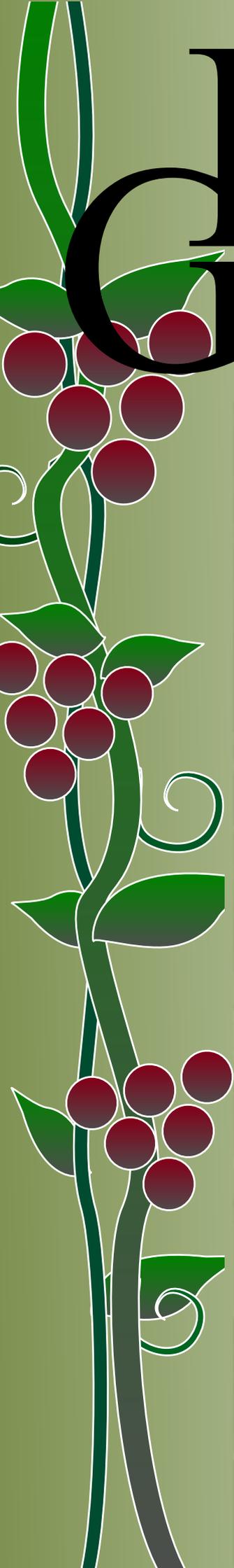


Parish Grapevine

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news, views, events
and services at
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Who's Who in the Parish of St George, Stockport

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Associate minister	Rev. Dr Jenny McKay 01606 891564 <i>jenny@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i>	Praise and Play	Lois Kelly 439 9458 For 0–4s and their carers. Meet every Tuesday in term time, 10–11 in the Parish Rooms.	Choir	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i> Practice: Thursday 7.30pm–9pm in the vestry during term time. Sing for Sunday services at 10.15am and 4pm.
Readers	Peter Hall 456 9382 Rita Waters 487 3620	St Gabriel's		Church Flowers	Jean Hayden (<i>donations</i>) 483 2367
Churchwardens	Andrew Regan 440 0408 Hazel Jenkins 483 4679	Festival services	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall 456 9382	Church Gardeners	Walter Stead 430 2449 Meet on Tuesdays 9.30-12.30.
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Parish Office	Cathryn Otley 480 2453	Brownies	Rachel Lockett 07712 302342 Lianne Warburton 07815 482603 For girls aged 7-10. Meet Thursdays 6.30-8pm in the Parish Room. To sign up to Brownies or Rainbows please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and click on "Join us"	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	vacant	4th Stockport Scout Group		Linen Guild	Pat Rigley 487 1999 Maintain the church's linen.
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Website	www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk			Mothers' Union	Pat Durnall 483 4837 Meet on 2nd Monday of the month in church at 2.15pm. In April, meet on first Monday.
Webmaster	Peter Hall 456 9382				
St George's Primary School					
Headteacher	Deborah Grindrod 480 8657				
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Director of Music	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i>	Squirrels	Sarah Johnson 07930 243 159 Meet at: Bridgehall Community Centre Siddington Avenue SK3 8NR		
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Vergers	Lee Howarth Mary Howarth	Cubs	For boys and girls aged 8–10½ Wednesdays 6.30–8.00		
Bookings for Parish Rooms	Parish Office 480 2453 or Judith Swift 483 8681	Scouts	For boys and girls aged 10½–14 Wednesdays 6.30–8.00		
St Gabriel's					
Contact:	Parish Office 480 2453	Other Groups and Activities			
Bookings	Parish Office 480 2453	St George's			
Children's Activities		Bell ringers	Anne Mayes 485 6477 Practise Mondays 7.45-9pm. Ring on Sundays 9.45-10.15am. Meet in the tower.		
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Roses in St George's Church gardens in June
(photo by Andy Clark)

Services in July/August:
see pages 6 and 27

Café Church Animal Blessing Service, 9th July, 4pm

WE ARE REALLY excited to be having our first of three Café-style services on 9th July at 4pm in the main church building. This will take the form of an Animal Blessing service.



Believe it or not, the 125th St George's Anniversary Animal Blessing Service held in May last year was the very first time I visited St George's as a guest preacher, and it made a massive impact on me. I met so many wonderful people, with amazing pets to bless, from cats to dogs to snails, and photos of pets unable to attend. The rest is

history, of course! So, another Pet Blessing Service holds a special place in my heart, and I hope we will have a good turnout.

All animals and people are welcome to this informal service! There will be music, with our Junior Choir performing as well, and we look forward to refreshments afterwards, for the humans anyway! The service will be live streamed and we will keep our video camera focused on the pets, but if you do not wish to appear live, please just let the stewards know. Looking forward to this time to "paws and praise."



Jenny

Psalm Reflections

EVERYONE IS most welcome to our three remaining Psalm Reflections at **12 noon on Sundays from 2nd to 16th July**, after the 10.15am Sunday Service. Our first session focused on Psalm 23, The Lord is my Shepherd. These are short, approximately 30-minute, sessions, where we will meet in the side chapel and reflect and meditate on one or two verses of a psalm. Inspired by a recent Psalms Reflective Day at Foxhill, I was encouraged to revisit the Psalms, and ponder how quiet reflection on them can help us with our strongest emotions and difficult times. Mindfulness is quite the buzz word these days but the Christian practice of achieving stillness and calm goes back to the saints and, in particular, Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556). Chris Dawson and I will be running the sessions. Do come along with a drink and enjoy a period of calm before the start of a new week!

Jenny



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What am I?

IN THE JUNE edition of Grapevine (page 23) Elaine asked if anyone could identify the item she and Peter found in the bathroom of their hotel in Italy. Andrew Regan worked his technological wizardry and found that it might be a side table – but what purpose it served in a bathroom is anyone’s guess.

This got me thinking that it might be a bit of fun to have a ‘What am I?’ corner in the magazine.

My sons were very adept at identifying the contents of their Christmas parcels – before they opened them – by shape, feel and/or shaking. Dismayed that the element of surprise was wasted on them, I decided on a different tactic.

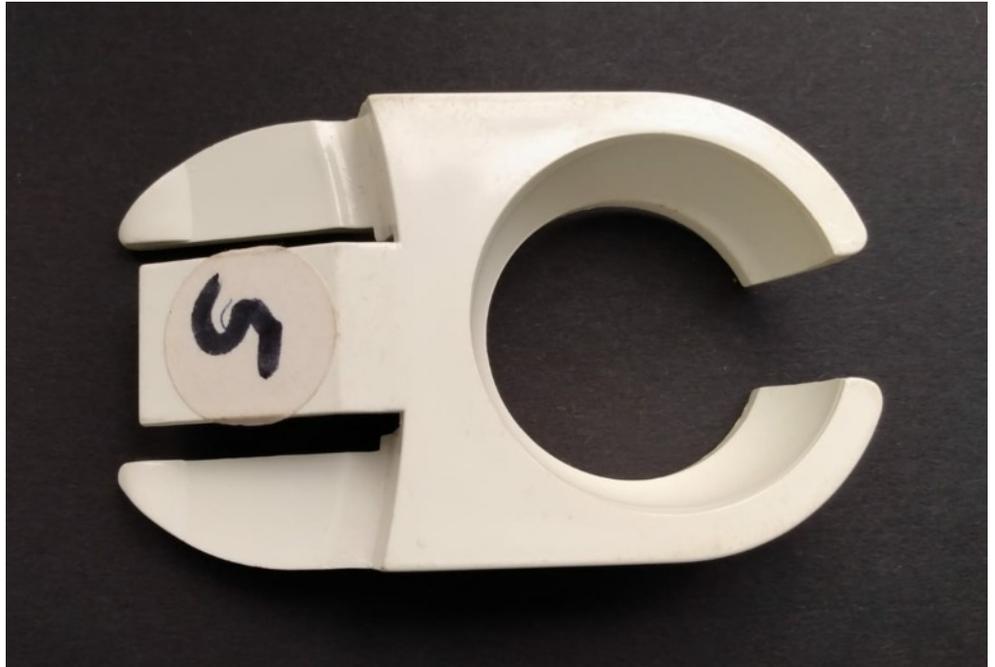
The ‘jigsaw’ was incorrectly identified, as it was actually a box of breakfast cereal! And so, a new game was born.

Each year, for over 40 years, my son, Robert, has endured, or even enjoyed, receiving an object which, without its descriptive label, has been a challenge to identify. My greatest successes have been from the plumbing aisle at B&Q! My

reward is the length of time it takes him to work out what they are, or what he thinks they may be. Sometimes his suggestions are more ingenious than the real purpose.

Here is the picture of the first item I gave Robert – can you identify it? (The number is irrelevant – that’s for another game!).

Rosie Stead



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Jenny writes:

Pilgrimage is an important practice in Christianity. It involves travelling to a holy site or shrine as an act of devotion or penance. Some of the most well-known Christian pilgrimage sites include the Holy Land,

Rome, Santiago de Compostela, and Lourdes. It is not only a Christian practice, as demonstrated in the BBC series, Pilgrimage, which first went to Santiago, followed by Rome, Istanbul, the Scottish Isles and, more recently, Portugal. Various A-list and B-list celebrities of all faiths and none gained an opportunity to reflect on all aspects of belief, morality and spirituality, with strong camaraderie and a healthy dollop of humour. Whatever their beliefs, everyone changed in some way through their experiences.

Dave and I went on a recent pilgrimage along the central part of Hadrian's Wall and finished up with a 10K Nordic walking race in Grasmere. I do call it a pilgrimage, as last year, I had attempted the walk, and due to blisters, missed this central part of the walk. I had been sponsored as well, although everyone was kind enough to still give their sponsorship contribution as the distance was completed, well 40 miles of it anyway, if not all on foot! It was a demoralising experience for me last year. It was physically and mentally exhausting and I couldn't walk on my poor feet for ten days afterwards. I felt quite battered by the whole experience and a bit of a failure. I learned a lot though. I learned that there are different ways to motivate people, and it was a great opportunity



for people to meet their first "vicar." Someone said when she heard there was going to be a Reverend on the trip that she thought what a bore that was going to be. Little did she know! Many people offered assistance, I didn't quit, and stayed the duration and didn't get the first train back home as I might have wished. As some of you will know, however, it's not much fun when you haven't been able to walk, to hear every evening how marvellous the walk was. Resilience is something we need in life and, my word, long-distance walking certainly helps build that important life quality.



Anyway, in May 2023, based in a lovely part of Cumbria, we walked the 30 miles from Lanercost Priory to Chollerford over three days. It was a pilgrimage, walking near the wall which was constructed over six years, beginning in AD122, amazingly close in time to Jesus' own time! It was a beautiful walking environment, with wildlife and birdsong and radiant sunshine, accompanied by signs of early Christianity at Vindolanda

Fort, in the form of a portable Christian altar and a lead chalice. It was certainly tough walking but walking deadlines were met! Dave and I both felt invigorated, relaxed, and, for me, it was like getting back in the saddle after a long time off cycling.



And the final day of beating my previous time in the Grasmere Gallop rounded off the whole trip.

Our Christian journey is a bit like a pilgrimage! An ongoing lifetime challenge with many ups and downs. Sometimes we are knocked back and it is hard to get back up again. But with the love of friends, family and God, our constant companion, anything is possible. As it says in Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 1-2, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith".

With every blessing, Jenny

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Holy Baptism

11th June Harriet Victoria Clegg

25th June Aurelia Jade Nesfield
Athena Rose Nesfield

Holy Matrimony

10th June David Taylor and
Gemma Boland

Funerals

26th June Alice Ramsbottom: service
at St George's, committal
at Stockport Crematorium.

27th June Margaret Eva Sharrard
service at St George's
committal at Stockport
Crematorium

Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

4th June In loving memory of Chris
Neilson. Always in our
hearts. From Janet, Claire,
Matthew and Andrew.

11th June Remembering John's
birthday, with love from
Janice Puddifoot and family.

18th June from the late Margaret
Sharrard – for Julian.

Floodlighting was sponsored as follows:

2nd June from Marion and the
McCall family, in loving
memory of our lovely Mum,

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Pamela Elizabeth McCall,
safe in the arms of Jesus.
*No longer will you need the
sun or moon to give you
light, for the Lord your God
will be your everlasting
light and He will be your
glory.*

4th June from Janet Nielson, in
loving memory of Chris
Neilson. Always in our
hearts. From Janet, Claire,
Matthew and Andrew.

Mothers' Union

We meet this month on **Tuesday July
11th** 12.30 for 1pm lunch at the
Deanwater Hotel, Woodford.

Please note that this is on a Tuesday
this month instead of our usual
Monday meeting. Also please make
sure that you have given your menu
choices to Pat Rigley in good time.

This is our last meeting until we start
the new season on Monday
September 11th, when we will meet in
church at 2.15pm for Holy Communion
with our vicar, Elaine.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Use up Your Stamps

Remember to use up any unbarcoded
1st and 2nd class stamps by 31st July
2023. After this date you will be
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from a General Post Office, but this
offer may not be for long. Special
stamps and Christmas stamps are
exempt.

Rosie Stead

Postage Stamps

As postage stamps can now be added
to our Recycling for Good Causes box
at the back of church I shall no longer
be collecting them for the RNLI. Thank
you to all who have supported this
worthy cause and please continue to
bring your used stamps to Church.

Kate Stephenson

Dates for your diary

Sunday 2nd July, 4pm: Celebration of
Marriage service at St George's (see
page 21).

Saturday 8th July, from 10am: Deanery
Away Day at St Alban's, Offerton (see
page 21).

Sunday 9th July, 4pm: Pet Service at St
George's (see pages 3 and 9).

Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

Please contact the vicar:
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September 2023

Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 18th Aug**
Committee meeting: Tue 22nd Aug

St George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form

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The Diamond Jubilee of Self-Supporting Ministry Service

ON SATURDAY 17th June, there was a service of thanksgiving for 60 years of the ministry of Self-Supporting Ministers in Chester Cathedral. Sometimes called SSMs, or MSEs (Ministers in Secular Employment) they feel called to God's ministry while continuing to work in another profession. On the day, I met teachers, doctors, nurses, and others. SSMs may see their ministry as primarily parish-focused at weekends. Others feel their workplace is their primary demonstration of priesthood and I would fit in that latter category, serving my work community and others in a very much social media-based style as TheReverendVet. We had a discussion at the lunch before the service and I know some people are very nervous about the use of social media. However, Jesus called us to be in the world and to meet people where they are, and these days, most people are on that social media highway. It is a wonderful means of outreach, but as with all great inventions, it can sometimes be used for ill. However, that shouldn't stop us engaging with people way beyond those we meet face to face in our church communities. St George's is a champion in this regard by regular streaming of Sunday Services, Morning Prayer, Bake-off and Storytime.



No person is an island, and it is important that all SSMs/MSEs minister within a firm church base and I am delighted to be supported by and contribute to the church community in St George's. The people feed my soul, and as for the music, it is heavenly!

I am full of thanks and gratitude that I can share in the ministry of St George's and be my true self, as not only a vet but also a priest, seven days a week.

Jenny

Recipe: Spicy Red Fish Stew

Prepare the sauce ahead of time if that suits your timetable; just keep it in the fridge for a day or two until needed. In this case, add the fish after reheating the sauce, just before you serve it, to make sure it is not overcooked. I made half the recipe and used one dried chilli, broken up. I omitted the coriander as I do not like it. If you do not like spicy food you could leave out the chilli.

3 red peppers
4-5 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
6 banana shallots, or 12 smaller ones, skinned and chopped
1-2 cloves garlic, skinned and finely chopped
2 400g tins chopped tomatoes
1-2 bird's eye chillies, seeded and chopped, or 1 rounded tsp dried chilli flakes
sea salt
finely grated zest of 2 limes

1 tbsp chopped coriander
1.2kg/2.5 lbs cod, skinned and cut into 2cm/1in pieces.

Cut each pepper in quarters and put them, skin side upwards, on a baking tray under a hot grill. Leave until the skin blackens and blisters then put them into a polythene bag for 10 minutes. The skin should then peel off easily. Chop the skinned peppers.

Meanwhile, cook the shallots gently in the olive oil in a large frying pan until they are very soft. Stir in the garlic, tomatoes, chilli and red peppers. Season with salt and simmer the sauce gently for 10-15 minutes. Stir in the lime zest and coriander then add the fish and continue to simmer gently until the fish turns opaque, which it should do in less than 5 minutes. Serve in a bowl with warm bread or garlic bread. Add a green vegetable if you like.

Serves 6-8.

Pamela Ferguson

Cyfarchion o Cymru!

Hello from Wales!

WE HOPE that you are all keeping well, and enjoying the Spring weather. We have had a generally warm, but very wet winter, but now the sun is shining, the trees and hills are fresh and green, and the Welsh rugby team is still losing! They do take their rugby seriously here, although, to be fair, the locals were all very understanding and sporting when England won at Cardiff in the Six Nations. They did speak to us again after a few weeks!



Seriously, we couldn't have asked for a warmer welcome to Llanmiloe and Carmarthenshire. Everyone has been kind, welcoming and friendly; people are always ready with a cheerful word and a smile, and a willingness to help when needed. The area is beautiful, with lots of fine walking on the doorstep. The coast is beautiful, particularly as you travel westwards, with attractive villages all the way along. We very much like Carmarthen, our nearest town, which is large enough to have most of the shops we need, and amenities such as a library, local archives, a theatre and a cinema, and a hospital! It's also small enough to be easy to walk round, and with interesting little side streets, often with smaller shops with local produce. There's a good market, a vast number of pubs, and a very central bus station.

Margaret has found an excellent swimming pool, six or seven miles from us, and I have joined the local bowling club about 400 yards away! We have joined St Margaret's church, about a mile away in Pendine, which has a small congregation but a very large heart. We were made so welcome from the minute we entered the church, and are so lucky to have found it. The services are in English, too, which certainly helps! I have made a very small start at learning Welsh, but am being rapidly outstripped by my eldest granddaughter, who has just started in a Welsh/English school, and at three and a half is counting up to 12 in Welsh, singing Welsh songs, and probably dreaming about Katherine Jenkins!

Alison, Paul, Rhian and Seren finally moved into their new house in Laugharne just before Christmas. They are only three miles from us, and it's wonderful to be so close to the family and to be able to see them so often. We think that we are quite useful as baby-sitters, too, and we have grown very attached to the complete works of Peppa Pig and Ben and Holly!



Ali is working in the police in Swansea, in charge of a team helping to protect vulnerable adults. She really enjoys the responsibility, although they are incredibly



busy. Again, she was made so welcome right from the start, and felt at home right away. Paul is still waiting for his transfer from London to South Wales to come through, and has to commute once a week, although a lot of his work can be done online from home. He and I have both got season tickets for the local Scarlets rugby team, and

have very much enjoyed our first season at Parc Y Scarlets! The singing is magnificent! Thanks to the wonders of Sky Sports and BT, I have been able to watch almost all of Manchester City's matches so far this season. Margaret said that she was quite surprised the other day when she found that the television had channels other than football.



We do keep up with St George's news thanks to emails from friends, as well, of course, through regularly receiving "Lance" and "Grapevine". It is always lovely to read how you are getting on, and to see the beautiful photos in "Grapevine". We will always be very glad to see anyone from St George's who is down in this lovely part of the country. Andrew, Rosie and Angela, among other friends, have our postal address and our email address. You will be very welcome!

All our very best wishes to you all. Keep safe and well, and have a very happy spring and summer.

Much love, *Richard and Margaret Parr*



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St George's Church Choir Summer Tour 2023: Manchester Cathedral

CONTINUING ON from our recent successful tours to Worcester Cathedral (Summer 2021), Sheffield Cathedral (Summer 2022) and two spring tours to Lichfield Cathedral (2022 and 2023) the choir is once again going on tour to one of the 42 Anglican cathedrals this summer.

This time we are staying much closer to home, and will be the choir in residence at Manchester Cathedral over the weekend of Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August 2023.

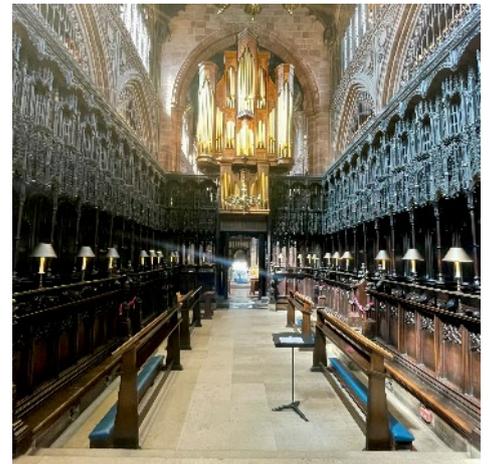
The adult members of the choir will sing Evensong at 3:30pm on Saturday 26th.

This will be our first cathedral tour in which the junior choristers are involved, and they will join the adults on Sunday 27th to sing for the Cathedral Eucharist at 10:30am and Evensong at 3:30pm.

Given the short distance from Stockport it is my hope that members of our congregation will be able to join us for some or all of the three services at Manchester Cathedral over the weekend.

Music is still to be confirmed. However, further details will appear in the Lance Newsletter closer to the time.

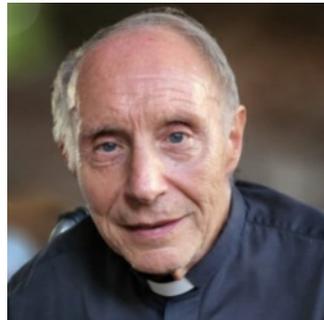
James Hibbert



Organ Recital: David Price, Pattaya (Thailand)

Sunday 16th July 2023, 4pm

On Sunday 16th July one of our former assistant organists, David Price, will be giving an organ recital in church at 4pm.



David Price was educated at Stockport School, where he began his musical studies under Geoffrey Barber. After 'A' level examinations he then became a full-time student at The Royal School of Church Music, studying the organ with Martindale Sidwell, choir training with Michael Brimer, singing with Robert Poole and composition with Derek Holman. In 1963 he was awarded the 'Limpus' Prize in the examination for Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists, and two years later gained the Choirmaster's Diploma.

The early years of his professional career were spent back in the North West of England, where he was head of music at Peel Moat School, Stockport, Director of the Maia Boys' Choir, and Assistant Organist at St George's Church, under Arthur Rooke. In 1969 he moved to East Anglia, where for twenty-four years he was Director of Music at Taverham Hall Preparatory School, Norwich, and for a period also Master of the Music at the Priory Church of St Nicholas, Great Yarmouth – the largest parish church in England! In 1993 he took early retirement from the chalk face, so as to be able to devote more time to examining and adjudicating work, and also private teaching. He has been a Guild Advisor for the Royal School of Church Music since 1974, and in 1996 was appointed Education and Training Officer for the Norfolk and Norwich Area. In the same year, he was invited to become Master of Music at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Norwich. For the first five years of its existence, he was

an Assistant Director of the I.A.P.S. Choral Course under Ralph Allwood.

An examiner for the Associated Board since 1979, he has undertaken overseas tours in Eire, Cyprus, Hong Kong on numerous occasions, Indonesia twice, Malaysia twice, and Singapore three times whilst examining all the while extensively throughout the UK.

Now recently retired after 36 years on the Practical Panel, he still marks theory papers online from his retirement home in Thailand!

A wholly unexpected, life-changing experience was the ordination to the priesthood on Remembrance Sunday, in 17th November 2017.

He is currently Chaplain to the Anglican Mission Community of St George's, Pattaya, Thailand.

Away from music, his interests include crossword puzzles, contract bridge, foreign travel, and cats!

We look forward to welcoming David back to Stockport in mid-July.

James Hibbert, Director of Music



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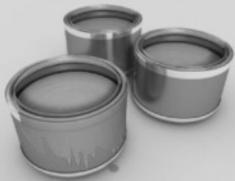
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Recipe: Fire in the Snow

This is a variation on a pavlova. The recipe is from an old cookery book and I have had to do my own conversion from Fahrenheit to Celsius. It does need to be assembled at the very last minute so you might like to have everything ready beforehand.

- 3 large egg whites
- 6oz/170g caster sugar
- ¼ teasp cream or tartar
- about 1½lbs/700g soft fruit
- caster sugar to taste
- 2 tabsps brandy or kirsch
- ½-¾ pint/300-450ml double cream

First prepare the trays. Draw three circles on greased baking paper, 8½/7/5 ins (21/18/13 cm). Place on greased trays.

Whip egg whites until stiff, beat in cream of tartar. Add sugar very gradually, a small amount at a time. Spread this meringue mixture evenly over the circles on the baking trays. Cook in a very low oven at 52C/125F/gas ½ for first half hour, the turn heat down to 38C/100F/gas ¼. They will take 2 – 2.5 hours altogether.

For the filling: mix fruit, sugar and brandy and leave to stand for an hour or so. Whip the cream so that it is thickened but still floppy. It should still be pourable.

When ready to serve, place the largest meringue disc on a large plate, cover with two thirds of the fruit, then the middle sized disc followed by the remainder of the fruit and then the small disc. Pour the cream over the top of the meringue stack and allow it to trickle down the sides in places. Serve immediately!

Pamela Ferguson

Jean is always up for a spin on the dancefloor

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JUNE'S MOTHERS' UNION meeting was illuminated by the sunny smile of Julia Maunder, the Planning with People Manager, for Independent Options.

Independent Options is a charity working to empower people with disabilities, enabling them to take control of

their lives, achieve their aspirations and enjoy life to the full.



Julia works with children and adults with additional needs and provides support and encouragement to their families; it is really evident that she absolutely loves her job – it radiates out from her.

They have recently moved from their

Hazel Grove base, which needed a lot of repair and attention, to their new abode in Marbury Road, Heaton Chapel. In the beginning they didn't have chairs, tables cutlery or crockery but thanks to some generous donations from well known shops, they were soon very well equipped.



The Karaoke Club was soon in full swing and the glitterball is out for the Friday Night Discos. The Gardeners and the Art and Craft group are raring to go.

It's an exciting time for all of them. Check out the updates: www.facebook.com/independentoptionsnorthwest/

As a charity, they rely on donations and grants to support the day-to-day running and to provide residential support to those who are endeavouring to be as independent as their situation allows. They also arrange trips out and invite other charities and agencies in. A

particular favourite has been Inspiring Animal Therapy who came to visit St George's as part of our 125th anniversary celebrations. www.inspiringanimaltherapy.co.uk

At the Mothers' Union meeting, enquiries were made as to how we might make contributions: they would welcome provisions for gardening, arts and crafts along with coffee, tea and biscuits, as they also encourage the wider community to come in for a cuppa to see what's going on.

There is a donation point at the back of church for anyone who feels they can help. If anyone would prefer to make a one-off or regular financial donation, then the details are: Account No 69750270 Sort Code 01-03-87.



Stockport's first Soapbox Derby – a great success

ON BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY, 28th May, Stockport hosted its first Soapbox Derby, cheered on by 15,000 people who lined the streets from St Peter's Square to the Air Raid Shelters on Chestergate.

Thirty local teams made up of businesses, charities and independent teams, designed, built and then raced their homemade soapboxes, powered by nothing more than gravity and the cheers of the spectators, down the steep hill from Petersgate, negotiating a sharp righthand bend at the Plaza into Chestergate, before finally running out of momentum near the Air Raid Shelters.

The overall winners, after three runs, were:

First 'The Stairshop Boys', a local business team – time: 22.98 seconds

Second: 'Motormove and the Movettes' – time: 24.41 seconds

Third: 'Dale Valley Senders' – time: 24.56 seconds

As well as trophies, the winning teams were treated to a crate of beer from Trophy sponsors, Robinson's Brewery. Sponsorship makes the event possible and Totally Stockport BID company was one of many sponsors who supported this event.

Totally Stockport is Stockport town centre's Business Improvement District or BID. Their aim is to promote the town centre and brand Stockport as the destination of choice. Krazyraces was hosted by BID and was one of many amazing events that attract visitors, providing free, family entertainment.

Every team who enters a soapbox raises money for a local charity close to their heart, with the main event backing a Headline Charity Partner. Stockport BID chose the charity: 'When you wish upon a star' as their Headline Charity Partner. This charity grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses and brings a little bit of magic to their lives when they need it most.

Since the event's creation in 2018, Krazy Races has raised over £40,000 for local charities and good causes. It is the brainchild of Sarah Belcher Events, who deliver nationally award-winning, enjoyable events that create unique moments and memories which last a lifetime.

During the event, the crowds were treated to a Lancaster Bomber flying past three times. It was one of only two remaining in operation, from an original 7377. It circled landmarks including the Hat Works, Stockport Plaza and the viaduct. A truly memorable day.

Information obtained from krazyraces.co.uk

Prayers for July and August

Lord when you call, open our hearts to your love

Lasting God, you pour your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Enable us to be open and ready to receive your love that we may live in hope and share the glory of God. We thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, as proof of your love, and even though we may not always act out of kindness we know that your love endures and supports us despite our weaknesses.

Lord when you call, open our hearts to your love

Lasting God, just as Jesus sent out his 12 disciples to cast out unclean spirits, grant us the fortitude to spread the good news of the Gospels through practising kindness, understanding and generosity. Enable us to offer our time and talents to help those in trouble and despair, showing others the power of your love through our positive actions.

Lord when you call, open our hearts to your love

Lasting God, you have given us a wonderful world full of amazing plants and animals, but we have neglected our duty to care for the planet, resulting in damage. Give us wisdom to make the right decisions to care for and protect this world for the sustenance and enjoyment of all.

Lord when you call, open our hearts to your love

Lasting God, we pray for those who suffer in mind, body or spirit; may suffering produce endurance; endurance produce character; and character produce hope; and may suffering be erased by the hope of your love and promise.

Lord when you call, open our hearts to your love

Andy Clark

Trip of a Lifetime – Part 3

THE TIME had come to leave the beautiful city of Sydney.

At Sydney airport we said goodbye to Lesley and flew on to Alice Springs. This was the first time we were really hit with the intensive dry heat of the Northern Territories.



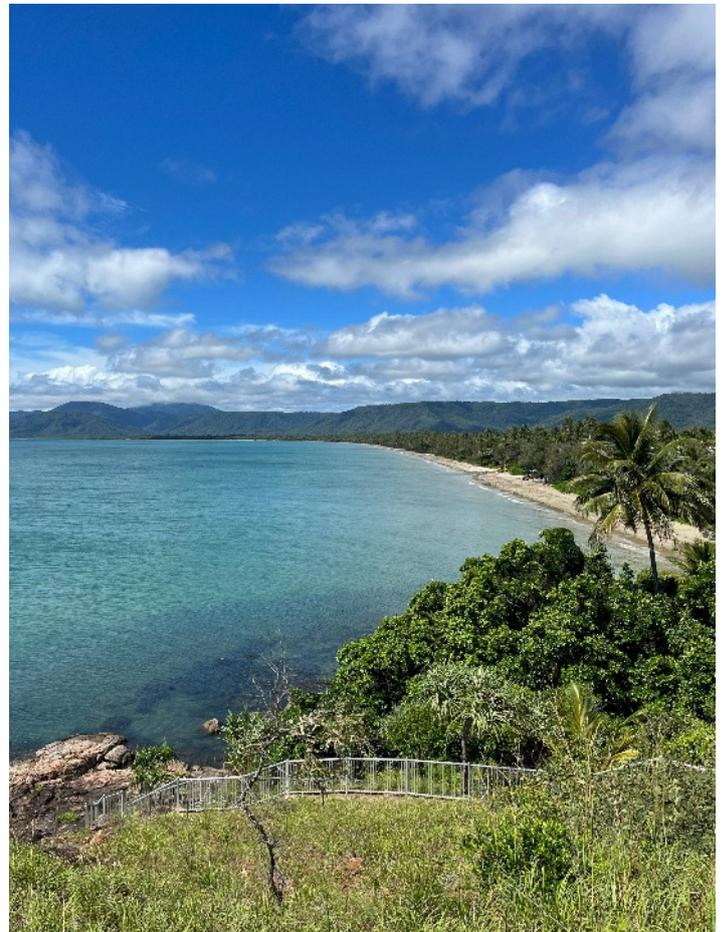
The River Todd was just a dry river bed. We had been told that Alice Springs could be a somewhat unsafe place. An alcohol ban had recently been reintroduced, following unrest, especially among the young people. We found nothing to feel uncomfortable with and the people very friendly and helpful – especially at the information centre where we were invited to ‘come in and get cool’. They also recommended a lovely little café called Page 27 set inside a tree- and flower-filled arcade, where we enjoyed the most amazing Eggs Benedict. We had seen some sad sights, with some of the indigenous people begging, but seeing a painfully thin, barefoot lady begging at the tables at the café and being summarily waved away by the local people, was a sight we will long remember. Whilst feeling comfortable in town during the day, we didn’t venture out after dark, enjoying dinners at the hotel restaurant.

Our main reason for going to Alice Springs was, of course, to be able to do the trip to Uluru (or Ayers Rock as it was formerly known). Little did we realise we were in for a 19-hour marathon which began at 6am Saturday and

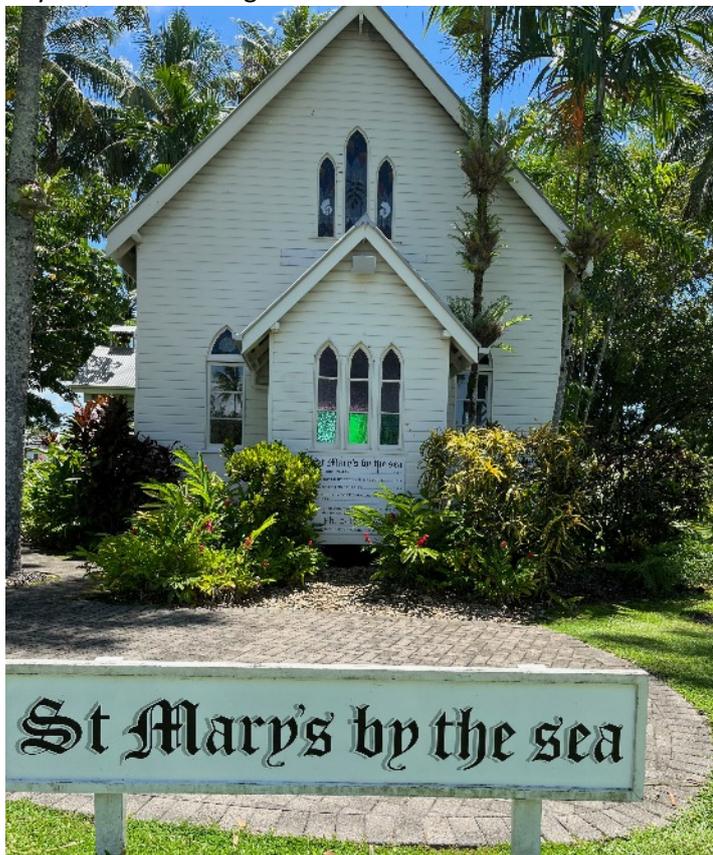


ended at 1am Sunday. After stops for breakfast, lunch and a change of drivers we stopped at Kata Tjuta, which is a striking group of domed rocks, known in English as The Olgas. We were sent off to walk up the rocks towards a gorge, wearing fly nets over our faces. It was unbearably hot and uncomfortable, and, as the ground was more suited to hiking boots, Sue and I only went part of the way. The rocks, though, were a stunning sight. At the Rock itself we were taken on several walks where our guide told us the stories which have been passed down from generation to generation. Until fairly recently people had been able to climb up the Rock but for the traditional owners, the Anangu, Uluru is a sacred site with great spiritual significance and not to be trampled by human feet. In 2017 a sign from the Anangu said ‘we don’t climb’ and requested that visitors respected this. Since October 2019 climbing on the Rock is not allowed. A barbecue was prepared for us whilst we waited for sunset, and the stunning spectacle of watching the Rock change colour from ochre-brown, then burnished orange, through deeper shades of red before fading into charcoal. There was no hanging around at this point. Sunset was at 7.05 and we had to be back on the coach at 7.15! It was a very tiring, and at times, horribly uncomfortable day with flies and heat to contend with, but a day I would not have missed for the world.

After just a few hours’ sleep we were up and off to catch a plane to Cairns for the last leg of our trip to Port Douglas. We arrived at 11pm in Cairns to torrential rain,



which luckily stopped by the time we were dropped off at our hotel an hour later. Port Douglas is a busy little tropical town with lots of designer shops and upmarket restaurants. The forecast continuous rain didn't happen but we had a very impressive thunderstorm on our second day and this resulted in the 'stinger net' on nearby Four Mile Beach being damaged. This net marks out a safe place to swim, away from the jellyfish which can give out a potentially fatal sting. Consequently we didn't manage any ocean swimming there.



We had booked a full-day trip out to the Barrier Reef and were actually at our room door, ready to leave for our trip on a glorious sunny morning when the hotel manager came knocking to tell us the trip had been cancelled due to rough weather out at sea. We were bitterly disappointed and booked for the next day, only to be disappointed again. Storms out at sea made it unsafe for the boat to tie up to the pontoon. In the end we went on a paddle steamer up river, to look for crocodiles. We didn't see any of them either. Unable to do the Barrier Reef trip we enjoyed a couple of relaxing days before setting off home.

We flew from Cairns back to Brisbane where we stayed overnight at the airport hotel. For just about the first time we woke to grey skies and threatened rain. Were we being prepared for landing back in the UK?. As our flight wasn't until the evening we had a leisurely wander round a very large shopping mall, indulged in our last iced chocolate, with ice cream, fresh cream and chocolate flake, and went in a Lindt chocolate shop where we exercised great restraint at the Lindor pick and mix buckets!

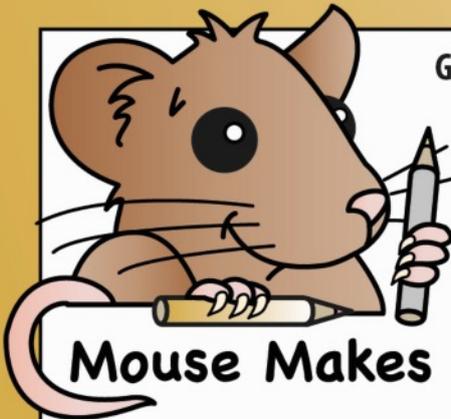
After a couple of hours' stopover in Doha, we landed at Heathrow and had a somewhat frustrating four-hour wait before flying on to Manchester. What a welcome awaited us! Five adults and six children with banners and balloons. There were a lot of hugs and a few tears for sure.

And so back down to earth. It was certainly the holiday of a lifetime and we both feel so lucky that we have been able to go. There is no small sense of achievement too, that we had planned and booked most of the trip ourselves and there were no major hiccups!

Recent Baptism

We had a lovely christening of little Harriet Victoria Clegg on 11th June with parents Jess and Luke and godparents (from left to right, Jasmina Grabham, Ryan Clegg and Lauren Keates holding sister, Martha).





Mouse Makes

Where did Goliath come from?



1 Samuel 17:4

How tall was Goliath?



_____ cubits.

1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's armour made of?

1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did Goliath carry?



a JAVELIN,

a _____

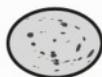
and a _____

1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?



1 Samuel 17:40



Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his _____

1 Samuel 17:49

Goliath, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.

"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"

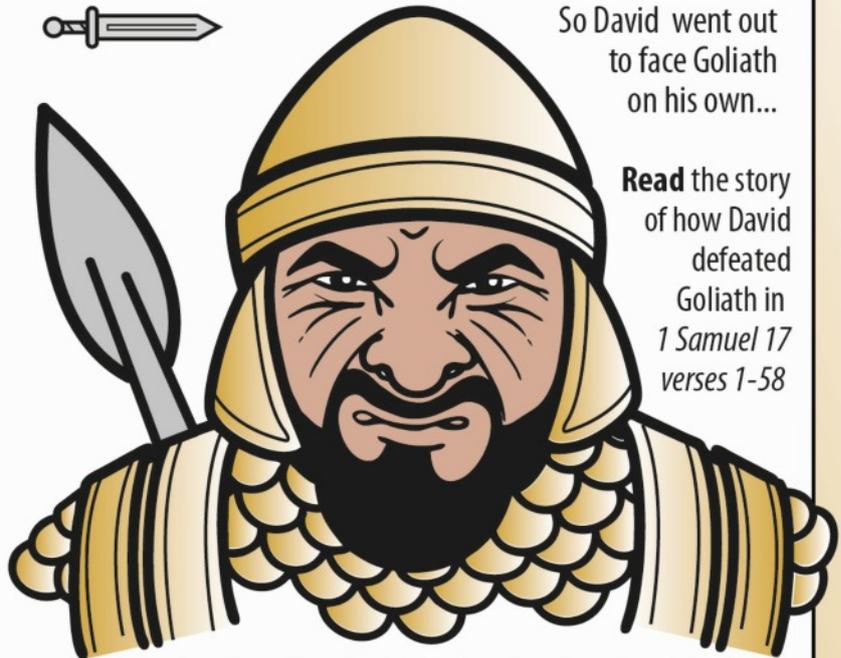


The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:

*"The **Lord** who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."*



So David went out to face Goliath on his own...



Read the story of how David defeated Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58

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Sudoku puzzle: easy

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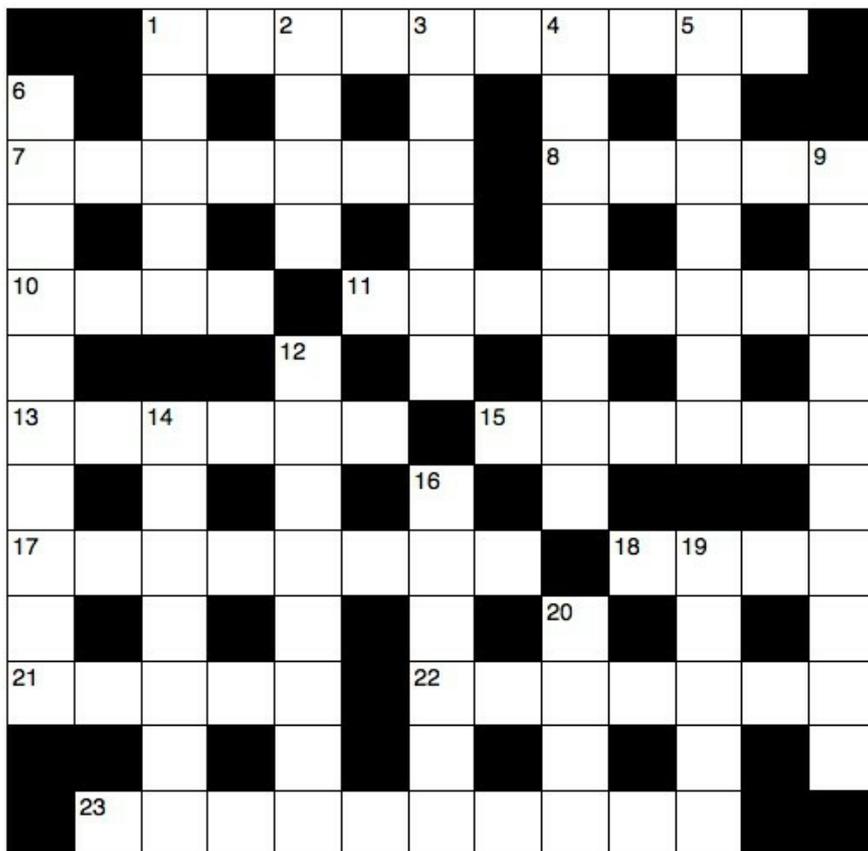
Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)



Crossword



Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

Garden Gnomes

AS I WRITE this article we are approaching the longest day in the year and we can start to see the results of all the hard work the Gnomes did earlier in the year. The picture below shows one of the beds in the Remembrance Garden on the south side of the church where the beds get lots of sunshine. The irises are flowering together with foxgloves and a rose, and they produce lots of colour against the warm red sandstone of the church walls.



foxgloves grow naturally in the gardens the numbers were given a boost when some plants were transferred from another garden to this bed last year. Hopefully the plants will seed and spread providing an even better show next year. The Mexican Orange (Choisya) has been given a hard prune after flowering as it was overhanging the lawn along with a variegated holly bush. Hopefully both these plants will recover quickly.

The bulbs which had been planted in the "125" bed next to the flagpole have finished flowering and have now been replaced by begonias. These will produce masses of flowers throughout the summer in a wonderful mix of colours and bright green foliage. They have been given plenty of water at this stage but will tolerate a wide range of conditions when established and continue flowering until the first frosts of autumn. Long-term plans are to turn this bed into a rose bed which may be easier to keep neat and tidy.

The garden continues to provide plenty of work, including the maintenance of the two oval beds and the dahlia bed at the front near the A6. The oval beds gave a

Earlier in the year this area gave a stunning display of pink-, white- and red-flowering camellia which seemed to last longer this year due to the good weather we had while the flowers lasted. During spring the beds in the Remembrance Garden were given a little bit of a make-over. The yucca plant, which adds dramatic architectural effect to the border with its broad sword-shaped leaves, was cut back by cutting the leaves from the base of the plant so that more space was given to the other plants. The yucca had overgrown and started to cover other plants including the rose, and its leaves were overhanging the lawn. The rose was pruned and some perennial weeds were removed, such as grasses from between the iris rhizomes. Other "weeds" were left in place, such as the foxglove rosettes which were hard to distinguish from the green alkanet which grows everywhere in the whole garden. It is good to leave some borage (green alkanet) in the garden; it grows to a height of 30 – 60cm with small bright blue flowers which attract the bees in the late spring. However, the plant is very difficult to control and if left for any time will take over a bed completely, crowding out all other plants. When the irises have stopped flowering we will lift the entire clump, break the rhizomes into smaller portions with leaves and roots, discarding any diseased old rhizomes and replant. In this way we hope to have an even better show next year. Although the



delightful display of snowdrops earlier in the year followed by a few tulips and crocus. The roses were hard pruned in March and the beds cleaned up. The herbaceous perennial, London Pride, planted round the outside of the bed has almost finished flowering, and the small pink/white flowers need removing. The plants require thinning out later in the year before they spread as they need to be kept under control. It looks as if the lupin plants which flowered in the bed alongside the oval beds have not survived, either succumbing to be eaten by the slugs or the cold winter. However, some of the bulbs planted earlier in the year have started to flower. The dahlia bed near the A6 has been neglected for a while now. There are just not enough gardeners to care for all the beds. It has now become overgrown with green alkanet and other weeds such as nettles and herb Robert. There are no signs of dahlia plants, which might not have survived the winter, and it is almost impossible to see the two small rhododendron bushes planted a few years ago. Work has started with removing the green alkanet and it is hoped to rescue the other plants in the bed including the aquilegia, hellebores and Michaelmas daisy.

Work is ongoing on the south avenue with the removal of the side shoots from the lime trees together with some of the lower branches. It was a slow spring this year but everything seems to have grown very rapidly in the last month and the branches are growing over the path. All the paths around the church need continuous maintenance with the removal of rubbish which has accumulated over the last week and the removal of weeds.

Work continues with the slow job of removing the weeds from the path on the north side.

A new project has just started with sorting out the compost bins, which have become disorganised. It is hoped to build some new bins with surplus wood supplied by other organisations sometime in the summer.

As you can see from the above there is plenty of work to do around the gardens. The gnomes always need help so please do come on a Tuesday morning to lend a hand.

Things to do in the garden in July and August

We are currently experiences a long period of hot weather with temperatures this coming week due to be in the mid 20 degrees and little sign of any rain except for some thunder storms. It is important at these times to keep the bird bath topped up with clean water and to ensure the pond is also topped up for any visiting wildlife.

Plants and vegetables will require watering and patio plants will need watering daily, including a feed at least once a fortnight.

Dead-head annual bedding plants and perennials to encourage further flowering and don't forget to dead-head the roses after the initial burst of flowers.

Take cutting from plants to have more plants for next year. It is easy to do and saves money.

Lastly, sit back in your garden on sunny days and just enjoy it.

Robert Gnome

Celebration Services

DURING THE YEAR, we have three celebration services:

Celebration of Baptism: First Sunday in February

Celebration of Marriage: First Sunday in July

Celebration of Life: First Sunday in November.

All these services are at 4pm.

You are very welcome to attend our next celebration service on **Sunday 2nd July**, whether you are married or not, and then stay behind for hot drinks and biscuits if you can.

Deanery Away Day

Saturday 8th July 2023

THE THEME for our Deanery Away Day is "**The place of psalms in everyday Christian life**".

We look forward to meeting local poet, Linda Cosgriff, who will help us explore this and enable us to have a go at some poetry ourselves.

This event is open to everyone in the deanery and will; be held at St Alban's Offerton *1a Salcombe Road*,

Stockport SK2 5AG. There is some parking behind the church or in the local streets with care and respect for the residents.

There is no charge but donations towards costs would be appreciated.

It would be useful to know how many are attending.

10am Arrive for welcome coffee/tea.

10.20am Opening worship.

10.30 to 11.30am Session one.

11.30am Coffee/Tea

11.45 to 1pm Session two.

1pm Lunch (Please bring your own sandwiches. Cakes provided.)

1.30pm Reflection time on what we have learned/presentation of what we have achieved.

2.15pm Communion in the church

3pm Home

Stockport Georgians Cricket Club Centenary

STOCKPORT GEORGIANS Cricket Club, based on Cromley Road in Woodsmoor, is celebrating its centenary this year. As the name may suggest, the club traces its origins back to St George's church.

St George's church in Heaviley was completed and consecrated in 1897. Its magazine from February 1900 featured an appeal for sports kit, seemingly to try and get a cricket team off the ground.

'This club has been started in connection with the Men's Club. We have the offer of a good field, suitable for both cricket and football, and the latter game is already in full swing. Our chief difficulty is, as usual, 'Ways and Means.' May we ask for help, either in the shape of £sd, [money] or of athletic equipment. Probably there are many who have old football and cricket requisites laid by somewhere. Can we have them? The young men have themselves contributed to the utmost of their means to make the club a success and deserve every encouragement. The want of such recreation has been long felt. May the realisation be assured.'

In July 1900 the magazine reported on some 'progress'.

'The cricketers are silent on the subject of their matches, but a club aged six weeks can scarcely hope to compete with clubs of many years' standing. At present their chief fault is lack of discipline. Cigarette smoking, friendly conversation and gymnastics are excellent things in their way, but almost out of place when fielding in a match. A little more loyalty to the captain and a good deal more seriousness and unity on the field will work wonders. Will all members do their best to come up to Bramhall Lane for practice these summer evenings?'

This would seem to suggest that, perhaps, the St George's Cricket Club was formed around May 1900. What seems likely, however, is that the club, in its early

days played social or friendly matches amongst its parishioners or against other churches or Sunday Schools on borrowed fields or grounds. There are mentions about an annual match against the choir!

The year 1923 was deemed, some years ago, to be the founding date for today's Stockport Georgians Cricket Club. At the time the first ever recorded mention of the club was in an Athletic Club minute on 24 September 1923. The Athletic Club had been formed to pull together the various Church Sports and local activities under one committee and to begin a search for some land to buy or lease and set up home.

St George's Cricket Club, as part of the Athletic Club (SGAC), was constituted on October 22nd 1923 at a meeting in the Parish room of the church. One of the rules was that membership was restricted to those who attended divine service at church or was a member of the men's Bible Class.

On April 15th 1924 a field was purchased for £981 by the Athletic club from Mirlees, Bickerton and Day. The funds had been loaned by several parishioners. Later that year the first cricket square was commissioned for £24-8s and completed by February 1925. By 1925, the club had a ground, a square and some wooden huts shared with other sections (Tennis, Hockey, Girl Guides, Scouts and Football) but there was no record of the club competing in a league for several years to come.

By 1939 the club had progressed enough to enter a team in the Stockport and District Cricket League for the first time. But then, after just one season, war broke out and cricket ceased, restarting again in 1946.

In 1948, a new square was laid in its current position. It was opened on St George's Day 1949, when the President, Mr R. Siddons, bowled a ball to the Chairman, Mr B.



Hayward. The new square was dedicated to the Cricket Club members who had been killed during the war and a plaque unveiled by Canon Wilfrid Garlick from St George's.

The club continued to be upwardly mobile, entering the North Cheshire Cricket Federation in 1955 and in 1963 entered the High Peak Cricket League. It is at this point that the club changed its name to Stockport Georgians and the connection to St George's church ended, as the club bought out the existing lenders and a new trust was set up.

The club has progressed through many leagues, successes and improvements over the intervening 60 years and was named as 'Most Improved Club of the year' in 2022 by the Cheshire County League, out of its 48 member clubs.

Today the Club has:

- Four adult men's teams, and can occasionally field a fifth.
- Three adult women's teams.
- Junior teams at Under 9, 11, 13 and 15 – for both boys and girls.
- Two programmes for younger children - All Stars (age 5 to 8) and Mini Cricket (age 4 and 5)
- A Disability Cricket programme

Very few clubs in the country provide such a variety of opportunities for all ages and abilities to enjoy cricket. Well over 100 children attend the Junior training on a Friday night, and with parents attending to enjoy food from local vendors and drinks from the clubhouse bar, Friday nights at Georgians are a real community event.

A Centenary celebration day on the late May Bank Holiday was a great success on a glorious sunny day, attended by about 500 people who enjoyed, not only a BBQ, Pizzas and much-needed drinks from the bar, but also three cricket matches – Junior, Women's and Men's – appropriately using the Hundred format of the game. All the teams were comprised entirely of Georgian members – meaning 66 Georgians cricketers played on that day!



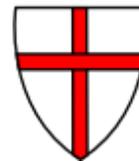
The Club is run entirely by volunteers, including the President and legend, Gerald Bailey, who first appeared on his first team photo in 1954, aged 15. His father, Charlie, joined the club following his demobilisation from the Army, after the war. Gerald thinks that he was 14 when he first came to the club so, possibly, 2023 not only marks the centenary of the club but 70 years of Gerald's membership.

From an appeal for second-hand kit in a church magazine 123 years ago the club has certainly come a long way.

If you're interested in finding out more, or in joining as a playing or social member, you can contact the club by email at stockportgeorgianscricketclub@gmail.com. There are matches nearly every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer and the club welcomes all spectators – the full address for the ground is Cromley Road, Woodsmoor, SK2 7DT. You can see the latest fixtures and results at <https://sgcc.play-cricket.com/Matches>

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Music Scheme – July 2023

Sunday 2nd July – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity			
10:15am	Parish Communion	4:00pm	Celebration of Marriage Service
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	Introit:	If ye love me – Tallis
Hymns:	301 God is here! As we his people... SP176 Let us build a house... 305 I come with joy, a child of God, 497 Let all the world in every corner sing,	Hymns:	Come to a wedding, come to a blessing, As man and woman we were made We pledge to one another... 516 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Anthem:	Beati quorum via – Stanford	Anthem:	I give to you a new commandment – Nardone

Sunday 9th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity			
10:15am	Parish Communion	4:00pm	Pet Blessing Service
Setting:	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening	Hymns:	250 All creatures of our God and King Who put the colours in the rainbow? 251 All things bright and beautiful,
Hymns:	469 I heard the voice of Jesus say 408 'Come to me' says Jesus, What a friend we have in Jesus, 81 Lord, for the years your love has kept...	Anthem:	From the tiny ant – Coombes
Anthem:	Come to me – Hill	Anthem:	Look at the world – Rutter

Sunday 16th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity			
10:15am	Parish Communion	4:00pm	Organ Recital: David Price, Pattaya
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	See programme for details	
Hymns:	272 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer, 321 Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking, 376 And can it be that I should gain? 503 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,		
Anthem:	Draw us in the spirit's tether – Friedell		

Sunday 23rd July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity			
10:15am	Parish Communion	No Evening Service	
Setting:	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening		
Hymns:	369 All people that on earth do dwell, 274 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise SP301 O God, you search me and you know me 482 Jerusalem the golden,		
Anthem:	Teach me, O Lord – Attwood		

Sunday 30th July – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity			
10:15am	Parish Communion	4:00pm	Choral Evensong
Setting:	The Canterbury Service – Barker	Hymns:	532 O for a closer walk with God, SP252 Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is... 10 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
Hymns:	368 All my hope on God is founded; Christ tells us of grape and vine, 253 For the beauty of the earth, 494 King of glory, King of peace,	Responses:	Ayleward
Anthem:	A Gaelic Blessing – Rutter	Psalm:	76
		Canticles:	Evening Service in A flat – Harwood
		Anthem:	Save us, O Lord – Bairstow



Music Scheme – August 2023

Sunday 6th August – The Feast of the Transfiguration		
10:15am	Parish Communion	No Evening Service
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	
Hymns:	2 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, 248 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, SP13 Longing for light, we wait in darkness, 516 Love divine, all loves excelling,	

Sunday 13th August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity		
10:15am	Parish Communion	No Evening Service
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	
Hymns:	545 O sing a song of Bethlehem, 413 Eternal Father, strong to save, 380 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, Will your anchor hold?	

Sunday 20th August – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity		
10:15am	Parish Communion	No Evening Service
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	
Hymns:	334 Awake, awake: fling off the night! 385 Be thou my guardian and my guide, 475 Immortal love for ever full, 621 Who would true valour see,	

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th August 2023		
St. George's Church Choir Summer Tour to Manchester Cathedral		

Sunday 27th August – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity		
10:15am	Parish Communion	No Evening Service
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	
Hymns:	581 Take my life, and let it be 267 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds 207 Be still for the presence of the Lord, 455 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,	

The Trial of the Sparrow

In the Great Oak Courthouse
the Jury flitters about.
Jays, woodpeckers, and pigeons
so loud you'd have to shout.

Judge Owl sighs and shakes his head,
longs for a glass of port,
he ruffles his feathers and clears his throat,
"Order in the court!"

When, at last, all is calm
Owl calls the defendant in.
Badger leads the little bird
to answer for his sin.

The defendant's name is Sparrow,
and he doesn't *look* that bad.
But underneath the innocent look
he's honestly quite mad.

There's darkness within him:
he killed Red Robin, you see.
And all the forest would truly hate
for him to walk away free.

Sparrow is calm, but his lawyer is not;
Miss Squirrel is quite jittery.
It's her opponent in this battle
that is making her so skittery.

The weasel, sharp suit and all
throws them a sly old smirk.
"At least he's not a fox," said Squirrel,
"One of those would go berserk."

But Sparrow simply shakes his head;
he's confident he will succeed.
If the witness does as he expects
then in no time he'll be freed.

Betsy Bat, the witness fair
is completely and utterly blind.
It is this that Sparrow feels
will surely save his behind.

But unbeknownst to the villain
Betsy saw the crime.
She'd bought herself some spectacles
and cleaned off any grime.

And when she put them on
she saw a shocking scene.
Poor Red Robin murdered
with Sparrow looking mean.

But Sparrow doesn't realise
that he's doomed to fail.
Let's give him a moment of peace
before he goes to jail.

Judge Owl calls the witness
and Badger leads her through.
Before Squirrel can proceed
there is one thing left to do.

*Will you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and
nothing but the truth?*

Lilla Clark



drawing by Andy Clark

Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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

Crossword solution:

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Regular Services at St George's

Services in church, with congregation:

Sundays: 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15am Parish Communion (also live streamed)
4pm Choral Evensong (last Sunday of the month, also live streamed)

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

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

A Summer's Day (Sort of!)

Heat hit on the hottest day of July

Swimming costumes, BBQ's and the sun in your eyes.

Licking your ice lollies and splashing your friends,
but for nature the struggle never ends.

See down in the woods, where the deer lie near,
the trees are drying out, they're crying, can't you hear?

In the Highlands and fields the cows hide behind heather,
they're looking for shade due to the uncontrollable weather.

The thistles are drooping because of the drought.
See, down by the river the water's run out.

So, while you sit there enjoying the sun
Remember the land and animals who aren't having fun.

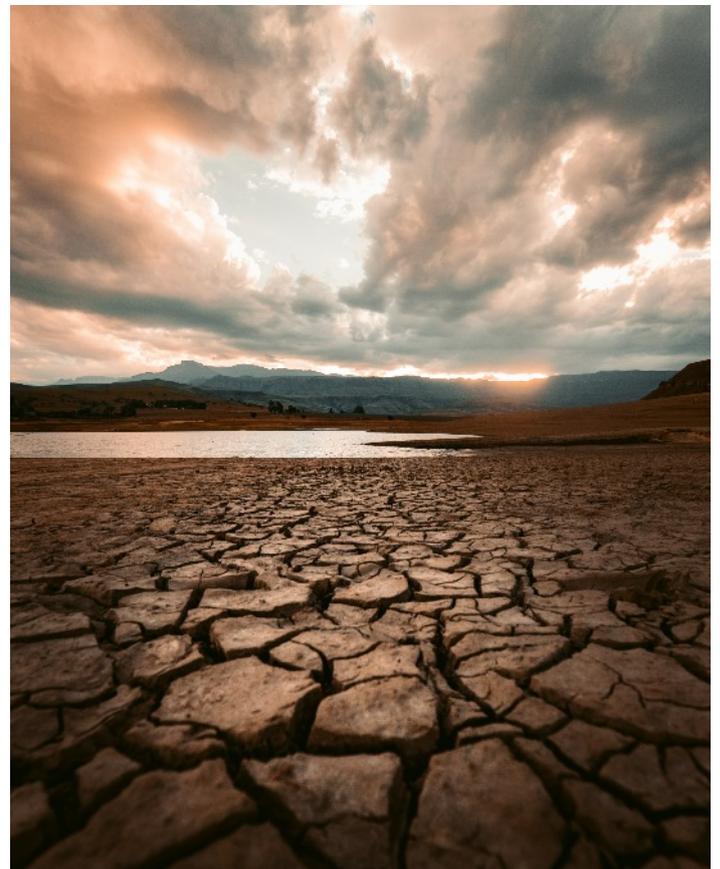


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