

Parish Grapevine

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

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| Vicar | Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall <i>vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i> 456 9382 | Junior Choir | James Hibbert 07365 519207 Practise 6.30-7.30 on Thursdays in the vestry; sing on Sundays for 10.15am service. | Choir | 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. |
| Assistant Curate | Rev. Dr Janine Arnott <i>rev.janinearnott@outlook.com</i> 612 1048 | Praise and Play | Lois Kelly 439 9458 For 0-4s and their carers. Meet every Tuesday in term time, 10-11 in church. | Church Cleaners | Meet on 1st Tuesday of every month 9.30-12 noon. |
| Readers | Peter Hall 456 9382 Rita Waters | St Gabriel's | | Church Flowers | Jean Hayden (<i>donations</i>) 483 2367 |
| Churchwardens | Andrew Regan 440 0408 Hazel Jenkins 483 4679 | Messy Church | Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall 456 9382 For children and their parents. Meet occasionally, usually Saturday mornings. | Church Gardeners | Walter Stead 430 2449 Meet on Tuesdays 9.30-12.30. |
| PCC Secretary | vacant | Uniformed Groups | | Coffee Mornings (Weds) | Olwen Smith 483 6548 Wednesdays from 10.30am in the Parish Room. |
| PCC Treasurer | Andrew Regan 440 0408 <i>treasurer@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i> | with connections to St George's | | Cursillo | Usually meet on last Wednesday of the month. 7.30pm at different venues. |
| Parish Office | Marion McCall 480 2453 | Rainbows | 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. | Handbells | 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. |
| Magazine Editor | Richard Parr 439 8644 | Brownies | Rachel Lockett 775 2755 Voni Walker 07956 674 241 For girls aged 7-10. Meet Thursdays 6.30-8pm in the Parish Room. | Linen Guild | Pat Rigley 487 1999 Maintain the church's linen. |
| Safeguarding co-ordinator | James Hibbert 07365 519207 | Guides | | Magazine Editorial Group | Richard Parr 439 8644 Meet monthly to plan future issues. |
| Website | www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk | Beavers | Bill Frith 439 3232 For boys and girls ages 6 and 7 Meet Fridays 6-7pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church. | Mothers' Union | Pat Durnall 483 4837 Meet on 2nd Monday of the month in church at 2.15pm. |
| Webmaster | Peter Hall 456 9382 | Cubs | Bill Frith 439 3232 For boys and girls ages 8-10½. Meet Fridays 7.15-8.45pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church. | Singing Group | 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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| Bookings | Parish Office 480 2453 | | | | |
| Children's Activities | | | | | |
| St George's | | | | | |
| Children's Corner | Available for children (and parents) during services. Equipped with books, crayons and soft toys. | | | | |
| Sunday Club | Louise Clark 483 3703 For children of nursery and school age. Meet during the 10.15am Parish Communion service most weeks during term time. | | | | |

Front cover photo

Camellias blooming in March in
the Garden of Remembrance at
St George's
(photo by Andrew Regan)

Services in April:
see pages 7 and 23

From the Editor:

Dear Readers,

'BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD'.

These words from Psalm 46 may well have echoed in people's minds during the last few weeks. The dreadful news from Ukraine and the harrowing pictures that we have all seen of destroyed buildings and helpless and terrified civilians, have created disbelief, anger and a sense of impotence. We will have asked ourselves why such aggression and cruelty have been allowed to happen in our modern, globally-connected world.

If we're honest, we will probably also have asked ourselves why God allows such horror and injustice to take place. Why do the bullies and warmongers seem to get away with it? Job, famously, asked the same question when it appeared that God had abandoned him and ignored his pleas for help. 'Why doesn't the Almighty bring the wicked to judgement?' he asked. 'Why must the godly wait for Him in vain?'

The Psalmists, as so often, offer answers and reassurance. 'Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong', says the writer of Psalm 37. 'For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither ... Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.'

Psalm 37 concludes by describing God as a 'fortress in times of trouble'. It assures us that God does not abandon

those in trouble, or ignore their pleas for help, as Job feared. He is in charge, and the final result will be restoration and joy for those who suffer – and defeat and judgement for those who cause such suffering. The sacrifice of Jesus has defeated all the powers of evil, and ultimately, truth, goodness and life will prevail.

'HE WILL LEAD THEM TO SPRINGS OF LIFE-GIVING WATER, AND GOD WILL WIPE EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES.'

It has been moving and inspiring to witness the response of so many people, from so many countries, to the events in Ukraine, including generous collections of money, food, clothing and medicines; arduous and dangerous drives to help and rescue refugees; and, perhaps most of all, offers of accommodation. Christian communities, of course, have played their part, including our own fellowship at St George's. Prayer, also, is an important part of our efforts. God does listen to, and respond to our prayers, as Job ultimately discovered.

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends ... Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne."

God bless!

Richard Parr. Editor.



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St George's 125 Festival Sheep Drive Saturday 7th May, 7pm.

No!! 'One Man and his Dog' is not about to take over the Parish Room! This is our take on the traditional Beetle Drive where the drawing of sheep will be the order of play.

The cost will be £10 per head and will include a light supper of cheese, meats and nibbles with hot and cold drinks. Please feel free to bring your own alcoholic beverages.

Tickets will be on sale from early April after the Sunday morning service. Numbers will be limited, so please make sure you put the date in your diary.

There will be a prize for the most imaginatively drawn sheep, so start practising !

Ruth Davies



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Janine writes:

I'm writing this letter on one of those late winter days that invites us to dare to think that winter may be coming to an end and spring is just around the corner. The sky is blue (not grey!) the sun is shining, the evenings are a little lighter, and new life is bursting forth in the garden. This

year, the newness of spring feels even more poignant than usual. The last of the Covid restrictions have finally been lifted and, as we head into spring, we can dare to hope that this season really will be a new beginning.

Days like this really do warm my heart. The newness of spring literally puts a spring in my step. However, as much as I love the newness that spring promises, I know that new beginnings also mean endings: there is no spring until we say goodbye to winter; no summer until we say goodbye to spring. The cycle of the seasons reminds us that life moves on – nothing stays the same – nothing stays still.

This year I will be moving on to 'pastures new'. My curacy has come to an end and I will be moving to be Rector of Malpas and Bickerton sometime in early summer. I'll be staying in the Diocese of Chester but I will be moving over to the other side of the diocese and a little further down – just near the border with Wales. As a family, we

are excited to be moving on and to see where God is working in the benefice. I'm excited by some of the ministry opportunities there, and Holly (my two-year old working cocker spaniel) is especially excited by the open spaces and the possibility of new squirrels and moles to make friends with!

However, moving on means saying goodbye. After three years at St George's Church, it will be a wrench to leave. Scripture calls us to forget the past and move on. In Isaiah we read "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." (Isaiah 43:18). But this is not written for general guidance. It was written to a people leaving captivity; a people who have been separated from their God, but whom God was now calling back. He is saying "forget the past, what matters now is that you are mine."

Our past is important because it is what shapes us and what makes us who we are. On my faith and ministry journey, I have learnt many things from many people. All those lessons, experiences and opportunities shape who I am today and shape my ministry. Treasured memories sustain me during challenging times; remembering where God has been with me on my journey reminds me of his faithfulness; reflecting back on my own spiritual journey helps me see where God is working in me.

As I prepare to leave St George's, I take many things with me that will support me in my faith and my ministerial journey in the years ahead. I take experiences, lessons, opportunities and memories that will sustain and shape me as I move onto the next chapter in my life. I will miss you all but I will take a little bit of St George's with me in my heart.

Recent Baptism

Freddie Chappell was baptised on 13th March and is seen here with his parents, Sophie and Jermaine.

We received a nice comment: "Just wanted to say a massive massive thank you for today and everything you and the church family have done for my family."



Parish News Roundup

Holy Baptism

- 6th Mar Theo Roy Kirby
 13th Mar Roman Thomas Mathew Walker, and Mathew John Watson (Roman's father)
 27th Mar Oscar Hugh David Pink-Kane and Evelyn May Pink-Kane (twins)

Holy Matrimony

None last month

Funerals

- 28th Feb Brian Walton
 16th Mar Keith Keenan (memorial service in church)
 18th Mar Marjorie Watkin (at the Cypress Chapel)
 21st Mar Irene Pointon

Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

- 27th Feb from Kate Stephenson and family, remembering Barry and all our loved ones
 6th Mar from Dorothy Walton, in memory of loved ones
 13th Mar from Joan and Jim Izard, for their parents
 20th Mar from John and Betty Atkinson, to celebrate their 66th Wedding Anniversary

Floodlighting was sponsored as follows:

- 28th Feb from Sheila and Rachel in memory of Ian Flitcroft who died in 1992 on his 60th Birthday.

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Mothers' Union

Our **April** meeting this year falls in **Holy Week** on **Monday 11th April**.

We meet at **2.15 pm** in **church** when we will be welcoming our **Assistant Curate, Rev. Dr Janine Arnott** to speak to us.

Tea/coffee and hot cross buns to follow!

Anyone wishing to come along to this meeting will be most welcome.

Message Board

Dorothy Walton would like to thank everyone who sent wonderful messages and cards following the death of Brian. They are a source of great comfort.

The shape of things to come

These are the new definitive 1st and 2nd class stamps, available now.



Old style stamps – the red 1st class and blue 2nd class and any old Christmas stamps – are still valid for use until the end of January 2023. After that date you will be surcharged for using them.

Parish News Roundup

Remember that you can exchange the old stamps for new ones, free of charge, by obtaining a 'Swap out' form from a local delivery office – **NOT** post offices – and returning the stamps to a freepost address. This service is available until 31st March 2023.

Whilst on the subject of stamps – from 1st April 2022 the price of a 1st class stamp will be **95p**, an increase of 10p on last year's price, and a 2nd class stamp will cost **68p**, an increase of 2p.

Rosie Stead

Festival Tee shirts

We are aiming to purchase a number of Festival logo tee shirts at around £10. They should be roomy rather than specifically sized and have been purchased locally from Davensport Ltd on Bramhall Lane.



Sign up on the list in church or be in touch with the parish office 0161 480 2453 to pre-order.

Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

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

May 2022

Grapevine magazine dates:
 Deadline copy date: **Fri 15th Apr**
 Committee meeting: via email

125th Anniversary Festival Sponsorship

Are you someone who might have local connections to businesses? Or perhaps you might have a desire to help support some of the events, activities and services that we are holding throughout our 125th anniversary year as a gift in thanksgiving for a baptism, in celebration of a wedding or in memory of someone much loved and much missed?

If so, we'd love to hear from you.

We are trying to ensure that we keep costs low whilst also wanting to engender a real sense of celebration and community at this special time, so any financial sponsorship would be very much appreciated.

The details of your firm, family or organisation would be included in our full-colour brochure.

An A5 advert costs £50, an A6 advert £25 and an A7 £15. We can incorporate logos and images provided as either a

word document or a jpeg. We would be happy to include you in our list of acknowledgements for £10 as every penny helps us to make this festival an exciting place to be.

Thank you so much, Elaine



Holy Week and Easter at St George's



Palm Sunday 10th April

- 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.15am Parish Communion (also live streamed)
- 4pm Special Palm Sunday Evening Service (also live streamed)

Monday 11th April

- 7.30pm Taizé-style service (also live streamed)

Tuesday 12th April

- 7.30pm The Way of the Cross. A said service: journey with Jesus to the cross

Wednesday 13th April

- 9.30am Morning Prayer (also live streamed)
- 10am Said service of Holy Communion (BCP)
- 7.30pm Tenebrae Service – a reflective service in candlelight, following the journey of the cross

Maundy Thursday: Thursday 14th April

- 7.30pm Holy Communion (also live streamed)

Good Friday: Friday 15th April

- 2pm Good Friday Liturgy. A service with music, prayers and reflections (also live streamed)

Easter Eve: Saturday 16th April

- 10am – 12noon Messy Church
- 7.30pm Service of Light and renewal of baptism vows (also live streamed)

Easter Day: Sunday 17th April – Jesus Christ is risen!

- 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.15am Parish Communion (also live streamed)
- 4pm Choral Evening Prayer (also live streamed)

St George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form

(Please return to Andrew Regan, 153 Acre Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, SK8 7PB).



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Newsletter from Tril – March 2022

Dear All

Yes, I have to admit that it is a lot longer since I last communicated than I realised.

First of all I hope you have managed to escape the COVID bug. We suspect that we are about to face up to the almost inevitable invasion of the Omicron infection. Because of our situation we managed pretty well to begin with. The only source of infection was people coming in, and there were quarantine hotels through which everyone had to pass, staying a fortnight. My son, Graham, who lives in Germany, said that even if he could arrange flights, he would spend the whole holiday period in quarantine. Now he hopes to come before next Christmas.

It is hard to believe that I have been here five years! What have I got to show for it?

Well, I have knitted at least 20 little cardigans for prem babies – no – must be lots more than that! I have, over the years, got the name of the ‘mend it lady’, which is fun. I have all sorts arriving at the door; some a simple job and some near impossible. Of course, I miss my ‘ragbag’ when I can remember exactly what I had that would just do the job!

Not a lot of excitement however. There is a nice little swimming pool where I exercise every Monday morning, and there are about four types of exercise. I used to go to the water exercises but gave it up and now just attend an hour of general exercises.

We have films once a week, and sessions of Rummikub, cards, choir, table tennis for a start. And we do whatever we like in our own apartments of course. My daughter always has a game of Scrabble when she comes up. She, and her lovely husband, take great care of me, bless them. Latest activity was turning out the fridge and freezer.

At the moment there is a huge protest, with about 800 people camped outside Parliament buildings. It started as a protest about obligatory vaccination against COVID, but now has spread to other subjects. Police are playing it very cool, only arresting real trouble makers. Now it is a real settlement. I heard someone was planting a little garden! Very soon portaloos were supplied, as the alternative hardly bears thinking about. Eleven days so far I think. Now all they need is an epidemic of anything!

We have had a lovely summer and I hope your winter hasn't been too harsh. I consider that I have the very best apartment due to Cara and Bali coming up at different times of day to see where the sun went. I look out over lawn to the bowling green with sun all day... I have a little garden on my terrace with a bird bath and two long troughs and several tubs. Cara keeps these supplied. Even a little tomato vine coming ripe right now.

Hope you can imagine my life now, but I still miss my church, my old house and my many friends.

God bless you all and lots of love, Tril

St George's School History Club

AT ST GEORGE'S we have a history club that meets every Tuesday. Our focus has been to develop local history in our school, and what better way to start than with the history of our school?

Using Peter Hall's book about the Second Western General Hospital we were able to step back in time and find out what our school was like as a military hospital in WWI. The children really enjoyed walking around our school and spotting where the photographs had been taken all those years ago.

At our last meeting we had the great pleasure of welcoming Peter and Reverend Elaine to come in to share

their knowledge on the subject and show us some fascinating artefacts which are over 105 years old!

The children were absolutely amazed to be touching the original glass film of pictures that were taken in WWI that they had seen in Peter's book. The experience was fantastic for the children and one that they won't forget for a while. Our thanks go to Peter and Elaine for giving up their valuable time to share such interesting information with the school, and we hope to welcome them back in the future.

Bethany Long

Good Friday, the day the Son of God died for you

GOOD FRIDAY is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9am. in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3pm. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year, and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches. In Lutheran churches, the day was marked by the reading of the passion narrative in a gospel, a practice which lies behind the 'passions' composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750). Both

the St Matthew Passion and the St John Passion have their origins in this observance of Good Friday.

The custom of observing a period of three hours' devotion from 12 midday to 3pm on Good Friday goes back to the 18th century. The 'Three Hours of the Cross' often take the form of an extended meditation on the 'Seven Last Words from the Cross', with periods of silence, prayer, or hymn-singing.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**"His goodness
restores my
soul"**

- **Entry to the competition has now closed, *however:***
- **You can still view the online exhibition of entries via Flickr (see below)**
- **Finalists will be displayed at the Lord's My Shepherd Festival from 4th-8th May 2022**

Further details available



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125th Anniversary
St. George's Church,
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125th Anniversary of St George's

WE HAVE A number of things planned during the next few weeks and months and would love to invite you to be part of this very important 125th anniversary year and the celebrations surrounding it.

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| April 2022 | | |
| See page 7 for Easter services | | |
| Friday 22nd | Drumroots workshop | 7.30–8.30 <i>followed by supper</i> |
| May 2022 | | |
| 4th–8th May | Festival | |
| Saturday 7th | Messy Church | 10am–12 noon |
| Saturday 7th | Pottery Sheep | 12.30pm onwards |
| Saturday 7th | Sheep Drive | 7pm <i>with cheese and wine</i> |
| Sunday 8th | Pet service | 10.15am |
| Sunday 8th | Afternoon tea | <i>Afternoon tea</i> 1–3pm |
| Sunday 8th | Songs of Praise | 4pm |
| Friday 13th | Concert | Mayor's choir |

Happy ever after? Let's hope so!

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES has taken a new – or relatively new – twist: the time-honoured list of symbols which can be used as a guide for appropriate presents now has a parallel set, labelled “Modern” – did you know that? Friends and family here were unaware of this development, and none of us has a good word to say for it. To start with, the early part of the list looks distinctly greedy, with ‘paper, cotton, leather’ replaced by ‘clocks, china, crystal/glass’ – hardly surprising to see that by year four, ‘fruit/flowers’ has been replaced by ‘electrical appliances’!

Wikipedia notes that silver and gold anniversaries were celebrated in Germanic countries as early as the 16th century. Until the 1930s it was usual in Britain to mark the first anniversary, and then the 5th, 10th, 20th, 25th, 50th, 75th. 1937 is the significant date, when The American National Jeweler Association created a hugely extended list, with a present recommended for every year until the 25th, and every five years thereafter! The expansion clearly did not stop there, and we see in the Modern US list that the 32nd anniversary is marked as the occasion for ‘conveyances (e.g. automobiles)’.

Britain seems to have been happy with most of the original list, and more concerned with whether or not to celebrate. ‘Miss Debrett on Anniversaries’ explores some of the pitfalls awaiting the unwary. As she says, “There is something curiously humiliating about being the one that treasures the memory of a date, while your partner sails past, completely oblivious of its supposed significance.” As to family involvement, she is adamant that the couple should be free to choose both whether and how they wish to mark the date.



Some commercial websites attempt to link the gift of choice with an aspect of the maturing marriage, ‘leather’ suggesting the strong bond that is developing, ‘crystal’ the clarity with

which you now see each other, etc. With people now living longer, it is noticeable that the explanations tend to peter out towards the end of the list. Perhaps that is just as well, as following ‘platinum’ to stand for endurance (70th) and the inevitable diamond to represent 75, the remaining list, (80, 85, 90) reads ‘oak, wine, stone’. Is there anyone anywhere who can avoid seeing the links, ‘coffin, wake, headstone’!?

Angela Foulkes



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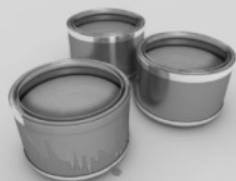
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THE ARCHBISHOPS of Canterbury and York have issued a pastoral letter to the clergy and people of the Church of England, calling on them to pray for peace in Ukraine.

They wrote: "This attack is an act of evil, imperilling as it does the relative peace and security that Europe has enjoyed for so long. The attack by one nation on a free, democratic country has rightly provoked outrage, sanctions, and condemnation.

"We lament with the people of Ukraine, and we pray for the innocent, the frightened and those who have lost loved ones, homes, and family.

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A Service of Celebration for the Life of

Brian Stenson Walton

17th January 1929 – 12th February 2022

THE SERVICE was held at St George's church and conducted by the vicar, Revd Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall. Elaine began by saying that not only was Brian an important person to his family, but also a really important person to his church family. He had been a church warden, sidesman and Garden Gnome, amongst many other things.

The eldest of three boys, he, Grahame and Keith spent their early life in Rickmansworth, then a year in Hull and finally the family moved to Stockport in 1940, where Brian attended the, then, very new Stockport School.

This was followed by National Service and a posting to the GHQ Middle East headquarters. Once back home, he studied accountancy, passing the ACA final in 1956. During this time he became friendly with a neighbour, Dorothy, whom he married in 1957.

Brian's association with St George's began with his parents. He joined the Youth Fellowship in his teens and, on his return from National Service, was recruited by Canon Wilfrid Garlick to become a sidesman, and later, deputy warden and then warden with Stan Berry. The church had been going through a difficult time in the late 1980s, including an interregnum. It was with heartfelt relief that the wardens were able to announce the appointment of the Reverend John Roff as vicar.

When Brian retired as warden, he joined the Garden Gnomes, which he especially enjoyed, and his dahlia display in the bed near the flagpole was legendary. He always enjoyed walking, and two new hips and major back surgery kept him active a bit longer, but eventually, he had to give up these pursuits, which he found very frustrating.

Brian and Dorothy had a long and very happy marriage. They had three children, David, Andrew and Linda, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Brian had many happy memories of all the friends he had made, both past and present, during his life at St George's.

Recollections of Brian collated by his children – read by David:

One of his favourite sayings was 'We all have our little peculiarities...'

SMOKE: After Mum and the rest of the family and friends, Dad's greatest love was undoubtedly his lifelong attraction to smoke and fire. Dad's bonfires were

legendary. He always tried to ensure the final wisps of smoke did not disappear in less than seven days. In front of the bonfire he could, of course, be found smoking his pipe.

PYROTECHNICS: Bonfire night was a ceremonial occasion. To our eyes, a huge fire would be built, Dad having spent most of the day constructing it in a manner best suited for maximum effect. Fireworks would also be precisely set out in a range of buckets, with old copper tubing for rockets. It was, to us, a wondrous display.

MATCHBOXES: By comparison, his pipe was a more modest affair. The smoking didn't take as much time as the whole exercise of lighting up with his trusty Swan Vestas matches – no other brand would do – and we are sure he spent more on them than actual tobacco. (*David told me Brian's usual order was for no fewer than 48 boxes at a time!*). The matchboxes, whether full or empty, would be put to secondary use. Generally, but particularly on holiday, Dad could be found itemising purchases of the day in tiny, scrawly writing on the back of the box. Forever the accountant, this could then be translated into the neatly-kept ledger back home.

LOGISTICS: His skills with the matchboxes were equalled by his extraordinary packing abilities. Linda reminded us that he was probably the only man to inflict dents on the inside of a car boot, caused by the cases, buckets and spades – and, later, transporting us, back and forth, to University.

HOLIDAYS: The holidays would start with a ritual closing of all car windows and the lighting of the pipe. He wondered why we felt travel sick. We all enjoyed holidays staying in farmhouses in the Lake District, where we went hill walking or to the beach. There, Dad would always help us build elaborate sandcastles with moats. Together with Mum, he instilled in us a love of the countryside and the outdoors.

ORNITHOLOGY: Dad enjoyed bird watching, and we were always amused when he would claim to have seen a Golden Eagle, and Mum would point out it was only a buzzard.

GORDON RAMSEY: ... he was not. However, he always cooked his own fried breakfast. Never a great lover of vegetables, his only concession was to add mushrooms to his fry-ups. He also made a mean cheese omelette and



chips for us on winter Saturday evenings, before we watched Morecambe and Wise.

THE MAN CAVE: The Crescent has a large cellar (a man cave) where he had a vast array of tools and gadgets. Here he would help us build go-karts and repair bikes. The cellar was also home to his wine-making activities and we were fascinated when he tried to create a distillery using an old chemistry set discarded by Oriel Bank School. He was only able to produce a few teaspoons of alcohol, but he was very entertained by it, as were we.

GARDENING: Dad, like Mum, was a very keen gardener, but he generously let us play football, cricket, rounders and golf, despite the destruction we wreaked on the flower beds. Nor did he mind if we built all sorts of constructions on his prized lawn.

SARTORIAL ELEGANCE AND INELEGANCE: Dad always wore a suit for work, church and special occasions, but, like Jekyll and Hyde, he would happily slip into an old, holey jumper for gardening.

CHRISTMAS and MUSIC: We all remember the Christmases when Uncle Keith would sit at the piano, Grandpa Bernard would sing lustily, and Dad would be inveigled into playing his old violin. The result was a hilarious evening's entertainment. It turns out that Dad actually wanted to learn the trumpet, but this was vetoed by Granny. It accounts, however, for his love of jazz and

swing music, Glen Miller being a particular favourite. So, in memory of this, we have chosen 'Moonlight Serenade' to be played at the end of the service.

Then followed an address by the vicar, prayers and a reading by a granddaughter, Kayleigh:

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on

The service ended with a final hymn: The Day thou gavest, Lord, is ended. Then words of commendation and a prayer of blessing. The music on departure: Moonlight Serenade – Glenn Miller.

*Edited version of the service
Rosie Stead*

St George's Choir at Lichfield Cathedral



St George's choir sang for choral evensong at Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 5th March (photo: Andrew Regan)

Garden Gnomes – April 2022

AT LONG LAST there are signs of spring in the air. After a long and wet winter, it has been good to experience a few sunny days recently. As the sun begins to climb higher in the sky each day, the angle of its light adds a degree of brightness to the garden scene and, in doing so, lifts our spirits.

Colour is returning too. Snowdrops and crocuses have done well in recent weeks. The large white camellia bush in the Garden of Remembrance has been covered in blossom, but coming into bloom early has once again made it susceptible to frost. It always seems such a shame to see the flowers damaged so quickly.

At the east end of the garden, the specially-prepared bed of flowers, displaying '125' to mark the anniversary, has provided a welcome splash of colour. Special thanks to Kate Stephenson who has been the prime mover in this venture.

The school half-term holiday provided the opportunity to have the south avenue trees pruned. The appearance is somewhat stark, but fear not, they will soon be sprouting again. We deferred having the north avenue trees similarly pruned, partly to spread the costs over two years, but also to avoid complications arising from the ongoing building work on the former vicarage site. We hope it won't be long before the heavy construction work is complete and we can properly tidy up the avenue and the gardens on the north side of the church.

We also have plans to reinstate the dahlia display in the flower bed near the A6 entrance to the south avenue, as a tribute to our late colleague, Brian Walton, who

looked after that part of the garden so well for many years.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all those people who have donated bulbs, plants or money to support us in our efforts to make the church surrounds attractive.

Like many of our readers, we will be engaged in the coming weeks in preparing for the growing season, weeding, digging, tidying dead growth, etc. For those of us at home, any new rose bushes should have been planted by now. Final pruning of existing roses is due, and be ready to water, if necessary, if we get dry spells.

Autumn-sown sweet pea seedlings can be planted out, once the frosts are over, and also heathers and late-flowering herbaceous plants.

As time goes on, trees and shrubs which have finished flowering can be lightly pruned, although some other shrubs such as buddleia davidii and hydrangea paniculata grandiosa benefit from being cut back hard.

As for lawns, it is time to mow, aerate, scarify and fertilise and, if necessary, level out any bumps and hollows.

These are just some general reminders of tasks for the days ahead – I'm sure you will all have your own priorities, and are looking forward to spending more time in the open air, helping nature to prosper.

May all your labours be productive and bring you pleasure.

Novice Gnome

Our Younger Members of the Congregation

SEEING Hattie, Charlie and Aneurin sitting by the west door, following the burial of the Time Capsule had me wondering what they may be doing in another 25 years' time when they will be around 30 years old.

When asked, Hattie said she is going to be a nurse and a sailor (something to do with Daddy having just been given a kayak for his birthday?) She has already told us, having watched the Christmas Day edition of 'Call the Midwife', that having babies is very hard and she isn't having any babies, just children!

Charlie is going to be a firefighter and a footballer, and Aneurin is going to be tall!

I do hope that if those three are still around in 2047 they will attend the 150th anniversary of the Consecration of St George's, and that a photograph of them sitting on the same seat will appear in *Grapevine*.

Kate Stephenson



Squeaks and Roars and Muddy Paws



We would love to invite you to our Pet service on Sunday 8th May 2022 at 10.15am. We will be welcoming the Reverend Vet, Revd Dr Jenny McKay, to speak to us and we welcome you and your wonderful animals to join us.

To help our service run smoothly, can we please ask you to observe the following requests:

We welcome all animals but if your animal is especially large, can you please let us know by contacting vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk by **no later** than Friday 29th April so we can make appropriate arrangements.

- All dogs to wear collars or harnesses which can't be slipped, and a lead to be attached.
- Following advice from our vet, we ask that bitches in season are not brought to this service, please.
- No young puppies or kittens unless they have had their vaccinations, please.
- All animals (apart from dogs and larger animals as previously arranged) to remain in secure cages, carrying baskets or tanks.
- Please kindly bring bags for dog waste with you and be prepared to dispose of them appropriately after the service.
- Please aim to be seated by 10.05am.
- Please be guided by the stewards as to where to be seated as there will be sections for dogs, cats, small furrries, and reptiles.
- I'm afraid we aren't able to have poultry on the premises as there are currently restrictions in place due to the ongoing avian influenza outbreaks.
- Please be guided by the stewards as you leave the church as we want to ensure everyone gets out safely without any undue stress to the animals.
- Hand gel, soap and water, disinfectant, paper towels and absorbent pads will be available.
- Please **do not** bring animals who are unwell. Whilst we will have a vet (or two) on the premises, they will respond to emergencies only and general advice needs to be sought from your own veterinary practitioner. The Vet's decision will be final as we want to ensure the health of all of the other animals who will be joining us.

We look forward to seeing you.

Elaine

St George's 125th Anniversary Gin

The advertisement for St George's 125th Anniversary Gin is a rectangular graphic with a red border. On the left, it says '70cl 40% ABV A LONDON DRY GIN DISTILLED WITH A TWIST OF LIME'. Below this is a small icon of a bottle and a warning: 'The UK Chief Medical Officers recommend adults do not regularly drink more than 14 units per week. drinkaware.co.uk'. In the center, the text reads 'SAINT GEORGES CHURCH CELEBRATING 125 YEARS 1897 - 2022'. On the right, there is a logo for 'STOCKPORT GIN' and the text 'PRODUCT OF ENGLAND PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY STOCKPORT GIN LTD STOCKPORT, SK1 1EB'. The background features a faint illustration of the church and a pattern of small crosses.

THANKS TO SOME truly sacrificial action on behalf of our parish, some people have graciously consented to be gin testers. Their tireless endeavours have meant that we have a premium gin for our 125th anniversary which is suitable for gifts or for "medicinal purposes" should you buy one for yourselves. We have applied for the

appropriate licence and the gin will be available for sale on certain occasions.

In the meantime, can people give an indication if they'd like to pre-order a bottle at £35. Lists are at the back of church, or you can contact the parish office on 0161 480 2453.



Mouse Makes



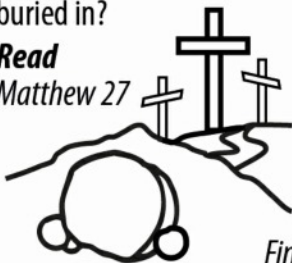
Who betrayed Jesus?
Who denied Jesus?

Read Matthew 26:17-75



What did the soldiers put on Jesus at his crucifixion?
What time did Jesus die?
Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

Read Matthew 27



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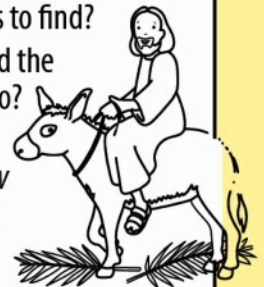
Jesus has risen!
Jesus is with us!
Jesus will come again!



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?

What did the crowd do?

Read Matthew 21:1-11



What did Jesus do at Passover?



Read Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?

What had happened to Jesus?

Read Matthew 28



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Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"

Crossword

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Across

- 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- For nine (anag.) (7)
- Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my

face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)

- Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — —, who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

Time Capsule Contents

THESE ITEMS were placed and sealed in the time capsule buried outside the west door after the 125th anniversary service on Sunday 27th February 2022:

- Ten pieces written by children from each year group at St George's School. One piece, written by 6S, summarised what life had been like in the year 2021-2022.
- A set of newly-minted GB coins dated 2022.
- A front cover from a copy of a February 2022 *Grapevine* which, on the reverse lists St George's personnel and organisations.
- A Covid testing kit and mask.
- A sheep badge and a small sheep, with an explanation of their significance.
- A one-page summary of Stockport's Town Centre West development plans, with two pictures of the proposed development.

- A copy of the 125th Anniversary events and photographic competition notice from the February 2022 *Grapevine*.
- A copy of the hymn "Shine, Jesus Shine", reflecting our strap line, "Shining as a beacon for Christ".

The capsule is just over a foot long (33.5cm) and 3.9" (9.8cm) in diameter. We laminated papers and put other items in sealed plastic bags. The small space left we packed with plain tissue paper, as recommended.

Chris Dawson



Transformation in the Town Centre

STOCKPORT IS CURRENTLY undergoing radical transformation, with over £1 billion dedicated to the regeneration of the town centre, and dynamic growth. Flagship redevelopments such as Stockport Exchange and Redrock are contributing to the already thriving local economy, where over 13,000 businesses employ approximately 124,000 people.

The council is leading and supporting a number of projects aimed at securing the long-term future of Stockport town centre. These include:

- a £7 million investment programme for the Market Place and Underbanks area
- the development of the £45 million Redrock leisure and retail facility

- investment in Merseyway shopping centre
- ongoing support for local events and activities
- a Townscape Heritage Lottery bid of £1.8m for Stockport's historic Underbanks.

Masterplan for Stockport Town Centre West

Stockport Town Centre West is a sizeable regeneration area set to include 3,500 homes, 1m sq ft of employment space and social infrastructure for tenants. The framework also proposes more than 1m sq ft of mixed employment space, an "urban riverside", and a series of new and improved public spaces.

The proposals form part of the creation of the first Mayoral Development Corporation in Greater Manchester and, according to the council, the first in the country to focus on a town centre.

Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, said: "My commitment to a low-carbon future, building on brownfield sites, and ensuring Greater Manchester's town centres are able to fulfil their potential, is very close to my heart... I'm happy to use my powers to create Greater Manchester's first Mayoral Development Corporation. This will lead the regeneration of the Town Centre West area in a way which is consistent with my strategy for a truly integrated public transport system, along with enhanced cycling and walking links, that support sustainable urban living."





The Year 2021-2022 by Form 6S in St George's School

THE LAST twelve months have certainly been something to remember for a multitude of reasons. The never-ending problems of Covid-19, climate change and hundreds of children missing school because of the pandemic. Many people and scientists around the world are unsure as to the origins of the virus, but the most amazing response has been how people have come together to prevent the spread of the virus and discovered a life-saving vaccine. Millions of people around the world have already been vaccinated, though some refused.

Face masks are being worn to help prevent the spread of the virus. Coronavirus testing has become a regular thing for most people. If someone were to receive a positive test, they would have to isolate (meaning you must stay at home and limit your contact with other human beings) for a maximum of 10 days, but if you were to test negative twice in a row after 5 days, you would be allowed to go out. In recent weeks, it has been good to see people being given more freedom and their lives moving slowly closer to normal. People are required to wear face covering when shopping or taking a bus/public transportation, unless they are exempt.

This year we have received mixed news about climate change. It has been worsening and it has been predicted that within the next two decades, global temperatures will rise by 1.5 degrees Celsius if we don't help the planet. Also, the last seven years have been the warmest on record, and those high temperatures will rise if we don't take severe action to help save our world. Scientists

estimate that dozens of species of plants and animals become extinct daily, meaning that more than 1 million species are at risk of extinction due to climate change.

According to a 2018 study in *The Lancet*, rising temperatures, alongside a growing number of people in cities and an increasing population of elderly people, have increased the number of heat-related deaths. Vulnerable populations have already been damaged by the devastating effects of climate change. Many world leaders still aren't taking it as seriously as they should in order to save our planet. However, this isn't the case for all, as many leaders have met at COP26 to discuss climate issues. The main agreement was that countries will meet next year to pledge further cuts of CO₂ (carbon dioxide) emissions.

However, aside from everything mentioned before, there is positive news from 2021. A NASA rover made oxygen on Mars and scientists have recycled plastic into vanilla flavouring. Swedish furniture store IKEA has bought 11,000 acres of woodland in Georgia to preserve the forest after it seemed likely that the land would be used for development. French nun, Lucille Randon, became the oldest person to recover from Covid 19 in February, just in time for her 117th birthday. New Zealand has raised the minimum living wage and increased taxes for the rich, in an effort to support the most vulnerable in society.

It has definitely been a year to remember and one to reflect on carefully.



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT MUSIC LIST – APRIL 2022

| Sunday 3rd April – The Fifth Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday | |
|--|--|
| 10:15am – St. George's Service | |
| Setting: | The Addington Service – Shephard |
| Hymns: | 122 The royal banners forward go, 116 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head 108 Glory be to Jesus, who, in bitter pains, 499 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim |
| Anthem: | Adoramus te, Christe – Dubois |
| No Evening Service | |

| Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday | |
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| 10:15am – St. George's Service | |
| Introit: | Sanctus – Schubert |
| Setting: | Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne |
| Hymns: | 128 All glory, laud, and honour 112 My song is love unknown 109 It is a thing most wonderful, 129 Ride on, ride on in majesty! |
| Anthem: | Ave verum corpus – Elgar |
| 4:00pm – A Service of Readings and Music for Holy Week | |
| See Order of Service for details | |

| Thursday 14th April – Maundy Thursday | |
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| 7:30pm – Holy Communion | |
| Setting: | A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening |
| Hymns: | 281 Author of life divine who hast a table spread 318 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray 322 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast, |
| Anthem: | Verily, verily I say unto you – Tallis |

| Friday 15th April – Good Friday | |
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| 2:00pm – The Liturgy of Good Friday | |
| See Order of Service for details | |

| Saturday 16th April – Easter Eve | |
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| 7:30pm – Easter Vigil Service of Light | |
| Setting: | The Addington Service – Shephard [Gloria only] |
| Exsultet: | Plainsong |
| Hymns: | SP73 This is the night of new beginnings. SP286 In Christ alone my hope is found, |

| Sunday 17th April – Easter Day | |
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| 10:15am – St. George's Service | |
| Setting: | Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne |
| Hymns: | 147 Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia SP80 See, what a morning, gloriously bright, 137 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and... 160 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, |
| Anthem: | This joyful Eastertide – Wood |
| 4:00pm – Choral Evensong | |
| Hymns | 157 The day of resurrection! 141 Christ the Lord is risen again, 162 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, |
| Responses: | Wilby Psalm: 66 (1-11) [Elvey] |
| Canticles: | Evening Service in D – Brewer |
| Anthem: | The strife is o'er – Ley |



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| Sunday 24 th April – The Second Sunday of Easter | |
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| 10:15am – St. George's Service | 3:00pm – St. George's Day Scouting Service |
| Setting: A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening Hymns: 159 The strife is o'er, the battle done; 136 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord SP286 In Christ alone my hope is found, 376 And can it be that I should gain... Anthem: Christ the Lord is risen again – Foster | See Order of Service for details |

Recipe of the month:

Salmon and Mushroom Risotto

This risotto recipe adds the liquid all at one time, so is very easy.

25g/1oz butter

small bunch spring onions, white parts only, chopped

2 stalks celery, chopped

225g/8oz mushrooms, chopped

350g/12oz arborio rice (or other risotto rice)

150ml/¼ pt dry white wine

1.2 litres/2 pints hot chicken/fish/vegetable stock

450g/1lb salmon, skinned and diced

3 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon or parsley

salt and freshly ground black pepper

Heat butter in a large saucepan and add the spring onions and celery. Cook for 2-3 minutes without letting the vegetables colour. Stir in the rice, then pour in the wine followed by the stock. Bring to the boil, then lower the heat and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Stir in the diced salmon and season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Continue cooking for a further 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, then switch off heat. Cover and leave to stand for 5 minutes. Remove the lid, add chopped herbs and mix lightly. Serve in a warmed bowl.

Pamela Ferguson

Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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Crossword solution:

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

Wednesdays: 9.30am Morning Prayer (also live streamed)
10am Holy Communion (BCP)

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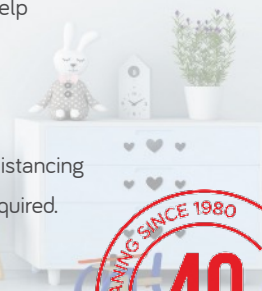
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