

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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Recent Baptisms

Freya Ryan-Brown was baptised on 18th September. She said "Thank you so much for today, it really couldn't have gone any better. I am so happy now to be a part of this beautiful religion."



Farah, Roman and Khililah Maskell were baptised on 11th August





Elaine writes:

A man went into a bar...

The start of many a comedian's routine, but actually a man (and his wife) walked into a bar just the other day. They don't normally do that unless they are having a meal, but this was to gather for a reunion with former school

friends.

The problem was that neither the man nor the woman had an idea what these former school friends looked like. They had met for a school reunion in a badly lit function room some years ago, but this took it to a new level as there were no badges to look at nor any school photos to refer to.

The man stood in the queue to get the drinks whilst the woman scanned the various rooms in the pub to see if there might be a group of people who could be in their age group. It was only a tad embarrassing as she casually sidled up to complete strangers, just in case they were the gathering they were meant to be joining.

Thankfully, someone looked up and recognised them.

The group had been meeting regularly since the initial reunion and conversed easily. Not so the man and the woman who were desperately trying to work out who they were speaking to. Seven years at close quarters in grammar school counted for nothing.

Conversation turned to "Do you remember?", the teachers, the pupils and those who had died, and whilst it was a pleasant evening, there was something quite surreal about stepping into a segment of time when you think you should know the people, and then realising that most of them weren't even in your class.

This situation reminded me of my fabulous friend, Siobhan, who I trained with as a nurse. She was at a gathering of her husband's colleagues and they were sitting around a table for the works festive meal. A man next to her said "Don't I know you?" and she replied, "I shouldn't think so. I've never met you in my life". Cue for an embarrassing interlude.

There are times when we gather with people with whom we have something in common: school, work, family, training sessions, funerals and such like, and because we have a common purpose for being there, we feel duty bound to treat them as long-lost friends even though we don't actually know them. Our conversation is based on the past with little reference to the present and only with half-hearted promises to meet up in the future.

To make things relevant for the present, instead of sticking in the past, we need to make time to build relationships so that we can discover what might be possible for the future.

The disciples spent only a relatively short while with Jesus but they watched and saw, and listened and heard, and experienced and shared in a ministry that was varied, challenging and different. That time was intense and, after Jesus died and rose again and ascended into heaven, they met regularly with a common purpose. The fellowships grew and others were attracted and families were baptised and people shared so that the "Lord added to their number those who were being saved". Acts 2:47.

I don't imagine that it was easy, and one can only wonder how St Paul managed to keep in touch with those scattered around in the early church. There may have been some faces that he had forgotten or who had changed in appearance but he still kept his letter writing going.

Keeping in touch is perhaps the easiest it's ever been and yet we're still not very good at it, so perhaps it's a challenge we might take on in preparation for the next reunion!

Every blessing

Elaine

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

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| Vicar | Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk 456 9382 | Sunday Clubs | Ask for Louise, Eliza or Andy at the 10:15 Sunday service. Eliza 07967 798453 Louise 483 3703 | Ring on Sundays 9.45-10.15am. Meet in the tower. |
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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" | Cursillo Usually meet on last Wednesday of the month. 7.30pm at different venues. |
| Magazine Editor | vacant | 4th Stockport Scout Group | Sarah Johnson 07930 243 159 Meet at: Bridgehall Community Centre Siddington Avenue SK3 8NR | 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. |
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| Website | www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk | Beavers | For boys and girls aged 6 and 7 Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 | Magazine Editorial Group Meet monthly to plan future issues. magazine@stgeorgestockport.org.uk |
| Webmaster | Peter Hall 456 9382 | Cubs | For boys and girls aged 8-10½ Wednesdays 6.30-8.00 | Mothers' Union Pat Durnall 483 4837 Meet on 2nd Monday of the month in the Parish Room at 2.15pm. |
| St George's Primary School | | Scouts | For boys and girls aged 10½-14 Wednesdays 6.30-8.00 | |
| Headteacher | Deborah Grindrod 480 8657 | Other Groups and Activities | | |
| St George's | | St George's | | |
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| Children's Activities | | | | |
| St George's | | | | |
| Children's Corner | Available for children (and parents) during services. Equipped with books, crayons and soft toys. | | | |

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Red Admiral on Verbena
by Louise Clark

Services and Events in October

see pages 6 and 22

Harvest Wish List

WE ARE GRATEFUL to the Wellspring charity, supporting homeless people, for providing us with a wish list for Harvest items. This helps us to better provide for their specific needs in order to provide hot meals and snack items.

We have three Harvest services ready to receive your donations:

The first is on Sunday 13th October at the 10.15am service at St George's.

The second is on the same day but at 4pm at St Gabriel's, on the corner of Garner's Lane and Clover Avenue.

The third is via the school. Their service is on Monday 14th October at 9.15am.

Thank you for your help.

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The way that we help our users has changed so much and the services we deliver always needs new ingredients to make them work. We are currently serving an average of 80 meals across Breakfast, Lunch & Takeaway Snack Packs every single day.

OUR WISH LIST

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| For main meals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned, fresh or frozen meat <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fresh or frozen vegetables (such as carrots, peas, potatoes) <input type="checkbox"/> Cheddar cheese | For desserts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned custard <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned mix fruit (not peaches) <input type="checkbox"/> Rice pudding <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs <input type="checkbox"/> Self raising flour <input type="checkbox"/> Caster sugar <input type="checkbox"/> Cakes | Essentials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ketchup <input type="checkbox"/> Mayonnaise <input type="checkbox"/> Brown sauce <input type="checkbox"/> Gravy granules <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking oil <input type="checkbox"/> Butter/marg <input type="checkbox"/> Pepper |
| For all food sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Semi skimmed long life milk <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee <input type="checkbox"/> Hot chocolate <input type="checkbox"/> Cordial | For snack packs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich meats <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet biscuits (individually wrapped) <input type="checkbox"/> Multipacks of crisps | For breakfast: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Baked beans <input type="checkbox"/> Plum and chopped tinned tomatoes |

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| Holy Baptism | | 15th Sep | from Sandra Noble, in loving memory of George and Dorothy Newitt. | loss. It is also an opportunity to make contact with support services if needed | |
| 8th Sep | Margo Lily-May Brooks, Martha Rose Wilson, Harrison Peter Wilson | 22nd Sep | From the Walton family, in loving memory of Brian. | Anyone who cannot attend but would like their baby’s name to be read out along with others at the service can contact the chaplaincy team at hospital.chapel@stockport.nhs.uk or phone 0161 419 5889. They can also be contacted if you have any other queries about the service. | |
| 18th Sep | Freya Poppy Ryan-Brown, by full immersion | <div>Mothers’ Union</div> <p>The next Mothers' Union meeting is on Monday October 14th at 2.15pm. We welcome as our speaker Elmira Khoshrouz of 'Visiting Angels' who will speak on 'Care Services and the benefits you deserve'. Everybody welcome as this will be of interest to all. Please bring any old biros and markers (see opposite page) as well as chocolate for the CTF raffle. The meeting will be in the Parish Room.</p> <div>Baby Memorial Service</div> <p>Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Stepping Hill Hospital and local community NHS services, is holding its Annual Baby Memorial Service organised by its chaplaincy team each year.</p> <p>The service is at St George’s Church, on Sunday 13th October, starting at 2pm.</p> <p>The service will also be streamed from the St George’s Church Facebook page.</p> <p>The service is an opportunity to remember the loss of young loved ones, and to meet other parents and families who have experienced this</p> | | | |
| 22nd Sep | Rebecca Grace Ashfield, by full immersion | | | | |
| 28th Sep | Alice Mary Grundy | | | | |
| 29th Sep | Louis Michael Bradshaw | | | | |
| Plus three additional adult baptisms | | | | | |
| Holy Matrimony | | <div>Celebration of Life Service</div> <p>This will take place on Sunday 3rd November at 4pm in St George’s Church, followed by afternoon tea. We welcome you warmly to attend as we give thanks for the lives of those people we knew. Please know that all are welcome whether a bereavement has been recent or some years ago. A list will be available on the table near the hymn books for people to write in the names for reading out during the service.</p> <div>Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:</div> <p>Please contact the vicar: Telephone: 0161 456 9382 or email: vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</p> <div>November 2024</div> <div>Grapevine magazine dates:</div> <p>Deadline copy date: Fri 18th Oct Committee meeting: Tue 22nd Oct</p> | | | |
| None last month | | | | | |
| Funerals | | | | | |
| 6th Sep | Patrick Plummer. Service at the Rowan Chapel. | | | | |
| 12th Sep | John Robert Davies. Service at All Saints, Weston. Burial at Weston Cemetery. | | | | |
| Burial of Ashes | | <div>Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:</div> <p>Please contact the vicar: Telephone: 0161 456 9382 or email: vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</p> <div>November 2024</div> <div>Grapevine magazine dates:</div> <p>Deadline copy date: Fri 18th Oct Committee meeting: Tue 22nd Oct</p> | | | |
| 18th Sep | Stephen Howell Jones | | | | |
| 28th Sep | Jean Norton | | | | |
| Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows: | | | | | |
| 1st Sep | In memory of Barbara Lee-Wood, who enjoyed arranging flowers in the church for many years. | | | | |
| 8th Sep | Birthday memories of Kevin, from the Staley family. | | | | |

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St George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form

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

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Mothers' Union New Year, Renewed Commitment

SEPTEMBER SAW US gather together in church to start our new year, where Vicar Elaine led us in a Communion service for members and visitors.

It is very special for us to join together and take time to renew our vows to uphold the aims and objectives of the MU. We were very pleased to welcome Gaynor McConnell as she was enrolled as a member by the Vicar. Gaynor has moved into the parish and already offered to help at events, and we have made good use of her expertise.

The future programme was issued and there are copies available in church for anybody who is interested either for themselves or maybe a friend.

MU member Angela has forged a link with St George's School Eco Council, and we are now helping them to collect old felt-tipped pens and biro's so they can be recycled. There is a brightly decorated tub in church to receive any contributions.

Our next meeting is on **Monday October 14th** when Elmira Khoshroux from 'Visiting Angels' will talk about 'Care Services and Benefits you Deserve'. Meeting in the Parish Room at 2.15pm, everyone welcome.



Reflections on Meditation

BE STILL... Be still and know... Be still and know that I am God.

It doesn't come naturally, does it? We human beings are restless. In fact our identity seems to be tied up with being restless, with doing, rather than being – in spite of the fact that we call ourselves "human beings".

In some way, being active, purposefully active, makes us worthwhile, gives us a sense of self-worth. We are judged and judge ourselves by our achievements. And so we drive ourselves on. It becomes hard to stop, to be quiet and to be still – and to let go.

Stillness means being effortless. When we are still, we are not making an effort, neither a physical effort, nor a mental effort. We think that we have to make an effort, to try hard, in order to get things right – even when we are meditating. In meditation we are beyond effort. We are entering into this effortless, totally natural state, albeit one that, as adults, we have lost contact with – a state that children drop into quite naturally and easily.

In stillness there may initially be discomfort. There is a part of us that loves to drive us on, to get us to make an effort. But beyond effort there is a freedom where we can be in harmony with life and with God's presence.

So, for this moment, be still... Start with nothing – no-thing... No act on your part... And then, let it... Let the experience find you... Not you it. (Nic Askew)

Dates for our once a month Sunday sessions are as follows: 27th October, 24th November and 15th December. We gather at 12 noon after the morning service. Everyone and anyone is welcome. We meditate for half an hour in the Lady Chapel.

Chris Dawson

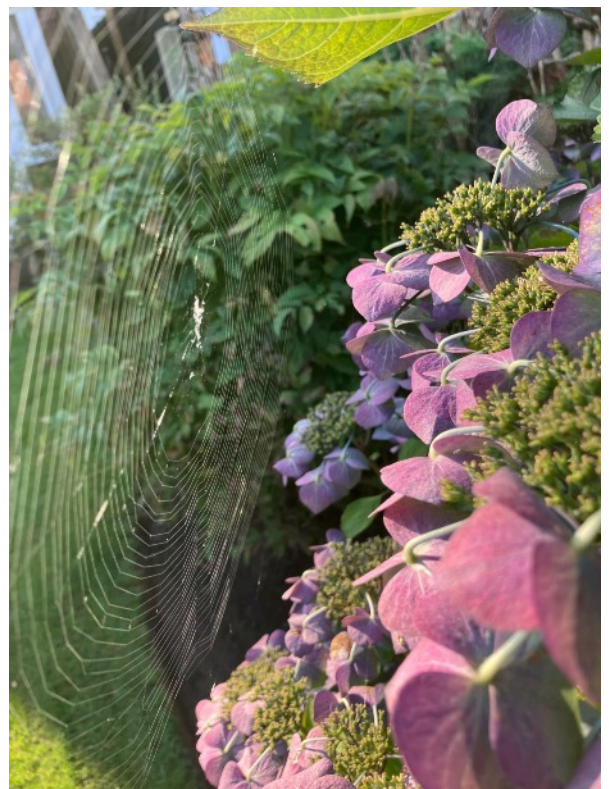


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A review of the Choir's Summer Tour to Blackburn Cathedral

Saturday 31st August to Sunday 1st September 2024

AFTER A LONG summer break, the choir returned to rehearsals on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th August, ahead of our Summer Tour to Blackburn Cathedral.

The choir had originally been booked to sing for a weekend's worth of services way back in May 2020, but sadly, as with many events that year, this had to be cancelled!

Fast forward to this summer, and the choir has grown exponentially, we have a strong and enthusiastic treble section, and the experience of singing at Worcester, Lichfield, Sheffield, and Manchester Cathedrals under our belt, so this was bound to be quite a different trip to the one planned four years ago!

Roger and James travelled to Blackburn on Friday to spend some time practising on the Cathedral's large four-manual organ.



The choir then arrived on Saturday morning for a busy few hours of rehearsals in the Cathedral Song School before Choral Evensong in the afternoon. As the anthem chosen for this service, 'O Lorde, the maker of al thing' by John Joubert, with its angular yet haunting melody, reached a climactic fortissimo, the true force of the world-class organ came into play, and the sound was truly spectacular. Revd Elaine joined us for this service, and she and Peter were asked to read the Old and New Testament lessons. One of the younger choristers commented that it was like being "at home away from home." It was



wonderful to have them both involved in the service.

"The echo in the cathedral was the best part, it was even better than James said it would be. It made the high notes sound really good. All the music was really nice, and there was a café inside the Cathedral!" – Maddie, Head Chorister



"An exciting experience for everyone. Our junior choristers did themselves proud in every way, and could be heard making a real musical contribution." – John, adult choir member



A well-deserved meal at a nearby Indian restaurant followed the service. This was a great chance for children and adults alike to relax and enjoy each other's company, and some excellent food before heading off to our hotels for an early night (well, as early as possible after a celebratory drink or two after a brilliant service!)

"A joyful experience and a privilege to see the choir in such a wonderful setting." – Sam, chorister parent

Filled with hotel breakfast, and raring





to go, we were back in the Song School at 9:15 on Sunday morning to prepare for the Cathedral Eucharist service. The service ran smoothly, and the Dean was particularly impressed by the communion setting we chose to sing (the Canterbury Service by Stephen Barker).

"A great weekend made particularly special by seeing our junior choristers starting to take a full part and make a real difference to the sound of the choir." – Neil, adult choir member

The culmination of the choir's hard work over the months leading up to the trip came, for many, in the afternoon's anthem, Philip Wilby's arrangement of the



text 'If ye love me'. To hear the close harmonies and drawn-out dissonances of the interweaving voice parts spiralling around in the cathedral's seven-second echo, was "just beautiful", according to a chorister parent in the congregation.

"[I am] grateful to be part of our choir family and thanks to James and all who work so hard. Blackburn was a treat!" – Andrea, adult choir member

It was clear that a brilliant, enriching time was had by all involved.

"I heard great things about how it all went, and it's lovely to know the music is in such good hands. I had a number of people say to me that yours was the model visiting choir. You chose perfect music to set people at their ease in unusual surroundings, and your inter-generational choir was a model of good society." – John Robinson, Organist and Director of Music, Blackburn Cathedral



Plans for future tours are already coming together, with the choir provisionally booked to sing at Chester Cathedral from Thursday 21st – Sunday 24th August 2025, and a return visit to Blackburn Cathedral pencilled in for April 2026!

Our thanks to chorister parent Sue-Ellen Moakes for such a wonderful photographic record of the weekend, with additional photographs taken by members of the choir.

*James Hibbert and
Hannah Whitehouse*



When things don't quite go to plan!

TOWARDS THE END of August, I suggested to my daughter, Ruth, that she, Hattie and I paid a visit to my cousin who had recently moved into a Residential Home in Ulverston. We settled on the last Saturday of the month which had a very promising weather forecast. The plan was for us to go to Fell Foot on the southern end of Lake Windermere, a National Trust Park with good facilities, from where the kayak could be launched. I would leave them there, go on to Ulverston and pick up my cousin, take her to Windermere and we would have a most pleasant afternoon watching the young people paddling around the Lake.



(Maybe even manage to throw in a cream tea).

The day before, however, the big news on the BBC was a sewage outflow on Lake Windermere, so plans were changed and we decided to park up Brown Howe on the southern end of Lake Coniston.

Unfortunately, we had chosen the first fine and dry weekend for many weeks and also the last weekend of the school holidays. Consequently, when we arrived at Brown Howe there was absolutely nowhere to park. We tried every lay-by up the side of the lake and the launch area in Coniston village with no luck.



Needing toilets by then, we parked up in the village where Ruth visited the Information Centre, to be told that the sewage outflow was always happening, that no-one bothered about it and, anyway, it was at the northern end of Lake Windermere. The lady suggested we try

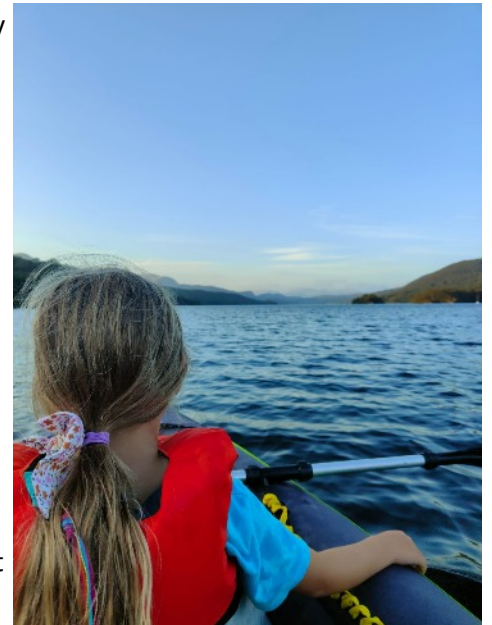


the east side of Coniston where there were places to launch the kayak. A single-track road with few passing places found us a few small car parks but nowhere that Flo and I could sit in the sun, lakeside.

As it was getting too late to go back to Windermere, we then changed our plans and carried on to Ulverston, where we picked up my cousin. Flo suggested we went along the Morecambe Bay coast road to Bardsey where we were able to park easily with a bench right by the car, and a small place selling very delicious ice cream. The tide was way out, but Hattie, Ruth and Ruby, my elderly greyhound, had a lovely time paddling and playing around on

the grass and sand whilst Flo and I sat in the sun and put the world to rights. No cream tea though!

Ruth was determined to have the kayak in the water so the decision then was to take Flo back home and we would follow the advice from the Information Centre and go back to Windermere in the early evening when things would have quietened down. Unfortunately, we arrived there to find that that area of the lake had been closed off due to dangerous currents! My very determined daughter then decided we would drive back to Coniston, where, by then, the car park would surely have space. By now it was getting towards 7pm and the sun was going down on shore, but the two of them, undeterred, inflated the kayak and had a lovely time paddling on a calm and sunny Coniston Water whilst Mother sat with jumper and coat on watching them. Our mistake was going to the wrong side of the lake, as people on the other side were enjoying the late evening sun.



However, we all agreed that, although nothing went as planned, a lovely day was had by all. Perhaps we can over-plan?

Kate Stephenson

Location Assistant

THIS WAS MY title on the day of filming recently in church and oh! the power of having a two-way radio – not that anyone called me on it! We are still bound by a non-disclosure agreement and will be until after the series airs which is likely to be next summer.

However, I can say that the whole procedure from beginning to end was fascinating, and all the teams we worked with were thoughtful and respectful of our congregation and building. Thank you to them all.

Hazel Jenkins



Baptism of Rebecca Ashfield

REBECCA ASHFIELD was baptised by full immersion on Sunday 22nd September. Rebecca said, "Baptism is a public confession of my faith in Jesus Christ and is a symbol of my new life as a Christian. I wanted to take my journey to the next level with God and show my faith and commitment to him. The day of the baptism was still surreal to me as I know that I don't want to do life any other way but with Jesus."



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Recipe of the month: Fillets of Plaice with Cider Sauce

This recipe was given to me by my mother and consequently the measurements are imperial. I have left them that way. If preferred, substitute oil for butter.

- 1½ lbs plaice fillets, skinned
- ½ lb onions
- 1½ oz butter
- ½ tumbler dry cider
- ½ oz flour
- ½ lb skinned tomatoes
- ½ teasp sugar
- Salt and pepper

Heat oven to 200C, gas mk 6.

Peel onions and slice very thinly. Melt 1 oz butter in a pan and add onions with sugar, salt and pepper. Cook until soft. Add sliced tomatoes and cider. Let all simmer gently for a few minutes. Put half the contents of the pan in an ovenproof dish. Put the fish on top and cover with the remainder of the sauce. Cook in the oven for 20 minutes. Transfer the fish and solid parts of onions and tomatoes to a warm dish and keep warm. Melt ½ oz butter in a small pan, add ½ oz flour, gradually stir in liquid from the fish. Pour over plaice fillets.

Serves 3-4.

Pamela Ferguson

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Early Years Foundation Stage Visit to Church

OUR NEW RECEPTION child and their parent/carer had a very exciting morning in church this week with Elaine and Peter. As soon as we walked into church the children were amazed at its size "Wow! It's so big." "It's beautiful!"

We had a fun-packed morning looking at all the important features of the church including the altar, organ, font and the very pretty windows. Elaine talked to the



children about "Jesus being the light of the world." The children decorated and made their own beautiful lanterns to take home. We did some amazing singing and dancing and learnt how to sign the "Grace." We then had a "sheep hunt" around the church, looking



for a set of cheeky sheep who had themselves hidden around the church. The children did a great job at spotting them and remembering the names of the important features they were hidden on.

Thank you, Elaine and Peter, for a lovely morning. The children are very excited now to be joining our Key stage 1 Collective Worship in church.

Claire Wardle

The Pilgrimage Walks

IF YOU ENJOY walking in Derbyshire and visiting churches en route then I have two suggested Pilgrimage walks for you. The Peak Pilgrimage and the Hope Pilgrimage are two routes planned by a group of local churches in the Peak District. There is a handbook for each Pilgrimage in which the route is described and also illustrated with the appropriate section of an OS map. In the general route description are also lovely photos of general points of interest.

Once you arrive at church (it will hopefully be open, so far we've only met one that wasn't) and once inside, you search for the A4 box folder which contains the necessary proof that you have been there. This comes in the form of a sheet of identical labels but different from all the other churches and a stamp. You stick in the label with its biblical verse and stamp your book in the designated slot and you're now a pilgrim.

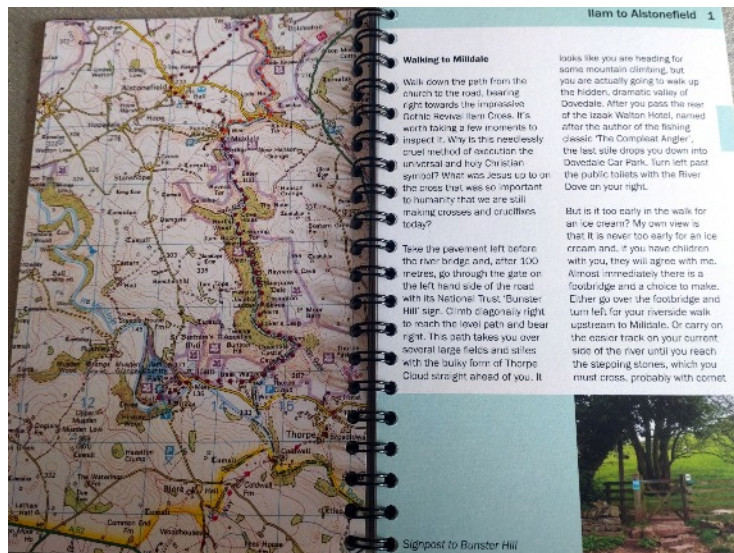
The Peak Pilgrimage starts at Ilam and passes through Milldale, Alstonefield, Hartington, Monyash, Bakewell, Baslow and concludes in Eyam, the plague village. There are generally a selection of tearooms and cafés to be found as well, of course, as pubs. The Hope Trail, which we haven't yet completed at the time of writing, starts at Edale and goes to Castleton, Bradwell, Hope, Bamford, Hathersage and again finishes at Eyam.

The routes are manageable in day chunks, although the Peak Pilgrimage which we walked before lockdown

depended on some clever use of local buses, but the Hope Pilgrimage can be accessed by train, except for Eyam, where a bus will be required. However, I think that the authors hope that you will treat the whole trail as a non-stop walk to refresh the soul, staying overnights en route.

Google The Peak Pilgrimage and you can find how to buy a copy of both books, and then, happy walking.

Hazel Jenkins



St George's Christmas Tree Festival

Wednesday 27th November – Sunday 1st December

LOOKING AHEAD to the end of November it will be time for our annual Christmas Tree Festival. Last year we welcomed so many visitors through the doors it all felt very special, and we got lots of positive comments on the church and our welcome. Planning carries on through the year with people asking in August, 'When will the forms be out for the festival?'



So as I write this in mid-September, we already have more than a dozen tree applications, including some new entries, which bodes well for another splendid display. Another bonus is that last year, without having raised any prices, and we won't again next year, we made £7000 for the church's finances, which was very much needed to try and balance the books.

However, we can't do it without help, and this is where we need everyone's assistance. There are lots of jobs that need some help, so even if you've only got an hour or so in the whole week, please do help. Some jobs are sitting

down ones, for example being on the door, and if you feel daunted by people wanting to use the card reader, we'll pair you with someone who is happy to use it. Some need charm and persuasion like selling raffle tickets where Pat Rigley with her organisation managed to raise £1,000 in the raffle alone last year.



Peter Smith always welcomes help in the café which can be very busy much of the time and we need general stewards as well as welcomers at the door. If you can't help in church during the week then are you able to provide cakes? Home-made ones are always welcome, with an ingredients list please, but shop-bought, particularly mince

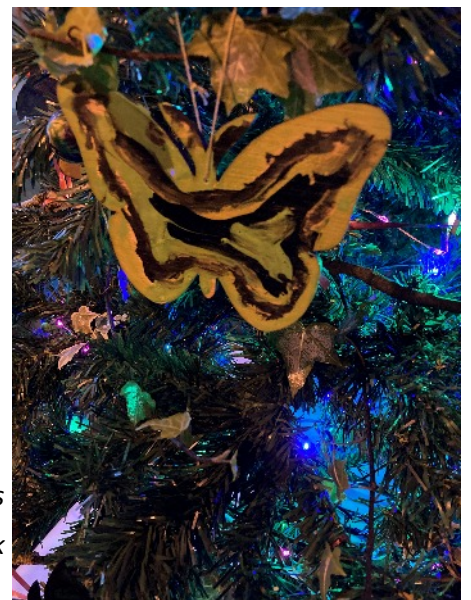
pies, are much needed as well.

Sign-up lists will be going up at the back of church at the beginning of November but meanwhile do have a chat with myself, Sue Burt, Sue Cordingley, Rita Waters or Andrea Millington, and we can pop your name on a list.

Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Hazel Jenkins

photos: Andy Clark



A Sermon on 2 Samuel 11, v26 to 12, v13

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity: 11th August 2024

I was asked by a member of the congregation if this sermon given by Peter Hall could be published in the magazine. It is a powerful and insightful reflection on David's life and God's unwavering capacity to forgive sin.

IN OUR CONTINUING Old Testament reading, we are currently mired in the life of King David.

I don't know what your initial impression of him was, but in the last week we've had to re-evaluate our view.

We tend to think of David in terms of the boy who killed Goliath, who eventually was anointed by God and became King; the man who ruled and kept his people safe; the King who was idolised throughout history by our Jewish friends as a great leader.

His legacy continues through Jesus, when at Christmas we remember "the City of David" the root of Jesse (That's David's Father) "the Key of David"

His life is almost held up as a paragon of virtue ... and yet...

Last week we learned about David's adultery with Bathsheba, the pregnancy that followed and David's attempts to cover it all up, first bringing back Uriah from the battle lines in an attempt to get him to sleep with his wife, then sending him back deliberately to be killed in battle.

We see an initial sin growing and enveloping David as he attempts to hide it.

It was not an edifying picture of the great King David, ruler of Judah and Israel.

In his attempt to cover up his actions from Uriah, he only ensured that more people knew about it.

That's the problem with attempting to cover up something... the attempt spreads the knowledge base.

So, what was your initial reaction to last week's Old Testament reading?

- Shock?
- Horror?
- Disbelief?

Was it how far David had fallen in our estimation? That he would murder a soldier to cover up his own sin?

This week's reading doesn't really bring much redemption to the table.

We hear that Bathsheba is told of her husband's death. She mourns him for the prescribed amount of time (one week), but once that was over, David brought her into his own house and married her and she bore him a son.

Does that sound callous?

In David's mind, the whole sordid story was now over. Everything was legitimate. The cover-up was complete:

Bathsheba was saved from possible disgrace: after all everyone would have known once she gave birth that her husband had been away at war when the child was conceived, so it MUST have been conceived in adultery.

David would have been a hero to the soldiers – here the poor widow of one of his mighty warriors was being looked after when he took her into his own compassionate care!

And yet in one sentence, the whole story was about to be rekindled:

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

This is the first mention of God in the whole chapter.

God witnessed every event and read the intent of every heart, but his displeasure is only *implied* until this specific statement.

We think of David constantly walking with God, but this is not true. He didn't have the same relationship he once did with God and he describes it in Psalm 32:

*When I kept silent, my bones grew old
Through my groaning all day long.
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.*

David was under intense conviction during this time and all the joy in his life evaporated away.

David was living a double life, and it was causing him stress and agony.

David was in that terrible place where he had too much sin in him to be happy in God, but he had too much of God in him to be happy in sin. Because David was a man after God's heart, God would draw David to repentance and restoration.

But it needed to be done carefully.

If Nathan had just gone up to David and told him what he knew, what would David's reaction have been?

He'd just had a man murdered to cover up his own sin, do you think he would have held back when faced with a prophet?

Nathan instead tells him a parable and tricks him into condemning himself.

A rich man had many flocks and herds, and a neighbouring poor man had only one little ewe lamb. The poor man turned this lamb into a household pet that became almost like another daughter. When the rich man got unexpected out-of-town company, the rich man seized the poor man's lamb and served it up for dinner.

David was outraged and swore an oath that the rich man deserved to die and ought to give the poor man four lambs in restitution. In addition to this blatant crime, David noted that the rich man had shown no compassion.

Nathan shouted: "You are that man!"

Nathan reminded David that God had anointed him as king, rescued him from Saul, given him Saul's dynasty and his concubines, and the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

In addition to showing no compassion, David had stolen Uriah's wife and killed her husband, both of which are capital crimes in the Hebrew Bible and constitute explicit violations of two of the Ten Commandments.

As a result, David was to face a series of endless wars and rebellion in his own household. Not even his own harem would be safe.

Our reading ends with David's confession of his sin, but we cannot ignore the rest of verse 13: Nathan said to David, "Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Does this shock you more than the sin?

It did me.

Here is a man who has committed adultery, had a man killed to cover it up and yet in one sentence he's forgiven by God?

It doesn't feel fair... or does it?

Think about your own life. Think about the things you may have done. Would you want to be forgiven?

Maybe we need to reassess God's character in the light of this.

There is no sin that cannot be forgiven.

We all sin against God, the members of our communities, and against our better nature. Sometimes we underestimate the depth of our misdeeds, and sometimes we have a hard time believing that God's love in Jesus Christ does wipe out our sins.

The grace we receive is costly grace.

David wrote Psalm 51 after Nathan had visited him, so it is worth reading:

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

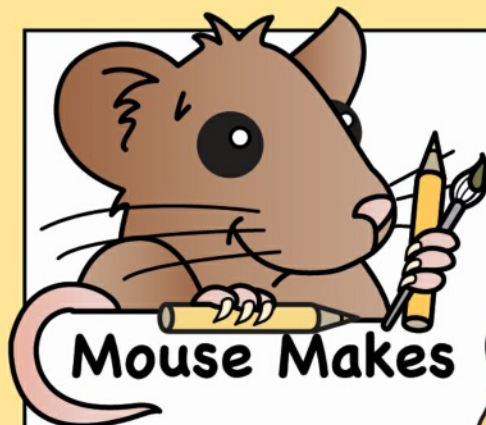
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem;
then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.



WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

"
Galatians 5:16

Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12

"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1



GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

Sudoku puzzle: easy

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Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 22)



Crossword

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Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — ' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had

avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Garden Gnomes Notes for November

THE GROUND IN November: will still be soft enough to dig over ready for planting out next spring before the frosts in the next few months make it a much harder task; you can also dig in some compost. Plant tulip bulbs in borders covering them with at least twice their depth of soil or compost. Lift dahlia tubers, clean and dry them and store them in dry compost in a frost-free place. Clear annual climbers such as sweet peas from their trellis supports. Plant out shrubs, rose trees and new hedges before the weather becomes too cold. Tidy the borders by cutting down faded perennials, then mulch the surrounding soil with compost. Collect fallen leaves and general garden waste and foliage and if suitable move them to the compost heap. Protect plants that are not fully hardy with a layer of straw or mulch.

Deadheading and pruning: remove spent flowers to prevent plants from putting energy into seed production. This also helps to tidy up the garden. Perennials can be cut back to just above ground level to protect them from harsh winter weather. However, some plants, like ornamental grasses, can be left standing for winter interest and to provide habitat for wildlife.

Dividing perennials: if your perennials have become overcrowded, November is a good time to divide them. This not only revitalizes the plants but also gives you new plants to spread throughout your garden. Lift the plant with a garden fork, divide the root ball into smaller sections, and replant them in well-prepared soil. The paths around the garden can be spruced up and any weeds removed. Empty containers and flower pots can be cleaned and washed, then put away ready for use next year. Even broken flower pots can be saved for use in the bottom of good pots before filling with potting compost.

Now in the kitchen garden: fruit bushes such as red and black currant, gooseberries etc. can be pruned and cuttings can also be taken and planted out. New fruit trees can be planted if the ground is not too wet. If you have some cabbages and other hardy brassicas these can be protected by covering them with netting to keep the birds away. Any stored crops should be checked for signs of deterioration or rot and any found removed to stop it spreading. To protect peas and beans cover them with cloches leaving the ends open for ventilation; salads can also be protected in the same way.

Make a raised bed with free-draining soil to plant onions and shallots, then cover them with garden fleece. Garden fleece can be laid over plants and does not require any support, it protects the plants from birds and insects as well as wind, frost and snow and can be taken up and used again. Autumn fruit such as raspberries should now be harvested and then the bushes pruned down to ground level.

Looking after your lawn in winter: it is best to stop cutting the lawn too short before winter sets in. Longer grass in winter acts as a natural insulator which will protect the roots and cut back on weed growth. Shorter grass will expose the soil to winter conditions and could damage the roots. Clean the lawn by raking up any leaves and debris, which can trap moisture that could lead to disease and mould. Aeration of the lawn will improve circulation, water absorption and nutrient penetration and helps soil compaction. Top dressing: apply a top dressing of soil mixed with compost to improve the soil structure. This layer will protect the roots from frost, help with drainage, and provide nutrients. Top dressing also helps to even out any minor bumps and hollows in your lawn. Fertilizing: use a slow-release autumn lawn fertilizer with a low nitrogen content but higher in potassium to strengthen the roots. This prepares your lawn for winter dormancy and helps it green up quickly when spring arrives.



Compost management: November is a good time to turn your compost heap to aerate it and speed up the decomposition process. Add a mix of green (nitrogen-rich) and brown (carbon-rich) materials to maintain balance. Fallen leaves, grass clippings, and vegetable scraps are ideal for composting.

Caring for garden tools: clean, sharpen, and oil your garden tools before storing them for the winter. Well-maintained tools will last longer and be ready for use when gardening starts again in the spring. It's also a good idea to drain and store hoses and irrigation systems to prevent them from freezing and cracking.

Wildlife care: as the weather turns colder, garden wildlife needs extra help. Install bird feeders, provide fresh water, and create leaf piles or log habitats for insects and small mammals. This not only supports local wildlife but also encourages natural pest control in your garden.

Planning for next year: November is the perfect time to reflect on the past growing season and start planning for the next. Consider what worked well and what didn't and start drafting ideas for new plantings or garden features. Ordering seeds and bulbs early can also ensure you get the best varieties for your garden.

Conclusion: gardening in November is all about preparation and protection. By taking the time to care for your lawn, flower beds, and garden tools, you'll be setting the stage for a healthy and vibrant garden in the spring. While the tasks may seem less glamorous than planting or harvesting, they are essential for maintaining the overall health and beauty of your garden throughout the year.

Retired Old Gnome



Music Scheme – October 2024



| Sunday 6 th October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity | | | |
|--|--|--------------------|--|
| 10:15am | Parish Communion | No Evening Service | |
| Setting: | A Mass for Worth Abbey - Greening | | |
| Hymns: | 558 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,... 517 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, 380 At the name of Jesus 548 One more step along the world I go, | | |
| Anthem: | If ye love me – Wilby | | |
| Voluntary: | Te Deum, Prelude – Charpentier | | |

| Sunday 13 th October – Harvest Sunday | | | |
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| 10:15am | Parish Communion | 4:00pm | St. Gabriel's Harvest Thanksgiving Service |
| Setting: | Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne | See Order of Service for details | |
| Hymns: | 270 Come, ye thankful people, come, 274 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise, 251 All things bright and beautiful, 275 We plough the fields, and scatter... | | |
| Anthem: | Badgers & Hedgehogs – Carter | | |
| Anthem: | All things bright and beautiful – Rutter | | |
| Voluntary: | Trumpet Voluntary in C Op. 5, No.1 – Stanley | | |

| Sunday 20 th October – The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity | | | |
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| 10:15am | Parish Communion | No Evening Service | |
| Setting: | A Mass for Worth Abbey - Greening | | |
| Hymns: | 369 All people that on earth do dwell 371 All praise to our redeeming Lord, 305 I come with joy, a child of God, In Christ alone my hope is found | | |
| Anthem: | If ye love me – Tallis | | |
| Voluntary: | 'Finale' in D minor – Thirman | | |

| Sunday 27 th October – The Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday | | | |
|--|--|------------|--|
| 10:15am | Parish Communion | 4:00pm | Choral Evensong |
| Setting: | Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne | Hymns: | 612 We have a gospel to proclaim, 515 Lord, thy word abideth, 10 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; |
| Hymns: | 6 New every morning is the love 267 Thou, whose almighty word 321 Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking, 584 Thanks to God whose word was spoken... | Responses: | Smith Psalm: 119. 121-136 |
| | | Canticles: | Evening Service in D – Brewer |
| Anthem: | The Lord bless you and keep you – Rutter | Anthem: | My eyes for beauty pine – Howells |
| Voluntary: | Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine – Tambling | Voluntary: | Toccata from Suite Gothique, Op.25 – Boëllmann |

Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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

Crossword solution:

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Regular Services at St George's

Services in church:

- 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)
(during the winter, the Wednesday morning services are in the Parish Room)

Services which are live streamed only:

- Mondays to Fridays:** 9.30am Morning Prayer (also in church on Wednesdays)

Time for a Haircut?

FOUR YEARS AGO, for reasons known only to himself, my son stopped having his hair cut. As you can imagine it became quite long and untidy and my sister-in-law and I, among others, regularly dropped hints that perhaps it was about time, etc. Finally, a month or two ago, he announced that he was going to have it cut in aid of the Little Princess Trust which provides wigs for children who have lost their hair because of cancer. He set up a Just Giving page and in August, at a family picnic party for my sister-in-law's 99th birthday, he suddenly told us that it was to be done there and then – and we were going to do it! A few people were in the know but I had been kept in

the dark so it was a complete surprise. The birthday girl, who had nagged him the most, was given the scissors to make the first cut. As the second most vociferous complainer, it was my turn next. And so it went on. Even the children were able to have a go, much to their delight. At the end it looked better than I would have expected after being hacked at by a group of amateurs but as soon as he could James went to a barber for a proper cut.

His fundraising was very successful and he almost trebled his original target of £500, raising nearly £1,500 including gift aid. An amazing result!

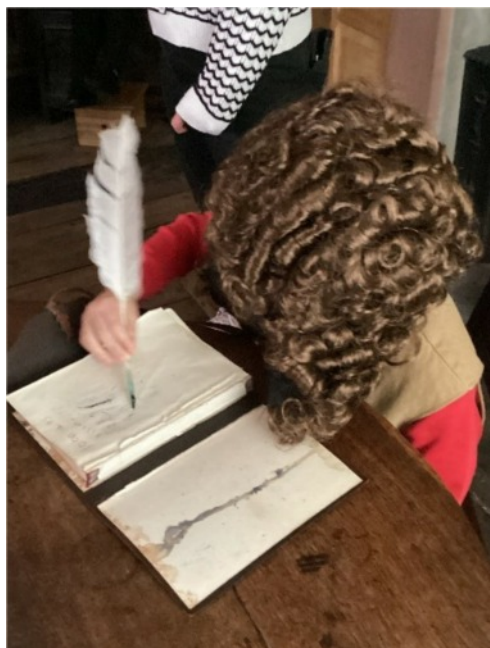
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St George's CE School

Welcome to the New School Year

IT IS LOVELY to be back and see the all the children's smiling faces. The children have already embarked on their new topics. The school is buzzing with discussion about Ancient Greeks, The Great Fire of London, the



Naughty Bus to name a few. Clubs have also restarted and the children can choose from Science club, Worship group, Dodgeball and Football clubs. We have also been busy electing School councillors, Eco councillors and library ambassadors. This really helps

the children to understand democracy and how elections work.

In their second week back Year 2 have already been on a school trip! We are studying the Great Fire of London and we visited the Staircase House in Stockport. I must admit we got a little bit soggy walking down there but received such a warm



welcome it was worth it. The children had a fantastic time. We dressed up as Samuel Pepys, King Charles II and Jane the maid. We made ship's biscuits and created a bucket chain to put out a fire. We also tried our hand at making some wattle and daub walls, which was quite tricky.

Then we made our own fire marks – fire marks were like an insurance policy and would be placed on the front of houses. If you hadn't got the right fire mark



– your fire was not put out! Some of these insurance companies went out of business but some are still around today – Royal Sun Alliance for example.

We had a fantastic day and learnt so much.

In our geography lesson when we got back, we made a human map in the playground – we carefully labelled the countries of the UK and its capital cities so we knew where London was!

Jan Langton



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