, Adswold  
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# Parish Grapevine



## 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>	Lois Kelly 439 9458 For 0-4s and their carers. Meet every Tuesday in term time, 10-11 in church.	<b>Choir</b>	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i> Practise Thursdays 7.30-9pm in the vestry. Sing on Sundays at 10.15am and 4pm services.
<b>Assistant Curate</b>	Rev. Dr Janine Arnott <i>rev.janinearnott@outlook.com</i> 612 1048	<b>St Gabriel's</b>		<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Meet on 1st Tuesday of every month 9.30-12 noon.
<b>Reader</b>	Peter Hall 456 9382	<b>Messy Church</b>	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall 456 9382 For children and their parents. Meet occasionally, usually Saturday mornings.	<b>Church Flowers</b>	Marjorie Lees 483 3676 Jean Hayden ( <i>donations</i> ) 483 2367
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Andrew Regan 440 0408 Hazel Jenkins 483 4679	<b>Uniformed Groups with connections to St George's</b>		<b>Church Gardeners</b>	Walter Stead 430 2449 Meet on Tuesdays 9.30-12.30.
<b>PCC Secretary</b>	vacant	<b>Rainbows</b>	Trisha Brown 07403 353 175 Sue Kirkland 07854 101 918 For girls aged 5-7. Meet Fridays 6.15-7.30pm in the Parish Room.	<b>Coffee Mornings (Weds)</b>	Olwen Smith 483 6548 Wednesdays from 10.30am in the Parish Room.
<b>PCC Treasurer</b>	Andrew Regan 440 0408 <i>treasurer@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i>	<b>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>Parish Office</b>	Marion McCall 480 2453	<b>Guides</b>		<b>Handbells</b>	Andy Clark 483 3703 Play for All-Age and Taizé services, plus other special events. Ringers of all ages (with or without experience) always welcome. Rehearsals in church arranged around the ringers' availability.
<b>Magazine Editor</b>	Richard Parr 439 8644	<b>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.
<b>Safeguarding co-ordinator</b>	Will Hesson 480 0630	<b>Cubs</b>	Bill Frith 439 3232 For boys and girls ages 8-10½. Meet Fridays 7.15-8.45pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.	<b>Magazine Editorial Group</b>	Richard Parr 439 8644 Meet monthly to plan future issues.
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<b>St George's Primary School</b>		<b>St George's</b>			
<b>Headteacher</b>	Deborah Grindrod 480 8657	<b>Bell ringers</b>	Anne Mayes 485 6477 Practise Mondays 7.45-9pm. Ring on Sundays 9.45-10.15am. Meet in the tower.		
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<b>Deputy Wardens</b>	John Hardy 01663 764 462 Will Hesson 480 0630	<b>Bible Study Groups</b>	<i>contact the clergy</i> Study groups and courses are arranged from time to time.		
<b>Verger</b>	Ian Staley 456 3093	<b>Chancel Guild</b>	Meet on 2nd Tuesday of every month, 9.30-12 noon, to care for the chancel.		
<b>Director of Music</b>	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i>				
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<b>Children's Activities</b>					
<b>St George's</b>					
<b>Children's Corner</b>	Available for children (and parents) during services. Equipped with books, crayons and soft toys.				
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<b>Junior Choir</b>	James Hibbert 07365 519207 Practise 6.30-7.30 on Thursdays in the vestry; sing on Sundays for 10.15am service.				

### Front cover photo

A Christmas Tree for  
Remembrance

(photo by Andrew Regan)

Remembrance Sunday is on  
14th November.

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Christmas Tree Festival

### Services in November:

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## From the Editor:

Dear Readers,

I HAVE JUST finished reading Roger Knight's biography of Horatio, Lord Nelson, first published in 2005, to coincide with the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar, which victory finally broke French naval power and removed any realistic chance of a French invasion. It also cost Nelson his life, hit by a musket bullet from a French sharpshooter stationed high up on the mizzen top of the *Redoubtable*, the 74-gun vessel that *Victory*, Nelson's flagship, had engaged at point blank range.

Nelson's shoulder was shattered, and the bullet passed through his spine. Carried below, the ship's surgeon, William Beatty told him frankly, "My lord, unhappily for our country, nothing can be done for you." It took Nelson three hours to die, conscious and in great pain all the time. His famous request to his great friend, Captain Sir Thomas Hardy, "Hardy, kiss me," took place some thirty minutes before Nelson died. The painting by Benjamin West, *The Death of Nelson*, on view in the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, conveys the anguish felt, both by Nelson and by the friends and colleagues who witnessed his death.

On the morning of Trafalgar, Nelson spent some time alone in his cabin, writing on his knees, as the furniture had been largely stripped out to prepare for the coming battle. In his private journal, he wrote a prayer. It asked God to grant him success, 'for the benefit of Europe in general', and added, 'may no misconduct in any one tarnish it; and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British fleet.' He concluded with, 'I commit my life to Him who made me, and may His

blessing light upon my endeavours for serving my country faithfully. To Him I resign myself, and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend. Amen. Amen. Amen.'

Although these days, it seems not the fashion to celebrate great men or great events from our history, but rather to find some way of demeaning them, the 'Nelson Touch', as his courage and tactical boldness was described by his contemporaries, is still celebrated and remembered on Trafalgar Day, October 21st, and in St George's on the



photo: Richard Parr

nearest Sunday. We shall have welcomed the Sea Scouts to a special service on the 24th, and I am glad that this tradition continues. Nelson never glorified or underestimated the suffering that war could bring. As Alexander Scott, chaplain as well as Nelson's private secretary on *Victory* wrote, 'the carnage on the deck of *Victory* became terrific.' He described the scene below decks, where Nelson and other

wounded men were taken, as 'like a butcher's shambles.'

Fifteen minutes before the first guns fired at Trafalgar, Nelson sent his famous signal to his fleet. 'England expects that every man will do his duty.' Nelson's Christian faith sustained him throughout his life, and in his death. He believed in the words of Psalm 16: 'I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.' 'Victory' for the Christian, of course, is not just the famous ship still visitable in Portsmouth Dockyard, but the victory that swallows up death – forever. In remembering Lord Nelson, we are also remembering this.

God bless!

Richard Parr.

Editor.

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## Elaine writes:

I've been doing Messy Church Bake Off for quite a few months now and have been really enjoying it. Those who have been the recipients of my endeavours haven't keeled over yet so I must be doing something right!

It's a far cry from my cookery lessons when the only thing I ever made with any degree of success was ginger cake. Week after week my parents gamely chewed through various soggy offerings with the grim determination of those who love you too much to offend you. They forked out money for ingredients which never quite became what they should have looked like according to the teacher. I have now come up to scratch, thanks to my Mum, who helps research some recipes to do with specific times in the Christian year and particular Bible passages. I learn from the best. Thanks, Mum!

I was reminded of my cooking exploits recently, for reasons I'll explain later, but one of the memories was recalling schoolgirls (and it was girls cooking at that time) carrying wicker baskets with flower-festooned elasticated covers on, heading off to school, laden down with the contents of their baskets.

I didn't think much of it at the time because anyone who went shopping had a wicker basket or a string bag to put the items in. That went on for most of my childhood until they went out of fashion because new plastic bags, bearing the name of the supermarket, were thought to be so much more convenient. Perhaps that was the start of our foray into the plastics culture – I'm not sure.

What went on from there was our love of things which appeared to make our lives easier. Shopping once a week at a big store was easier for many than daily visits to the local shops. Instead of meat, fish, cheese, bread, fruits and vegetables being carefully wrapped in greaseproof paper or a brown bag by the neighbourhood store owner, they now appeared in a shroud of tightly-wrapped plastic, alleged to keep things fresher.

Interestingly enough, when the supermarkets were viewed as no-go area for many in the height of the pandemic, we returned to buying stuff at the pop-up greengrocers and butchers who parked up in unused pub car parks, taking our own recycled bags with us.

So, why the trip down memory lane?

I have been taking part in a Creation Care course via a webinar (online) arrangement involving people from all over the country and, last evening, Father Nelson joined us from Fiji! Father Nelson is one of the Melanesian brothers who trained with us in Chester as part of our link

diocesan arrangement. The most recent session was entitled Living Climate Change – Stories from Melanesia, and those powerful and poignant stories made me think again about my response to climate change.

I had always tried to be what you might call "eco-friendly" but those stories hit a nerve for me. As I listened and watched, a desperate picture was emerging of people who were losing their homes and livelihoods, not in the future but here and now. Photos showed a steady diminishing of their environment within a period of only 14 years.

Vibrant churches, once filled with incredible and joyful worship, were shown filled with sand up to the top of the pews and then destroyed by the high tides. The church, once in the middle of an island, had been devoured by the power of the sea.

One priest, Father Nigel, came looking for the grave of his great-grandmother on one of the islands. He had visited in fairly recent times and had seen that the graveyard appeared to be moving ever closer to the sea. By the time he visited again, he had to dive under the water to see the gravestones at the bottom, even those destined to be eaten away by the sea.

One island had completely disappeared. The sea levels rising, 8-10mm a year, were encroaching on places where people had to leave their homes. Fresh water was difficult to find, their wells becoming brackish, and plants were not growing or surviving in their salty surroundings.

Many moved to the mainland with no guarantee that they would be accepted, and they were ever concerned that they would be chased out. Their livelihoods were often in ruins and starting again was not an easy option.

Father Nelson commented that people had lived in relationship with their land for so many years. Those who had no choice but to leave their heritage and livelihood were being disconnected from their life, their culture and their spirituality.

The costs of climate change and global warming are being paid by those many thousands of miles away and it's time to play our part now because it's affecting real families, real communities who have an uncertain future ahead of them. For so many, the future has arrived already so we really can't afford to be complacent.

Maybe this might be part of our Advent challenge as we seek to take responsibility for how we live our lives and the choices we make, because it affects the lives of others right here and now.

Every blessing

Elaine

## Parish News Roundup

### Holy Baptism

- 3rd Oct Sophia Rose Gurbutt  
Ocean Brooke
- 17th Oct Arla-May Grundy Mihedji  
Olivia Grundy (adult)
- 24th Oct Amelia-Rae Morrell
- 31st Oct Ada Abbott  
Delilah Tiffany Horton Hall

### Holy Matrimony

None in October

### Funerals

- 4th Oct Barbara Lee-Wood  
Service at St George's  
Church followed by  
Committal at Stockport  
Crematorium
- 5th Oct Andrea Peers  
Service at St George's  
Church followed by Burial  
at Wilmslow Cemetery
- 27th Oct Colin Mather  
Service at St George's  
Church followed by Burial  
at Mill Lane Cemetery

### Burial of Ashes

- 16th Oct Donald Garden, in St  
George's Garden of  
Remembrance
- 19th Oct Betty Fitter, at Foxcovert  
Cemetery
- 20th Oct Jean Davison, in St George's  
Garden of Remembrance
- 20th Oct Jacqueline Heywood, in St  
George's Garden of  
Remembrance
- 25th Oct Geoffrey Oldham, in St  
George's Garden of  
Remembrance

### Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

- 3rd Oct from David Gittings, for  
Margaret
- 10th Oct from the Stead family, in  
memory of Leslie and Lucy  
Williams

## Parish News Roundup

- 17th Oct from Andrew Garlick, in  
loving memory of Isobel
- 24th Oct from Kathleen Heaward, in  
loving memory of George  
Heaward
- 31st Oct from the Garlick family, in  
loving memory of Wilfrid  
and Edith Garlick  
from Margaret Sharrard, in  
loving memory of Gordon

### Floodlighting was sponsored as follows:

- 17th Oct from Andrew Garlick, in  
loving memory of Isobel

### Mothers' Union

On **Monday November 8th**, the Mothers' Union are meeting at 2.15pm in the chapel, when we welcome **Wendy Sykes**, who is the Chester Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union.

Wendy lives in Hazel Grove, and worships at Norbury Church.

All are very welcome.

### Bereavement Coffee Morning

I am starting a bereavement coffee morning which will take place every first Tuesday of the month starting on Tuesday 2nd November.

It will be held at Hazel Grove Baptist Church, 10am – 12noon.

If you have anyone at church that you think may benefit from attending the group then please pass the details on. They don't have to have used George Hill as the funeral director, I am open to anyone attending who has suffered a bereavement, no matter how long ago or how recent.

It will be a safe, supportive and welcoming place for people to meet

## Parish News Roundup

others in similar circumstances and have a cup of tea and a chat. There is no pressure to talk about their loved one.

*Katie Hoult  
George Hill Funeral Directors*

### Garden Gnomes

We have decided not to make our usual request for donations of spring bulbs this year. However, if you would like bulbs planted to mark an anniversary or special occasion we would be happy to do that for you. Please leave your bulbs in the tub, with a note as to your preference for where you would like us to plant them.

*Kate Stephenson*

### Dates for the Diary

**Sun 7th Nov, 4pm:** Celebration of Life Service (also live streamed).

**Sun 14th Nov 10.15am: Remembrance Sunday Service** (no communion).

**Sun 21st Nov 4pm:** Festival service for Christ the King (also live streamed).

**Sun 28th Nov 6.30pm:** Advent Carol Service (also live streamed; please note later time than usual).

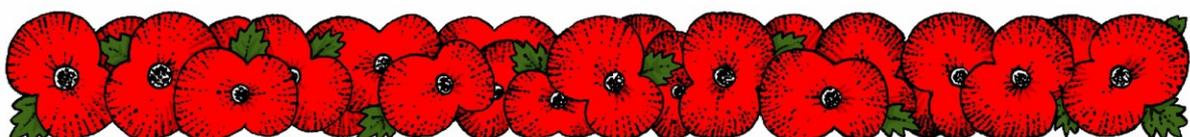
### Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

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### December 2021/January 2022

#### Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 19th Nov**  
Committee meeting: via email



# Welcome to our new bishop!

Some photos from the Welcome Service for Bishop Sam at St George's on Thursday 14th October



## A Time Capsule – Your Ideas?

DO YOU KNOW where the foundation stone for St George's is? It's at the base of one of the piers supporting the tower, the one behind the organ console. At the laying of the stone on 17th June 1893, the top half of the stone was raised, revealing a cavity. Into this cavity was placed a phial, what we would now call a 'time capsule'. The phial contained a sovereign, a half-sovereign, a crown, a half-crown, a florin, a shilling and a sixpence. Documents included copies of the local papers, a list of the names of the first trustees, the architects, the clerk of works and the Masonic reception committee. Also included were plans of the the buildings and the order of the ceremony.

As part of next year's celebrations of St George's 125th anniversary, it has been suggested that we gather items and bury them in a time capsule. What do you suggest we put in it? Bear in mind that such a container is likely to be a tube around 30cm (12") in length and 10cm (4") in diameter. Where do you think we should bury it?

Let me know your ideas, or you can tell Elaine or Hazel. You can speak to me in person, email me on [christopher.dawson4@ntlworld.com](mailto:christopher.dawson4@ntlworld.com), or give me a ring on 0161 429 7880.

## Baking for the Christmas Tree Festival

DID YOU KNOW that we sell around 600 cakes at the Christmas Tree Festival?

Thank you for all your support baking cakes or sending a contribution in previous years. One baker in previous years has baked up to 32 dozen cakes over the course of the Festival, which has been wonderful but is not sustainable this year and in the future.

We know that our visitors enjoy home-baked cakes and so we are asking for volunteers to help us maintain our cake supply. Are you able to help by make any of the following?

- Chocolate cup cakes
- Butterfly cakes
- Lemon drizzle cup cakes.

Please make the cakes using fairy-cake cases, **not** the large cupcake-size cases.

You may have heard that Natasha's Law around food labelling came into force in October and although this applies to *food businesses* which sell pre-packaged food we feel it is good practice to be able to display the list of ingredients on the cake counter. Consequently we will be asking you to use specific ingredients for each of these cakes.

Could you make two dozen cakes on two or three days of the Festival?

There will be a sign-up list at the back of church from the beginning of November.

*Lois Kelly*

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### St George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form (Please return to Andrew Regan, 153 Acre Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, SK8 7PB).

Name .....

Phone no .....

Date of evening requested ..... £10 or £..... donation enclosed (Please make cheques payable to St George's Stockport PCC)

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## Thought for the Day at the Trafalgar Service

I WAS BORN in a seaside town and brought up very close to it and so the sea, even if it is a metaphor, is certainly in my blood.

Being close to the sea is really important, and yet with one job after another, I seem to have come further and further away from the coast.

The sea for me, for my family and for our community, was hugely, hugely important. We lived very close to a very busy fishing port and so you'd have the names of the boats that had gone out, even in the churches, displayed so people would pray for them.

In many churches around the country, we have harvest festivals, but where I lived, we had a harvest for the sea and each time we met, there were names read out of those who were lost at sea, either because they were from the fishing trawlers, or they'd gone out to ply their wares or to transport things, or were in the Merchant Navy or for all those other reasons why people need to go out to sea for their daily lives. Those who go down to the sea in ships; people who had lost their lives.

My husband and I were fortunate enough to be able to go on a cruise, which is probably the polar opposite to going out on a trawler. It was a nice big cruise ship but the weather turned really bad, and the waves were licking over the sides and you couldn't actually see a clear view through the portholes and windows of a nice line between the sky and the sea. You could either see sea or you could see sky, and there was no happy medium.

Some people weren't happy as they staggered like drunkards. People were holding onto the bars and they were holding on to each other. It was a scary time.

We went to church in one of the bigger gathering spaces and we sang "For those in peril on the sea", and we swayed in time with the music, not because we felt moved by God's Spirit, but simply because we didn't have any choice. Each verse was like a metronome; to the right, to the left. It was a time when people were very, very unwell. It was a scary time. Mind you, some people were complaining that the table tennis and the tap dancing had been cancelled, so I don't really think they had got the message of how risky it was being out in the Atlantic.

In life, we might feel that we are going up and down. We're going side to side, and we can't actually have a clear picture of what life has in front of us. There's no particular line between the sky and the sea. Everything seems to be quite blurred; nothing is in focus and we feel that we're been thrown around with no great purpose, no great aim, for our life. In the psalm that Rita kindly read for us, it's about people calling out to the Lord.

I'm sure plenty of people, perhaps people here, have been in the Navy, in different callings, but you've been out there, and you know there have been times when you probably have been really frightened for your lives.

But if we think about the storms in our life as we're here on terra firma, where life doesn't always seem to be going the way that it might do. When we do feel thrown around; when nothing seems to be making any sense and yet we put up with it, and we try and deal with it ourselves. We try and ignore it, and yet one of the ways that we might seek help is like the psalmist, the person who wrote that psalm, to cry out to the Lord.

There is no shame in that, you know. There's no sense of failure. There's no sense of thinking, "Well, I've got to get this all sorted out before I can go on with my life."

In fact, people don't come to church for that very reason. "When I'm good enough I'll come to church." Believe me, I'd be in the queue and probably towards the back.

None of us feels good enough. None of us has really got it sussed. None of us has really got everything absolutely going in the right direction.

Sometimes it feels as if there's a storm in our lives and crying out to the Lord is probably a good first step. It might just feel that we're not on our own. It might just feel that we've got someone walking alongside us, however we're walking, side to side, but consistently following in our steps, step by step, that God is with us.

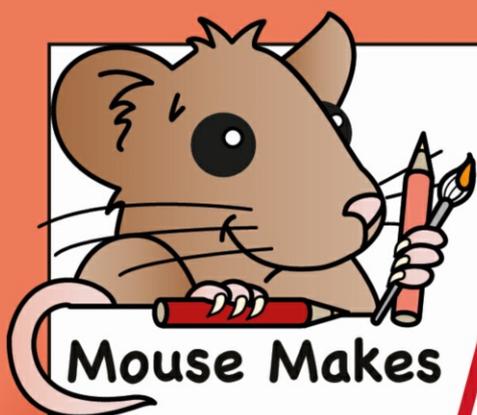
So, if your life is a challenge today, then just take that opportunity; when we perhaps even hear the anthem being sung, to just say to God, "Here you are; God, see what you can do with that".

Perhaps that storm will settle. Perhaps sense will be made of the purpose of your life. Perhaps it may become a lot clearer and less blurred. Just call on the Lord and you will be saved.

*Elaine*



*photo: Richard Parr*



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Read *John 10:11 and 14*



**I AM THE**  
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Read *John 15:1 and 35*



**I AM THE**  
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Read *John 6: 35,51*



**OF**  
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**AND THE**  
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Read *John 11:25*



**OF THE**  
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Read *John 18:12*

# I AM

Seven times in John's Gospel Jesus calls Himself "I AM" - the same name that God calls Himself when He speaks to Moses in Exodus 3:14 Jesus is telling us who He really is.



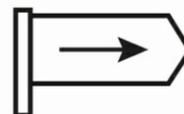
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Read *John 14:6*



**I AM THE**  
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Read *John 10:9*



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Look up the Bible references, fill in the missing words then look for them in the word search

## It's the thought that counts

HERE WE ARE at 1st November, the month which brings shorter days, fog, rain, and even early snow.

Not an uplifting prospect, if the truth be told, but one we get used to.

For churches it is a busy time of year. On November 14th many will be holding their annual Remembrance Sunday Service – an opportunity to give thanks once again for all the men and women who gave their lives to preserve our freedom.

At Stockport Sunday School, the day before, we will be holding our Christmas Fair, having been unable to do so last year, due to Covid restrictions. Now is the time to start thinking about Christmas presents; the coming days will seem to pass by with increasing speed over the next few weeks, so we hope you can come and join us.

Alongside these activities, we will once again be supporting the T4U appeal for shoe boxes of presents to go to needy children abroad.

The underlying theme here is the act of giving – giving presents to family, friends, and also to others who are personally unknown to us but who we want to support in their need. We do it as a token of our gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy.

However, finding the right presents for people can be a bit of a challenge, although there are people who seem to have a special talent for finding something that is just right for the person in mind. And when that is the case, the donor will enjoy seeing the pleasure of the person who is receiving it.

If we receive something special, we may be tempted to say, 'Oh, that's lovely – you really shouldn't have.' We don't really mean that, of course. In fact, we would be really upset if they said, 'Ok then', and took it back!

Perhaps what prompts our comment is the thought 'What can I give them in return?' It's an understandable response. Most of us don't like to feel indebted to others if we can avoid it. And the better the gift, the harder it is to overcome this feeling.

But receiving gifts is not about monetary value; it's more about appreciating the thought that has gone into the choice, and letting the giver know how much it means to us.

St Paul quotes Jesus as saying, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive', and essentially that is true. But, as recipients, we also have to learn how to receive graciously – to appreciate the spirit in which the gift is made; the sentiment behind it; the thought that has gone into it. And we are to be generous in our response – not just by thanking the giver, but also by passing that generosity on in practical ways to others, who may not be able to return the compliment, so to speak.

This is the underlying motive behind our support of such charities as T4U and local charities, especially at this time of year. I'm sure many of you also do something similar as individuals. These are ways of being a 'good neighbour' as Jesus would call it. And also a practical acknowledgement of our gratitude to God for His many blessings to us in our daily lives, particularly in these past months of trials and tribulations arising from the Covid pandemic.

But, most of all, amid all the hustle and bustle of our preparations for Christmas, even as early as now, let us bear in mind that our preparations, our searching for and giving of presents, and all our other traditional activities, are done in a spirit of gratefulness for God's greatest gift to mankind in the form of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Guide and Friend – 'our means of grace, and hope of glory' in the words of the Book of Common Prayer's General Thanksgiving.

And may all the presents we give be welcome ones.

An afterthought:

Jack gave Jim his Christmas present, wrapped in a cardboard box.

As Jack handed it over, Jim heard the words - 'one, two, three...'

What on earth is it?' he said

'Oh! It's very special' said Jack - 'It's the thought that counts.'

Happy shopping!

*Walter Stead*

*Stockport Sunday School Editorial, November 2021*

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## A verse from "For the Fallen"

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

*Laurence Binyon*

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### Sudoku puzzle: easy

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

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### Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)



An epic struggle between good and evil took place in the vicarage kitchen

### Crossword

	1	2		3		4		5		6		
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#### Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

#### Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD 54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

# St George's Church 125th Anniversary Photographic Competition

## *His goodness restores my soul*

THE GROUP currently planning a whole flock of events and activities as part of celebrations for the 125th anniversary of the consecration of St George's Church is launching a photographic competition based on our anniversary theme of The Lord's My Shepherd, the 23rd psalm. The intention is to have a variety of things happening in the time around the anniversary that will raise awareness of St George's Church and provide a welcoming and accessible introduction to us, our building and our worship. 'His goodness restores my soul' is a line taken from the Stuart Townend song version of the psalm which is well-known and user-friendly.

The competition will be open to all, from professionals to amateur enthusiasts and happy snappers of all ages. With separate categories for adults and children, everyone can take part and it would be wonderful if our church family could help by joining in early to get things started. We hope that the images will be a celebration of the anniversary theme and so all entries will be shared in an online exhibition via our Flickr. The finalists and winners will feature at The Lord's My Shepherd Festival from 4th to 8th May 2022 when the overall winners will be announced.

The theme for adults is 'Restores my soul' and is open to those over the age of 16. We'd like people to think about what restores their soul or makes them feel whole again. It could be something natural, a favourite hobby, food, place or indeed prayer or church service. The theme for children is 'Goodness' which is open to under 16s and we'd like them think about what says 'good' to them and what is good in the world. It will be lovely to see how different people respond and express themselves and to see how the image collection expands. By holding an online virtual exhibition, we will be able to reach out to many more people living both near and far, strangers and friends who will be able to participate. Some images may also be included in Grapevine and featured on the St George's with St Gabriel's website.

There's an example here and the competition is open now and we can start our online exhibition as soon as we start receiving entries. If you'd like to take part, you might already have the ideal photograph or you might like to take some time to frame your perfect image and write a few sentences about how it makes you feel. The closing date for submission will be 31st March 2022. You may also be able to help with prizes, if you know of anyone with something suitable to donate or who would like to sponsor a prize, please do get in touch.

Full details of how to enter the competition and entry forms are available from:

[photos@stgeorgestockport.org.uk](mailto:photos@stgeorgestockport.org.uk).

*Louise Clark*

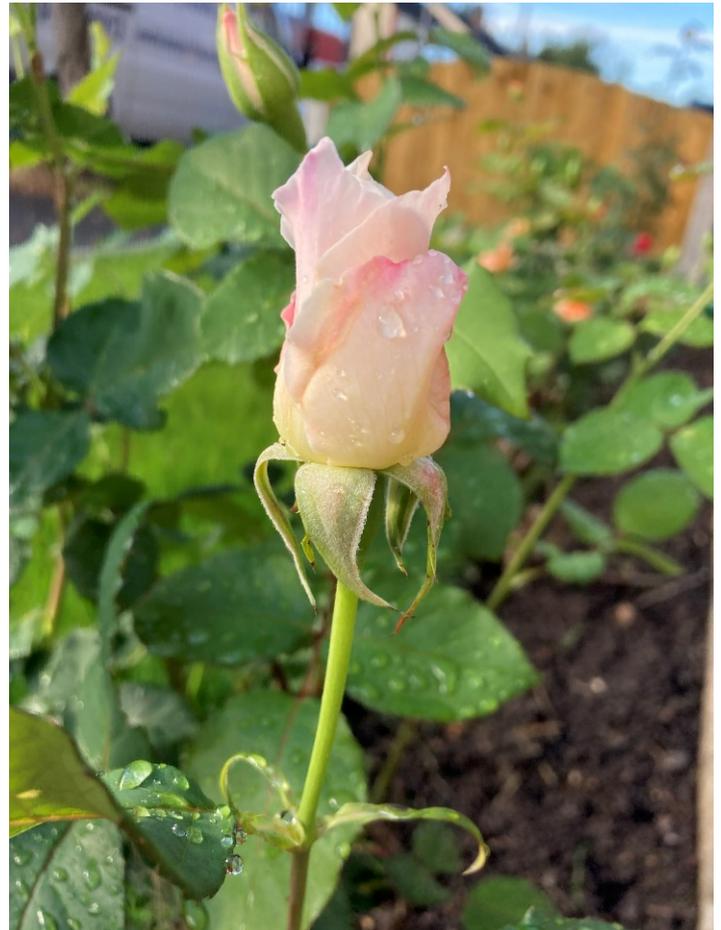
Extra Flickr information

Link to Flickr account:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/194177204@N07/>

Link to competition album:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmWVW2WD> (no entries yet obviously, but there is an example as a placeholder)



*Droplets of water on flowers never cease to enthrall me. The beauty and order of God's natural creation fills me with peace and awe every time I spy a glistening rosebud and especially on a sunny Sunday morning when setting out to walk to church with the bells pealing our way there.*

## **Good news for coffee lovers**

IF YOU DRINK a cup of coffee a day, you could reduce your risk of having a stroke by a fifth.

A recent study, by researchers at Semmelweis University in Budapest, found that people who drink a moderate amount of coffee (from half a cup to three cups a day) are 21 per cent less likely to have a stroke, as compared to people who avoid coffee completely.

About 100,000 people in the UK suffer a stroke each year, and it is the fourth leading cause of death, just behind dementia, heart disease and lung cancer.

## Temps perdu?

DECLUTTERING efforts always evoke both fond memories and surprises at the discovery of completely forgotten items. I recently started on a box file labelled 'Miscellaneous' and found material from that time, c. 1980, when most of us laid aside our typewriters, carbon paper and Tippex (with its horrid habit of drying up in the bottle overnight!) Suddenly, you could write freely, make errors and then correct them on screen, send the same message to several people, receive answers to queries within the hour, all thanks to being the proud owner of an Amstrad PCW!

Effort-free exchange suddenly became possible; grown-up children who had written only dutiful weekly letters from college or first work placements could now send anecdotes, jokes and, significantly, requests and pleas, knowing that these could be instantly received. When, a while later, we could send attachments, it felt good to exchange banter and gossip, and to share amusing or moving pieces. Here is one I found in my box file that reminds me of the time when a foreign holiday was almost *de rigueur*: it is entitled "Makes you proud to be British".

*According to Thomas Cook, some holidaymakers are just never satisfied. Here are the nine most bizarre and genuine customer complaints received by the firm in recent years:*

- 1. On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food at all.*
- 2. The beach was too sandy.*
- 3. I bought a snorkel and swimming mask for my six-year-old son, but he was too upset to use them as the fish frightened him.*
- 4. Topless sunbathing on the beach should be banned. The holiday was ruined as my husband spent all day looking at other women.*
- 5. I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts.*

- 6. It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta time' – this should be banned.*
- 7. We bought Ray-Ban sunglasses for five euros (£3.50) from a street trader, only to find out they were fake.*
- 8. None of the hotel staff was English, and the tea didn't taste the same as at home.*
- 9. I would like to complain about the price of alcohol in the resort. It was too cheap and I woke up with a hangover every day.*

This would have been a fine time to form a relationship with a pen friend, avoiding those turgid early exchanges of details about family, school or home, and launching straight into sharing enthusiasms. I am led to understand that this collection of clever wordy jokes comes from the USA around this period. I entitle it, "Apposite anagrams":

DORMITORY	dirty room
PRESBYTERIAN	best in prayer
ASTRONOMER	moon starrer
THE EYES	they see
THE MORSE CODE	here come dots
SLOT MACHINES	cash lost in me
ANIMOSITY	is no amity
MOTHER-IN-LAW	woman Hitler
SNOOZE ALARMS	alas! No more Z's
A DECIMAL POINT	I'm a dot in place
THE EARTHQUAKES	that queer shake
ELEVEN PLUS TWO	twelve plus one

There are two items based on American presidents – the one on President Clinton is unrepeatable! – and one which would have so suited the previous president:

ELECTION RESULTS lies – let's recount!

*Angela Foulkes*

## Do you prefer using cash?

ACCESS TO CASH is still an 'essential piece of infrastructure' for elderly people. Cutting them off from cash and banking services is tantamount to excluding them from society.

So warns Age UK, which has been pointing to recent figures from the Financial Conduct Authority that show that about 2.4million people aged 65 and over still rely on cash in their day-to-day life. That represents about a fifth

of all older people. And while cash use has plummeted during the pandemic, Age UK stresses that it would be a mistake to assume that everyone can make all their financial transactions digitally.

A YouGov survey in January 2021 found that more than half of over-65s in the UK had used cash within the previous week.

## Quiz

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first was named April. The second-May. What was the the third child's name??
2. There is a counterhand at the butcher's shop.He is five feet ten inches tall and wears size thirteen shoes. What does he weigh??
3. Before Mount Everest was discovered... What was the highest mountain in the world??
4. How much soil is there in a hole that measures two feet, by three feet, by four feet??
5. What word in the English language is always spelt 'incorrectly'??
6. Billy was born on December 28th but his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible??
7. In California, you can't take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not??
8. What was the Prime Minister's name in 2019?
9. If you were running a race and passed the person who was in second place what place would you be in ??
10. Which is correct to say: 'The yolk of an egg are white' or 'the yolk of an egg is white'??
11. A farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in another. How many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in one field?

*(Answers on page 19)*

## Impossibilities

1. You can't count your hair.
2. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
3. You can't breathe through your nose when your tongue is out. Put your tongue back in your mouth you silly person.

## Things I Know about You.

1. You are reading this!
2. You are human.
3. You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
4. You just attempted to do it.
5. You're laughing at yourself.
6. You have a smile on your face and you skipped number 6
7. You just checked to see if there was a number 6.
8. You laugh at this because you are a fun-loving person and everyone else does too.
9. You are probably going to send this to someone else to see who falls for it...

THE CURRENT BANKING CRISIS explained by a nearby national. Young Paddy bought a donkey from a farmer for £100. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day he drove up and said to Paddy, 'Sorry son, I have some bad news for you; the donkey died.' Paddy responded 'Well then, I'll have my money back.' To which the farmer replied, 'Can't do that, I've spent it.' Paddy said, 'OK then, bring me the dead donkey and I'll raffle him off.'

The farmer then said 'You can't raffle off a dead donkey.' Paddy's response was 'I won't tell anybody that it's dead.'

A month later the farmer met up with Paddy and asked 'What happened to the dead donkey?' I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at £2.00 each and made a profit of £898.'

'Didn't anyone complain?' asked the farmer. 'Only the guy who won the raffle and I gave him his £2.00 back.'

Paddy now works for the Royal Bank of Scotland.

*contributed by Peter Pilbeam*

## Recipe of the month: Chocolate Ice Cream

*This was a great success when I tried it. My tin of condensed milk was a bit larger than stipulated but I just put it all in. I didn't bother with the chocolate chips but as I hadn't melted the chocolate very well there were little chips of chocolate anyway!*

200g dark chocolate (at least 70% cocoa solids, broken into small pieces)

500ml double cream

340g tin condensed milk

1 teasp vanilla extract

3 tbsp cocoa powder, sifted

50g milk chocolate chips

sea salt flakes, to serve, optional

Melt the chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of just simmering water, making sure the bowl doesn't touch the water, or alternatively do this in 20-second bursts in the microwave until the chocolate is smooth and glossy. Pour the cream, condensed milk and vanilla into a second bowl and beat using an electric whisk until slightly thickened and the beaters leave a trail in the mixture when lifted across the bowl (about 3 minutes). It shouldn't be too stiff.

Gently fold the melted chocolate and cocoa powder into the cream mixture, combine well. Fold in most of the chocolate chips. Scrape the mixture into a 1-litre freezerproof container then scatter the remaining chocolate chips over the top. Freeze for at least 6 hours until firm. When serving, sprinkle with a pinch of sea salt if you like.

*Pamela Ferguson*

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## Progress on the Vicarage Development



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## Our new pandemic language

During these last two years, new topics of conversation have evolved. The weather has been superseded by other more pressing concerns and, as a result, a range of words and expressions have moved into almost daily usage.

Words and expressions such as: coronavirus (*it was in the dictionary long before Covid19*); pandemic; lockdown; face masks; panic buying; circuit breaker; social distancing; furlough; zoom meetings; antibodies and lateral flow testing. But the latest 'new' word introduced into conversation, amongst the politicians, is **cabotage**, a word I had never come across before.

I thought it might stem from John Cabot (1450-1498), who sailed from Bristol in 1497 in search of Asia, but, in fact, discovered the mainland of North America. But, no, its origin is mid-19th century French, from *caboter* 'sail along a coast'. Perhaps the linguists did have Cabot in mind after all.

The dictionary definition is: 'Cabotage (noun), the right to operate sea, air, or other transport services within a particular territory.' This allowed foreign drivers to transport goods from a truck's home country to the destination country – maybe Milan to Manchester. Cabotage also allowed any EU-registered vehicle to pick up a return load from Manchester and take it to anywhere within the EU, including the UK. As a result of the UK leaving the EU, at the moment foreign drivers are only permitted to make two trips within the UK, before leaving after seven days. To ease the current backlog of goods waiting to be collected and delivered, and shortage of HGV drivers in the UK, it is being considered whether foreign drivers could stay for 14 days and make as many trips as possible, within that time frame.

Rosie Stead

## Answers to Quiz on p. 16

1. Johnny (of course).
2. The clerk at the butcher's weighs meat.
3. The highest mountain in the world before Mount Everest was discovered was still Mount Everest. It just hadn't been discovered.
4. There is no dirt in a hole. (You're not very good at this are you?)
5. Answer - INCORRECTLY.
6. Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere.
7. You can't take pictures with a wooden leg, you need a camera.
8. The President's name in 1975 was the same as it is now – Joe Biden.
9. You would be in second place, not first.
10. Neither, because the yolk of an egg is yellow.
11. One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they become one big one.

## There are times ...

... when you just don't know whether you are coming or going!



Angela Foulkes

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## Are we becoming 'Wishcyclers'?

HAVING DECIDED to write an article on rubbish recycling, I was delighted to see a programme on BBC One on Tuesday 12th October, 'The Earthshot Prize – Repairing Our Planet'. It was hosted by Prince William and Sir David Attenborough and dealt entirely with how our world handles the reprocessing of rubbish.

In 2017, 60% of our rubbish was able to be recycled. In 2021 this has fallen to between 55% and 46% in the Greater Manchester area. This can probably be blamed on the effect of Shutdown, during 2020, when the local tips were closed and unsuitable rubbish was discarded in recycle bins, avoiding the need to store it until the tips opened again.

A report by the Centre for Social Innovation, part of the Keep Britain Tidy charity, found that committed recyclers were amongst the worst offenders for putting rubbish in the wrong bins. So-called 'wishcyclers' felt so guilty about sending rubbish to landfill, that they hoped for the best and threw soiled food containers and polystyrene into their recycling bins. The most common contaminant was food, such as remnants of crust in pizza boxes and yogurt pots. If bottles contain liquid, they may be deemed too heavy by the automatic sorting process, and rejected.

Contaminated recycling costs councils millions of pounds a year and can lead to bales of recycling being rejected and incinerated. In 2019/20, 525,000 tonnes of household recycling collected by councils was rejected at the point of sorting, according to the Local Government Association. Each tonne from household bins that cannot be recycled costs an extra £93 to incinerate, amounting to more than £48 million a year.

Having rung Stockport Council to learn what their policy is for recycling, I can provide a list of do's and don'ts.

In the paper bin acceptable rubbish is:

newspaper; magazines; junk mail; catalogues; envelopes (including the plastic window); shredded paper; all types of cardboard; telephone directories, including yellow pages; cardboard milk, juice and drink cartons and books.

**Wrapping paper is acceptable if it can be scrunched into a ball and does not contain glitter.**

**If it's plastic or foil it'll bounce back and it cannot be recycled.**

**Greetings cards are recyclable but only if they have no glitter on them.**

**In the glass and plastic bin:**

glass bottles; glass jars; food tins (rinsed); drinks cans (empty); empty aerosols; plastic bottles; plastic milk containers (flattened if possible) and aluminium foil and foil trays.

**In the Stockport area the lids from bottles and jars cannot be recycled and should be removed. Also, non-acceptable: yogurt pots; butter tubs; and plastic bags, all of which should be put in the black bin.**

**Other culprits are: clingfilm; plastic**

**wrapping; nappies; wet wipes; used tissues; kitchen towels and foil.**

**Kitchenware such as Pyrex dishes and drinking glasses, are also unacceptable as they have been chemically heat treated to stop them melting at the same temperature as other glass.**

Visit: [recycle for greater manchester](https://www.recycleforgreatermanchester.com) to learn more. If you click on the following link, you will be taken on a virtual tour of the reprocessing plant, which shows you what becomes of the rubbish that can be recycled and what it goes on to produce. It's a fascinating insight.

[Materials Recovery Facility- How is my recycling sorted?](#)

**Well done! In Stockport we're recycling over 60% of our waste but we want to do even better!**

**RIGHT THING RIGHT BIN**

Pin up this handy guide next to your new waste and recycling collection calendar to make sure the right thing goes in the right bin.

**Blue bin** All paper and cardboard including:

- Cardboard milk and juice cartons
- Newspapers and magazines
- Junk mail and catalogues
- Envelopes
- Wrapping paper (not foil wrap)
- Telephone directories
- Greetings cards

**Green bin** All food garden waste including:

- Grass cuttings
- Hedge trimmings
- Weeds, plants and flowers (remove soil and any plastic packaging)
- Scrapings from your plate
- Eggs and dairy products e.g. cheese
- Vegetable peelings
- Breads and cakes
- Meat
- Fish

**Brown bin** Mixed recycling including:

- Plastic bottles
- Aluminium foil and foil trays
- Glass bottles and jars
- Tins
- Cans
- Empty aerosols

*Aerosol lids and plastic bottle tops are NOT recyclable. Please remove these and place in black bin.*

**Black bin** Anything that cannot be recycled including:

- Yoghurt pots
- Plastic packaging
- Plastic carrier bags
- Polystyrene
- Aerosol lids
- Plastic bottle tops

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## Rita's licensing at Chester Cathedral

On Saturday 9th October, Rita Waters had her reader's licence transferred to St George's Church at a licensing service in Chester Cathedral.

Bishop Mark led the service, with Bishop Sam and Bishop Julie also taking part. The cathedral was full, and it was a joyous and uplifting celebration.

*(photos by Andrew Regan)*



St George's Church, Buxton Road (A6)  
Stockport, SK2 6NU

## Christmas Tree Festival 2021

Wednesday 24th November 12:00 - 6:00pm  
Thursday 25th November 12:00 - 7:00pm  
Friday 26th November 12:00 - 8:00pm  
Saturday 27th November 10:00am - 6:00pm  
Sunday 28th November 12:00 - 4:00pm



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

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – The Third Sunday before Advent</b>			
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>		<b>4:00pm – Annual Celebration of Life Service</b>	
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	<b>Hymns:</b>	383 Be still for the presence of the Lord 594 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; 10 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
<b>Hymns:</b>	175 Come down, O Love divine, 591 The kingdom of God is justice and joy, 376 And can it be that I should gain 609 To God be the glory,	<b>Psalm:</b>	46 [From Luther]
		<b>Chant:</b>	TCB 15 'Jesus, remember me...'
<b>Anthem:</b>	Come down, O love divine – Harris	<b>Anthem:</b>	Thou knowest, Lord – Purcell

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday</b>	
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>	
<b>Kyrie:</b>	Mass for Peace and Reconciliation – Mayes
<b>Hymns:</b>	413 Eternal Father, strong to save, 427 For the healing of the nations 10 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; 537 O God, our help in ages past,
<b>Anthem:</b>	For the fallen – Guest
<b>No Evening Service</b>	

<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
<b>7:30pm – Concert</b>	
The Fairey Brass Band with St. George's Church Choir	

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November – The Feast of Christ the King</b>			
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>		<b>4:00pm – Festival Service for Christ the King</b>	
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	<b>Hymns:</b>	466 How shall I sing that majesty 534 O for a thousand tongues to sing 165 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
<b>Hymns:</b>	497 Let all the world in every corner sing, 380 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, 527 New songs of celebration render 494 King of glory, king of peace,	<b>Responses:</b>	Wilby
		<b>Psalm:</b>	72 [Battishill]
		<b>Gloria:</b>	The Canterbury Service – Barker
<b>Anthem:</b>	King of all ages – Isom	<b>Anthem:</b>	Sing to the Lord – Tye

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Sunday</b>			
<b>10:15am – St. George's Service</b>		<b>6:30pm – The Advent Carol Service</b>	
<b>Setting:</b>	Missa Stopfordiensis – Mayes	<b>See Order of Service for details</b>	
<b>Hymns:</b>	30 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates, t. 334 32 O come, O come, Emmanuel, 37 The Lord will come and not be slow, 26 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;		
<b>Anthem:</b>	Adam lay y'bounden – Ord		
<b>Anthem:</b>	The Advent Prose – arr. Fleming		

# Sarah Regan's DPhil Graduation

Sarah graduated from the University of Oxford on Saturday 30th October and is seen here in Pembroke College.



## Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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

Crossword solution:

	C	H	A	R	I	O	T	E	E	R	S	
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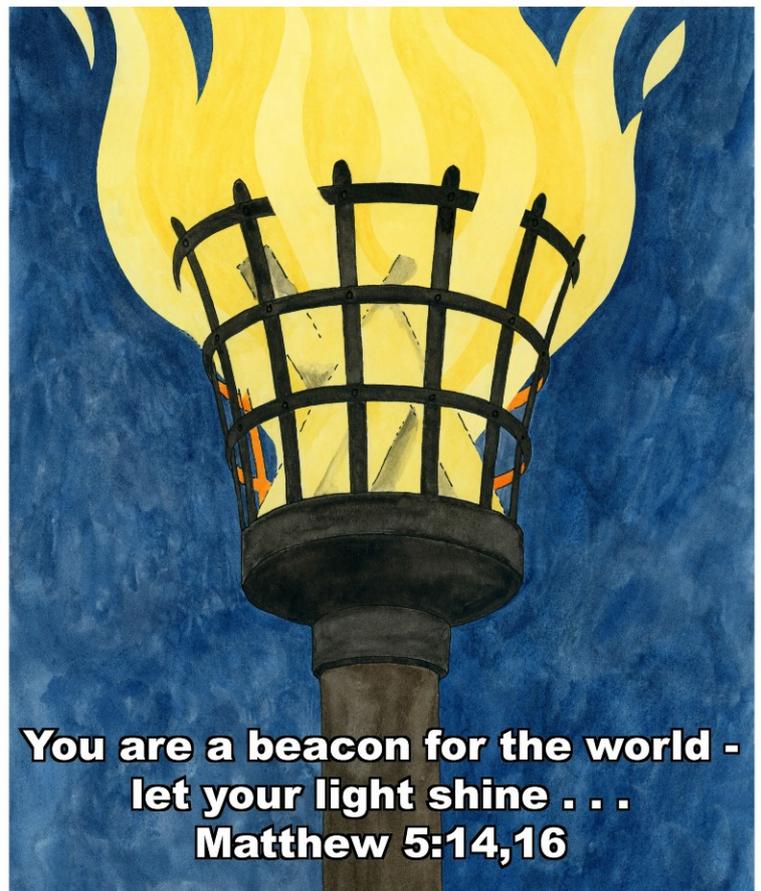
## Services at St George's

### Services in church, with congregation:

- Sundays:** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.15am Parish Communion (also live streamed)
- Wednesdays:** 9.30am Morning Prayer (also live streamed)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Sunday 7th November:** 4pm Celebration of Life Service
- Sunday 21st November:** 4pm Festival service for Christ the King
- Sunday 28th November:** 6.30pm Advent Carol Service  
(evening services above are also live streamed)

### Services which are live streamed only:

- Mondays to Fridays:** 9.30am Morning Prayer (also in church on Wednesdays)
- The church will also be open for individual private prayer in the chapel on Wednesdays and Sundays from 11am to 12 noon



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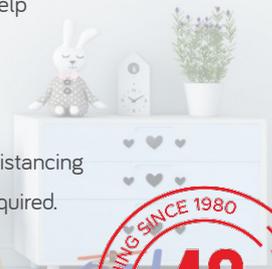
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