

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.
www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk



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

Vicar	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall <i>vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i> 456 9382	Praise and Play	Parish Office 480 2453 For 0-4s and their carers. Meet every Monday in term time, 9-11 in church. Story time at 10am.	Choir	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i> Practise Thursdays 7.30-9pm in the vestry. Sing on Sundays at 10.15am and 4pm services.
Assistant Curate	Rev. Dr Janine Arnott <i>rev.janinearnott@outlook.com</i> 612 1048	St Gabriel's		Church Cleaners	Meet on 1st Tuesday of every month 9.30-12 noon.
Reader	Peter Hall 456 9382	Messy Church	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall 456 9382 For children and their parents. Meet occasionally, usually Saturday mornings.	Church Flowers	Marjorie Lees 483 3676 Jean Hayden (<i>donations</i>) 483 2367
Churchwardens	Andrew Regan 440 0408 Hazel Jenkins 483 4679	Uniformed Groups		Church Gardeners	Walter Stead 430 2449 Meet on Tuesdays 9.30-12.30.
PCC Secretary	Andrea Webb Reilly 07400 883938	with connections to St George's		Coffee Mornings (Weds)	Olwen Smith 483 6548 Wednesdays from 10.30am in the Parish Room.
PCC Treasurer	contact via: <i>treasurer@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i>	Rainbows	Trisha Brown 07403 353 175 Sue Kirkland 07854 101 918 For girls aged 5-7. Meet Fridays 6.15-7.30pm in the Parish Room.	Cursillo	Usually meet on last Wednesday of the month. 7.30pm at different venues.
Parish Office	Marion McCall 480 2453	Brownies	Rachel Lockett 775 2755 Voni Walker 07956 674 241 For girls aged 7-10. Meet Thursdays 6.30-8pm in the Parish Room.	Handbells	Andy Clark 483 3703 Play for All-Age and Taizé services, plus other special events. Ringers of all ages (with or without experience) always welcome. Rehearsals in church arranged around the ringers' availability.
Magazine Editor	Richard Parr 439 8644	Guides		Linen Guild	Pat Rigley 487 1999 Maintain the church's linen.
Safeguarding co-ordinator	Will Hesson 480 0630	Beavers	Bill Frith 439 3232 For boys and girls ages 6 and 7 Meet Fridays 6-7pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.	Magazine Editorial Group	Richard Parr 439 8644 Meet monthly to plan future issues.
Website	www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk	Cubs	Bill Frith 439 3232 For boys and girls ages 8-10½. Meet Fridays 7.15-8.45pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.	Mothers' Union	Pat Durnall 483 4837 Meet on 2nd Monday of the month in church at 2.15pm.
Webmaster	Peter Hall 456 9382	Scouts	Elizabeth Goodred <i>Elizabeth.goodred@stockportscouts.org.uk</i> For boys and girls ages 10½-14. Meet Wednesdays 7-9pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.	Singing Group	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i> Sing about once a month at the All-Age Service, with one practice beforehand. All welcome.
St George's Primary School		Other Groups and Activities			
Headteacher	Deborah Grindrod 480 8657	St George's			
St George's		Bell ringers	Anne Mayes 485 6477 Practise Mondays 7.45-9pm. Ring on Sundays 9.45-10.15am. Meet in the tower.		
Deputy Wardens	John Hardy 01663 764 462 Will Hesson 480 0630	Bible Reading Fellowship Notes	Janet Neilson 483 9025 Notes are ordered on request.		
Verger	Ian Staley 456 3093	Bible Study Groups	<i>contact the clergy</i> Study groups and courses are arranged from time to time.		
Director of Music	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i>	Chancel Guild	Meet on 2nd Tuesday of every month, 9.30-12 noon to care for the chancel.		
Bookings for Parish Rooms	Parish Office or 480 2453 Judith Swift 483 8681				
St Gabriel's					
Secretary	John Sutcliffe 286 2301				
Bookings	Parish Office 480 2453				
Children's Activities					
St George's					
Children's Corner	Available for children (and parents) during services. Equipped with books, crayons and soft toys.				
Sunday Club	Louise Clark 483 3703 For children of nursery and school age. Meet during the 10.15am Parish Communion service most weeks during term time.				
Junior Choir	James Hibbert 07365 519207 Practise 6.30-7.30 on Thursdays in the vestry; sing on Sundays for 10.15am service.				

Front cover photo

Easter cross at St George's,
taken on Palm Sunday
as we returned to
congregational worship
(photo by Andrew Regan)

Services and events in April:

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From the Editor:

Dear Readers,

WELL, LAST APRIL was the first time that *Grapevine* had to be published in digital form. Twelve months later and we are still not able to resume 'normal service'. Thanks to the efforts of many people, but especially our IT maestro, Andrew Regan, we have been able to continue with the magazine, and we hope that you have not been too inconvenienced by the lack of a 'real' copy. I very much appreciate the ease of reading books on a device like Kindle – but nothing replaces the feel of a real book or magazine. And it's much harder to throw a computer across the room, if you disagree with the views of the editor!

But spring is here, or, at least, very close! We have had some beautiful, warm days, and it's a delight to see the daffodils and crocuses providing colour in the gardens. The blossom is coming out and the birdsong is increasingly joyful. It's easy to take these signs of new life for granted, but how we would miss them and complain if spring failed to appear! I have always thought Jesus's words on the mountainside particularly moving and profound, when he tells his listeners, "Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow." Such transient creations, and yet even, "Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are." In the busyness of our daily lives, even during Lockdown, we can sometimes fail to take in the beauty of the world that God has graciously given us to live in.

Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* starts with the poet rejoicing that 'Aprill with his shoures soote (sweet) /the droghte of March hath perced (pierced) to the roote.' T.S. Eliot, at the start of his poem, *The Waste Land*, by contrast had one of his narrators remark that 'April is the cruellest month'. The character, Marie, is depressed and spiritually barren, lacking the desire and willingness to embrace any signs of new life. Eliot's great poem, written in the aftermath of the First World War, describes the emptiness and futility of a world where its inhabitants have lost faith and hope, and exist only in a waste land of 'broken images, where the sun beats, / and the dead tree gives no shelter'. Influenced greatly by the torn landscape of the First World War battlefields, the poem, nevertheless, is steeped in Biblical imagery, as well as many other allusions. It is a profoundly spiritual poem, and ends with allusions to the Crucifixion, but also to the Resurrection, and the journey to Emmaus, where, when the narrator looks 'ahead up the white road / There is always another one walking beside you'. It takes only what Eliot describes as 'The awful daring of a moment's surrender', to leave the emptiness and barrenness of his spiritual waste land, and to find the joy and peace and new life that surrender to Christ brings.

May we wish you all a very Happy Eastertide, and the enjoyment of all that spring brings.

God bless! Richard Parr. Editor.



He is risen indeed!
A very happy Easter
to all our readers

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Please note: Grapevine magazine will be published in **digital form only** during the current coronavirus restrictions. Copies can be downloaded from our website at www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk



Elaine writes:

Over this past year, never has it been more important to offer, and to receive, random acts of kindness.

As a giver, it takes no more than a few moments to sit down and put pen to paper and write a letter, to send a card or, even in these technologically enlightened days, to send a text, photo or email or to pick up the phone and talk or sort out a Zoom conversation over coffee.

A bunch of flowers, some handmade chocolates or cake left in a tin on the doorstep bring light and hope into someone's life and, in a time when we don't really know how much of a struggle life is for them, these small acts of kindness can be timely interventions in a darkened world.

I have personally appreciated the little wooden pocket hug, given to me when I was struggling over the anniversary of my sister's death. I keep it in my jacket, feeling its familiar shape when I go out for a walk. I have rejoiced in the 90+ year-olds phoning me to check up that I was all right, and the short notes, cards and longer letters sent as words of encouragement and love have lifted my heart.

I have valued the regular cards, lovingly made and delivered by the fabulous Mothers' Union. The prayers and inspirational thoughts contained therein kept me going over this time. Their kind gift of chocolates was enjoyed and, more recently, a knitted Little Ted was given on Mothering Sunday and he now has pride of place on my bookshelf.

These are all treasures which are captured forever in our minds and hearts.

I want to applaud the generosity of strangers to those in need; the creativity of local businesses trying to support our community; the dogged determination of front-line workers to keep the show on the road, and the small, quiet, and often hidden marvels of people just trying to do their job, often putting others before themselves.

This wonderful dynamic of giving without any expectation of a return, and of receiving unexpected riches, makes such a difference to the way we have been

able to live through this pandemic. These random acts of kindness have shown us the best that we can be, and we may have even surprised ourselves at how this has made us feel.

All this has made me wonder about the disciples of Jesus at a dark and lonely time when their leader and friend had been taken away and put to death. The anguish, pain and distress would have made it difficult to look forward. The darkness that came over the earth at Jesus' crucifixion would have been held in their hearts and minds. The confusion and fear of their own place in society where hope had been bypassed and despair was their companion.

Some of these emotions have been and continue to be powerfully evident in many people's lives over this last year.

Who helped them?

Well, initially the women and Joseph of Arimathea, the women for being present and Joseph for sorting out the tomb for Jesus. None of this was without risk.

I would also hope that, somewhere in the midst of all of this, other people would have supported the disciples with some random acts of kindness. I would love it if people had come and brought them a meal knowing that they might not feel in a fit state to cook for themselves. I would like to know if people gave them the time and space to tell their story and really listened to them. I would hope that people gave them a place where they could feel safe enough to sleep and comfortable enough to feel really rested and restored enough to face another day. It would be wonderful if they were offered the kinds of gifts that would make an unbearable and confusing time, slightly more bearable.

The biggest act of kindness

The biggest act of kindness was given by Jesus with no expectation of return.

The biggest act of love was freely given by Jesus as he died on the cross for the disciples and for us so that our sins may be forgiven.

The biggest act of salvation was that he rose from the dead, that death could not hold him and that he opened up the way to eternal life.

Jesus is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Have a wonderful and blessed Eastertime.

Elaine

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Holy Baptism

None last month

Holy Matrimony

None last month

Funerals

None last month

Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

Main altar:

- 7th Mar Dorothy and Brian Walton, in loving memory of their parents
- 14th Mar Joan and Jim Izard, for their parents
- 21st Mar John and Betty Atkinson, in memory of Joyce and Jack
- 28th Mar Mike and Jose Westwood, in memory of Edith Holehouse

Sanctuary pedestal:

28th Mar In memory of Olga Jones

Floodlighting

On the 14th March the church floodlighting was in memory of Marion Simpson (née Gleave) on what would have been her 100th birthday, and was sponsored by her children, Robin Simpson and Pam Stewart, as she is still loved and remembered by them, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Pam is one of the digital recipients of the Grapevine magazine and likes to

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keep in touch, as her family has strong connections both to St George's and St Gabriel's. Her parents were married at St George's and their children were both christened and confirmed there. Pam and her husband, Fred, were married at St George's 45 years ago.

Marion and her sister were Rose Queens at St Gabriel's and Alan and Robin were both in the St George's choir. They attended, not only St Gabriel's on a Sunday, but also St George's on Wednesdays, staying for coffee in the Parish Room afterwards.

If anyone has any recollections of this family that they would like to share with Pam, her email address is:- fredg.stewart@btinternet.com.

Geoffrey Oldham

Janet Neilson and family with all the Oldham and Hopkins families would like to thank everyone for their many prayers, cards, lovely memories and donations they have received since Dad, Geoffrey Oldham, died in February.

Grapevine Dates

As most of you will know, Grapevine is normally available to readers on the first Sunday of each month. This was true for the normal printed magazine,

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and is also true for our current digital issues.

It would be helpful if any events taking place on the first Sunday of the month, or on any days before that Sunday, could be advertised, wherever possible, in the previous month's magazine, so that everyone is aware of them.

Please, therefore, if you wish to have such notices published, could you please ensure that they are included by the deadline dates for the magazine, that are always printed in Grapevine, both in the Parish News pages and on the back page.

Many thanks. Richard Parr.

Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

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

April 2021

Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 16th April**
Committee meeting: via email

Services at St George's in April

We expect to be open for **congregational worship** for some services in April (subject to prevailing circumstances). Other services will be live streamed, as indicated below.

Please see our Facebook page and website for the latest information.

Services in church, with congregation

Wednesdays: 9.30am Morning Prayer (also live streamed)
10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Live streamed services

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

Sundays: 10.15am Parish Communion (also in church)
9pm Compline

Sunday 4th Apr: 4pm Easter Evensong

Sunday 25th Apr: 4pm Choral Evensong

Online events:

Friday 30th Apr: 1pm Messy Church Bake Off

Saturday 1st May: 1pm Messy Church Craft

Sunday 2nd May: 5pm Story Time

The church will be open for individual private prayer in the chapel as follows:

Wednesdays and Sundays: 11am to 12 noon

Finding the way

Lord what does it mean
to be seen
to be keen?

And is it allowed
to follow the crowd
with
people who matter
and people
who scatter
to places unknown
because they feel they've outgrown
the faith that they've known
and have thrown
it away.

Sure, they stand loud
and proud
When they run with the crowd

But what about those
who long
to belong
who itch
to ditch
the life they lead
of anger and greed?

Is their need
indeed
to follow the lead
of others who might
share the light
and delight
in Jesus?

Elaine



St George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form (Please return to Steven Kelly, 5 Holly Road, Bramhall, SK7 1HH).



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Shining a Light on Suicide

SHINING A LIGHT ON SUICIDE

www.shiningalightonsuicide.org.uk

This was commissioned by Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, Shining a Light on Suicide launched in May 2019.

The campaign has been created to prevent suicide and aims to take the subject out of the dark by encouraging everyone in Greater Manchester to talk openly about suicide, suicidal thoughts and suicide bereavement.

I have recently completed a mental health first aid course which has opened my eyes even further as to what people are dealing with on a daily basis and how we might be able to help.

If you, or someone you love, is struggling, there are a number of agencies in Stockport who also may be able to help.

Those with websites are as follows:

BEACON COUNSELLING

www.beacon-counselling.org.uk

Counselling service for adults and young people. Please note, some services are funded while others may require payment.

MAN ABOUT A DOG www.manaboutadog.org

Peer support for people who have survived a suicide attempt. It is a place to be open about suicidal thoughts and attempts.

STOCKPORT OPEN DOOR SAFE HAVEN

opendoorstockport@makingspace.co.uk

A drop-in between the hours of 10am and 8pm at 72-74 Prince's Street, Stockport, SK11RJ, and 24/7 crisis line.

SAMARITANS www.samaritans.org

As well as being available by phone, email or text, you can speak to trained volunteers in person in Stockport.

STOCKPORT AND DISTRICT MIND

www.stockportmind.org.uk

A wide range of services, advice and support for adults to help improve mental health and wellbeing.

STOCKPORT WOMEN'S CENTRE

www.stockportwomenscentre.co.uk

Support for women who are experiencing a range of difficulties and need additional support, including a number of different therapeutic approaches.

GREATER MANCHESTER BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

www.greater-manchester-bereavement-service.org.uk

A confidential information service with dedicated suicide bereavement practitioners to support you through your grief and find the right support for you.

SURVIVORS OF BEREAVEMENT BY SUICIDE (SOBS)

stockport.uksobs.org

Facilitated by people who have been bereaved by suicide themselves, SoBS run local peer support groups, a helpline and email support for people bereaved by suicide. Call Wyn on 07508 536 150.

Come and talk.

Know that you're not alone.

Elaine

Something to Think about – Archbishop Oscar Romero

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our
capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of
liberation
in realizing that. This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well. It may be incomplete,
but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the
rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the
difference
between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not
messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.
Amen.

Girlguiding at St George's

DID YOU NOTICE in February that for two weeks we had a different flag flying on our flagpole? If not, then look at the photo to see what it was, and the next question is, do you know what flag it is? If you don't, I'll explain: it's Girlguiding's World flag, and here comes a bit of history for those of you who have had no real contact with the Guide movement. We were founded in 1910 after the girls saw their brothers have a great time in the Boy Scouts, which had been founded in 1907 by Lord Robert Baden Powell. Lord BP met and married Olave and they discovered that they shared the same birthday, 22nd February. So Guides around the world celebrate that date as Thinking Day, when they 'think' and do activities to help them be aware of the worldwide nature of the movement. There are over ten million members around the world, 55,000 in the North West of England.

As the girls have had no face-to-face meetings for a year (although many are now extremely good at doing activities together via Zoom) it was decided to make a big event of Thinking Day 2021, with outdoor trails in all parts of Stockport, the flag flying at St George's and a banner moving around the county, spending a week in each location. It has been on the railings near our north avenue during the last week.

St George's has had Brownies, Guides and Rainbows for much of the movement's existence, but our Guide

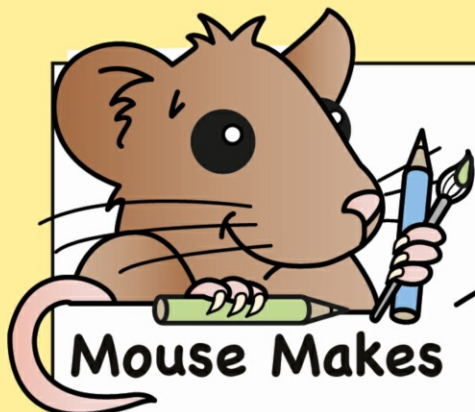


unit now needs some new leaders, as the present team have had to give up. The Rainbows and Brownies are still thriving, so it's really important that they have an active Guide unit to move on to at the age of 10. The District Commissioner, Eleanor, says 'We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help run 12th Stockport, St George's, Guides (aged 10 to 14). The Leaders and Assistant Leaders run activities, games, projects and events that give girls the opportunity to discover their potential and learn new skills. You'll be supported to complete our Leadership Qualification, with training on everything from planning activities to safety, and there are a number of volunteers willing to lend a hand.

Volunteering is flexible and can be arranged to fit around a busy lifestyle. Volunteering is also a brilliant way to meet new people and have fun while making a real contribution to your community. You could get involved in anything from camps and outdoor activities to international travel.'

If you would like to be involved please contact me or Eleanor Banister at eleanorbanister@gmail.com

Hazel Jenkins



Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17



KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

PROPHET

Luke 24:19



PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

ROCK

1 Corinthians 10: 4

LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

AMEN

Revelation 3:14

LIFE

John 11:25-27

MESSIAH

John 1:41

SHEPHERD

John 10:11

LIGHT

John 8:12



WORD

John 1:1-50



BREAD

John 6:35

CREATOR

1 John 1:3



CHRIST

Matthew 16:16

SAVIOUR

John 3:16-17

HOLY ONE

Mark 1:24

VINE

John 15:5



DOOR

John 10:9



WAY

John 14:6

LAMB

John 1:29



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'O Pun' the door!

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
3. Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
4. Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
5. If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
6. Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
7. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
8. I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
9. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
10. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
11. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
12. My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.
13. I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
14. Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.
15. Is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.
16. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.
17. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
18. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
19. Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.
20. I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
21. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
22. What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
23. I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarznegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."
24. What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.
25. I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

contributed by Peter Pilbeam

The Government's Roadmap out of Lockdown: April

STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

Recipe: Blue Avocado Dip

As a change, here is a recipe for a dip. It's quick and easy too!

Serves: 4-6

125 gr crumbled Roquefort cheese (or St Agur)

60 ml soured cream

2 ripe avocados

1-2 red chillies, to taste

2 spring onions (finely sliced)

¼ teaspoon paprika

In a bowl, crumble or mash the blue cheese with the soured cream. Mash in the avocados. If they are ripe, a fork will be all you need. Roughly chop the chilli/es and stir into the mixture along with the finely sliced spring onions. Arrange in the centre of a plate or dish, dust with the paprika and surround with tortilla chips, crudities, etc.

Pamela Ferguson

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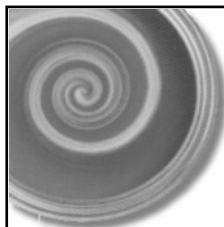
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Sudoku puzzle: easy

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Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)



...rumours that we would be giving out Easter eggs are unfounded – er, there aren't any left!

Crossword

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Across

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philipians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the —, you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

Down

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)

- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Service to celebrate the life of Geoffrey Oldham

29th August 1930 – 10th February 2021

held at St John's Church, Great Clacton on 19th March 2021

Entrance music: Nimrod by Elgar.

The service was conducted by Revd Alan Mulryne, vicar of St John's, and began with a hymn: All my hope on God is founded.

The address was given by the vicar, but Geoffrey had written notes for his eulogy, to be read by the vicar. Geoffrey had written the whole service too.

The vicar began: Geoffrey's life and various aspects

To begin with, we all know that this particular moment in time has had much of Geoffrey's thoughts and planning. We also know that Geoffrey would approve of the time of day that we are gathered here together as, to quote, 'he was not a morning person'.

Geoffrey was born on the 29th August 1930 to Harry and Selina Oldham, younger brother of Derek, in Stockport. He attended St George's Primary School, later joined the choir of St George's Church, Stockport and attended Stockport Grammar School as a teenager.

When he joined the church choir, aged nine, it offered him a very stable musical and faith input that had a lasting effect on him and was so important considering what had happened to him by that stage in life. A severe accident to his mother when Geoffrey was eight had a massive impact on his family, as did the death of his brother Derek, aged eight, when Geoffrey was four.

In 1942, Geoffrey left St George's to attend Stockport Grammar School, where most of the teachers had been taken away for the war and the remaining teachers were mostly 'out of retirement and 'far from 100%', according to Geoff.

In 1944, when Geoffrey was aged 14, one of the last of Hitler's flying bombs landed near his house and many of the surrounding houses were ruined. He remembers a neighbour lifting his mother out of her wheelchair and carrying her into a local air raid shelter, and his

father quietly sweeping up the debris the day after.

Aged 16, he left school and joined his father at Arundel textile machinery makers. Simultaneously, he joined Stockport Cricket Club, playing in the Central Lancashire League and showing a real talent for the game. In the local Stockport newspaper it was written that 'Ginger-haired Geoff Oldham, 18 next month, despite his youthful stature, can sure make the ball zip'. He was invited for trials with Lancashire County Cricket Club and they registered Geoffrey to play for them, but he decided with a heavy heart to say no and follow his engineering career. He said 'I suppose subconsciously I had considered one way of life (professional cricketer) as to be against the way of life which the other side of my nature called for, but I do recall at the time I felt the death of my cricketing ambition. Playing as an amateur was incompatible with family life, due to the amount of time it involved'. However, during his two years' national service in Egypt he was selected to play cricket for The Army and he described this as a time when he felt truly valued by everybody for what he could do.

When he was 17, his friends, John and Brian, persuaded him to join the youth fellowship at St George's Church. One night, they were all out carol singing, and this was when he met his future wife, Hazel. Right away they were kindred spirits and they went on holidays with the youth fellowship to places such as Anglesey and Devon. They both shared a huge passion for classical music. They were very much influenced by their vicar at the time, Canon Wilfrid Garlick, and all that he had to impart on relationships and life in general. They were married at St George's in July 1955 and went on honeymoon to Cornwall.

They started married life in Bramhall, with Geoffrey working then for Esso as a sales engineer. He spent seven formative years with them, gaining marketing experience which was then applied to his next job, selling machines for



Geoffrey in St George's choir



Geoffrey in the army

a Slough firm who made industrial ceramics. By this time, Geoffrey and Hazel had had five children, Janet, Michael, David, Christine and Hilary. Geoffrey was later made redundant, which was a big blow, but after two years he bought into a greengrocer's shop and loved it. He often said that this was his most enjoyable occupation, as he loved the camaraderie, being his own boss, and the sense of community. Unfortunately, the shop wasn't profitable and so Geoffrey had to sell the business, and got a job working for local government in recreation and culture, in Stockport Town Hall. This was his final job, from which he retired in 1988.

Geoffrey and Hazel then moved from the family home at Davenport Park Road to Egerton Road and began retirement together. During this period, they became very involved in the life of St George's Church, Stockport. They both ran various trips and holidays to cathedral cities such as Canterbury, Durham, Cambridge and Ely, staying in diocesan houses and attending services. With a similar group, they eventually went to Israel. Also during his retirement, Geoffrey made a conscious decision to find his father's brother and other relatives who had emigrated to America when his parents were young. This led to him meeting his relatives in America, and he and Hazel enjoyed two big holidays out there.



Geoffrey and Hazel's golden wedding anniversary for almost 54 years. Geoffrey and Hazel loved and were thrilled with their children and the holidays that they all shared together, for example in Anglesey and Cornwall. They also loved dearly their subsequent ten grandchildren and then latterly, six great-grandchildren. Even this year, Geoffrey had all the birthdays mapped out on his new 2021 calendar. He continued living at Egerton Road until the house became too much for him and he felt the need to downsize. At the age of 86, he then moved to Clacton-on-Sea where he spent four years reflecting on his life in peaceful surroundings, looking out to sea, thinking about God, the cosmos and all his years of life. One of his loveliest phrases was that "life was both a mystery and a miracle at the same time". He had a very extensive general knowledge, often winning at quiz games, and always showed a preference for reading non-fiction and newspapers. We were very fortunate during these restricted times to be able to celebrate Geoffrey's 90th

Geoffrey's wife Hazel died aged 77 in 2009 and he suffered a great sense of loss. As he said, Hazel and he were best friends and kindred spirits, meeting in their teens, and they were married

birthday as a family in August. This was a milestone that Geoffrey had been looking forward to so much throughout his final years in Clacton, and reaching it meant a huge amount to him.

Geoffrey showed great courage to "emigrate" at such a late age, meeting new people and living in a holiday area and, like his mother, he lived independently until the end, still doing his cooking and washing and pottering about his flat. Every morning he said his prayers and read his Bible, memorising chapter and verse the letters of St Paul, which was his favourite section of the New Testament. He often said that these years gave him the time and space to reflect and think more clearly and unencumbered. He talked a lot about music and listened to the radio a great deal. His children all know about his deep love of Elgar, hence it featuring in the service today. He gained huge spiritual uplift from many other composers, including Beethoven, Handel, Bach, Rachmaninoff, and Percy Grainger, whose 'Country Gardens' he could play by heart on the piano. Geoffrey loved to organise his papers and kept files on all aspects of his life. Latterly, he was so happy sitting at his table sorting, writing and planning.

In Geoffrey's musing he said 'I am slowly moving towards the end of my earthly journey, not that I feel old, indeed I have never been more interested in things, as I see life and history more clearly now and understand human nature better. I am fascinated by the universe, the sheer scale of creation, billions of stars, galaxies and light years beyond human comprehension. Only God has the power to change our atoms into a new heavenly body. So death is surely not the final point, just a necessary break prior to something eternal.'

Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4 v:4-8 followed by a period of quiet reflection.

Prayers, concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: O Worship the King

Cardinal Newman's prayer:

May the Lord support us all day long, Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, And the busy world is hushed, And the fever of life is over And our work is done. Then in His mercy May He give us a safe lodging, And a holy rest, And peace at last. Amen

The coffin was borne out to 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' from Handel's Messiah.



Geoffrey on his 90th birthday

Rosie Stead

EASTER, the most joyful day of the year

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for the first Good Friday: Friday 7th April 30 AD or Friday 3rd April, 33 AD with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these two Fridays to be the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox,

which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22nd March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25th April, which last happened in 1943.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month,' but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So, Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

Holy Days: 23rd April, St George of the Golden Legend

THE SAINT of an English army before he was Patron Saint of England, St George may have been a soldier, but he was no Englishman. Some stories say that he was an officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror, and was martyred at Lydda in Palestine about the year 300 AD - supposedly 23rd April. Over the years St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages, of whom remarkable deeds were reported.

In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine gave St George a handsome write-up. The story runs thus:

One day, St George rode up to the heathen city of Sylene in Lybia, where he found the citizens in great distress. A neighbouring dragon had forced them to surrender two sheep each day for its dinner, and when the sheep gave out, two of their children; and now they were about to sacrifice the King's daughter, dressed as if for her wedding. St George encountered the little party by a stagnant lake, where the dragon lived, and persuaded the sobbing Princess to tell him why she was so miserable. At that moment the dragon appeared,

looking inexpressibly revolting. St George charged forwards and drove his spear into the dragon's gaping mouth. To everyone's amazement, he tumbled the monster over and over.

Then St George borrowed the Princess's girdle, tied it round the dragon's neck, and persuaded her to lead it back to Sylene herself. The sight of her approaching with the befuddled dragon on its makeshift lead emptied the town. When the inhabitants timidly crept back, St George promised to behead the dragon if they would all believe in Jesus Christ and be baptised.

It was a most effective form of evangelism, for everybody said 'yes' at once. So, 15,000 people were baptised, and four carts were commissioned to remove the dragon's body.

St George thus became a symbol of the war against evil, and he is usually portrayed trampling the dragon of sin under his horse's hoofs. The Crusaders had a vision of him helping them against the Saracens at Antioch, during the first Crusade, and so brought the story of St George back with them from Palestine. Presently England put herself under the protection of the Saint. His day was declared a holiday in 1222. A red cross on a white field is the flag of St George.

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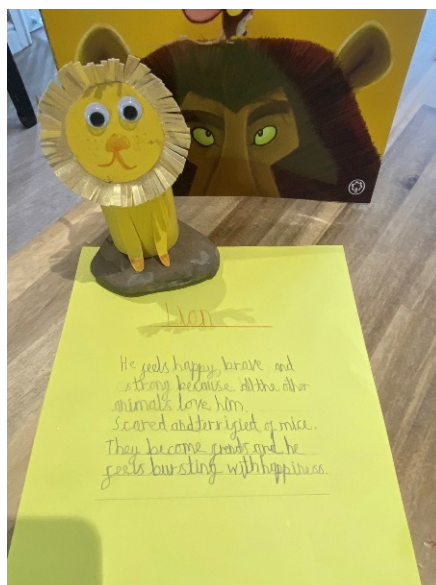


To celebrate World Book Day, Stockport Grammar Junior School Headmaster, Mr Matthew Copping, dressed as a scarecrow to read 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' by Julia Donaldson.

After reading Rachel Bright's 'The Lion Inside' our Year Two pupils were inspired to create some puppets and to produce a variety of creative writing pieces.



SGS Year Three pupil Luca H headed outside on the day to read his favourite book.



Recipe: Spring Chicken

You can leave the skin on or off the chicken thighs, as you wish, but leaving it on adds greatly to the flavour. Preferably leave the bone in too, again for added flavour. You can alternatively just use ready-filleted thighs, or a whole chicken, jointed.

Serves: 4-6

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 140 gr pancetta cubes or lardons or chopped bacon
- 12 chicken thighs (bone in, with or without skin)
- 1 leek (cleaned, quartered lengthwise then finely sliced)
- 1 stick celery (quartered lengthwise then finely sliced)
- 3 cloves garlic (peeled and chopped)
- 2 teaspoons dried tarragon
- 1 teaspoon sea salt flakes or 1/2 teaspoon pouring salt
- good grinding white pepper
- 500 millilitres dry cider
- 300 gr frozen petits pois
- 1 tablespoon dijon mustard
- 2 little gem lettuce (cut into strips or roughly shredded)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon

Heat the oil in a large, wide casserole that comes with a lid (and can be taken to the table) and add the pancetta cubes (or lardons or bacon), cooking them until they begin to give off their juices and start to colour. Add the chicken thighs (skin-side down if they have skin), tossing the pancetta cubes on top of the meat (to stop the pancetta

burning and to make space) as you put the poultry in the pan, and cook for about 5 minutes over a medium heat. Turn the thighs over and tip in the prepared leek, celery and garlic. Season with the dried tarragon, salt and pepper, then stir everything around a bit, cooking for another 5 minutes.

Pour in the cider, then sprinkle in the frozen peas. Bring the pan to a boil then cover, turn down to a very gentle heat and cook for 40 minutes. Do check after 30 mins, though, to see if the chicken is cooked through, and if they are boneless, then 20 mins should be long enough.

Remove the lid, stir in the mustard, and then toss the shredded lettuce over the chicken, letting it wilt in the hot sauce for a couple of minutes. Scatter the chopped tarragon over the casserole.

MAKE AHEAD NOTE: The chicken, without lettuce, can be cooked 1 day ahead. Transfer to non-metallic bowl, then cool, cover and refrigerate as quickly as possible. To reheat, return to casserole, cover and reheat gently, for around 20 minutes, until chicken is piping hot all way through. Add a little water or chicken stock if pan becomes too dry. Add lettuce and continue as above.

FREEZE NOTE: Cook and cool the chicken as above, then freeze for up to 3 months. Defrost overnight in fridge and reheat as above.

Pamela Ferguson

Was it the weather?

READING RECENTLY that the word 'church' came from the Greek *ekklesia* got my linguistic nose and whiskers all a-quiver! Surely not, I thought, how could that be?

Around the Mediterranean, as well as in Greece itself, the word for 'church' is clearly based on *ekklesia*: French 'eglise', Italian 'chiesa', Spanish 'iglesia', Portuguese 'igreja', all indicating an assembly, a gathering. The form also exists in Arabic and Hebrew. None suggests the need for housing or meeting places. Presumably, all could take place in an open space.

So, what about 'church'? A little dictionary work reveals that the word has a different source: it has its origins in Greek *kurikon*, *kyriakon doma*, the 'lord's house'. We are likely to be aware of 'kirk' in Scotland, but there are also 'kerk' in Dutch, 'Kirke' in German, 'kirke' in Danish, 'kyrka' in Swedish, 'kirkja' in Icelandic, 'kirkje' in Norse and 'kirkko' in Finnish.

My light-hearted suggestion would be that open-

air meetings may have quite restricted currency in all the latter countries – we do not have the weather for getting together in the 'agora'! From the Scout hut to the cricket pavilion, it is almost inevitable for any group to look for housing, to seek shelter before they can begin to have a unity, a proper identity. We may use a bandstand or promenade to put on a show, but the real bonding and community effort take place somewhere out of the wind and rain! While we are happy to share our space, and the Scout hut can also be the Guide hut and the Brownie hut, we love best having a place of our own, to protect, worry about and titivate.

One last word: for the fun of it, I checked Romansh, a minor romance language surviving only in a small area of Switzerland, and found that the word for 'church' is 'baselgia' which must surely have its origin in *basilika* – a case of "Keep calm and think big"!?

Angela Foulkes



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Angela Foulkes

This should be easy!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO is slot back the middle name of these people, who are always known by a three-word name.

List One, middle names: Allen Beecher Conan Graham Jessica Lee Lloyd Louis Luther Marie Rice Sebastian

List Two, first and third names: Johann Bach Alexander Bell Edgar Burroughs Jamie Curtis Arthur Doyle
Martin King Sarah Parker Edgar Poe Lisa Presley Robert Stevenson Harriet Stowe Andrew Webber

It may not be quite as easy as it seems, judging by the reactions of my available guinea pigs!

Angela Foulkes

Quizzing and prefixes

THE QUIZ WAS The Chase, the question was, 'What is tauromachy?' and neither Anne Hegerty nor the contestant gave an answer, even though 'bullfighting' was among the options. It was obviously a momentary lapse of attention, but a surprising one nonetheless. Remembering 'taurus' would have made all the difference; in similar circumstances 'leonine' and 'piscatorial' would have held no terrors. (Why goats should be singled out for being 'capricious' remains a mystery!)

The zodiac is one of the many treasure chests available to English-speaking quizzers; others include names of school subjects (bio-, geo-, zoo-), medical terms (arthro-, ortho-, hyper-). Mathematicians and astronomers must learn essential prefixes, such as femto-, pico-, micro-, nano-, giga- and mega-, most of which could appear in crossword clues.

There are many lists of prefixes from Latin and Greek to be found online. It is worth checking some if you want to improve as a quizzer.

Angela Foulkes

Birds, Wildlife and Stockport Parks Department

ONE OF THE few blessings of this last year which we have all noticed has been the increase in the number and variety of garden birds. Long-tailed tits, nuthatches and goldfinches abound, and some of us have visiting woodpeckers, goldcrests, blackcaps, bullfinches and many others. This can only be attributed to the abundant food supply and increased habitat, a direct result of leaving our grass verges, parks and hedges unattended.

Recently Monty Don urged us to leave our lawns untidy to encourage insects and wild flowers, which in turn provide food sources for birds and bees, and the chance for plants to increase and multiply.

The Diocese of Chester plans to become an Eco Diocese, our archdeacon is especially keen on environmental issues, and this is all good news for Stockport.

However, with business returning to normal in the borough, we can almost certainly expect to see the return of the maintenance contractors employed by our Parks Department, shaving our green spaces, canal banks and roadside verges down to ground level in the interests of cheapness and visibility for motorists. In more enlightened parts of the country and on European roads, verges are mown (mown, not scalped) to the width of a metre from the edge of the road, giving visibility to motorists and leaving the remaining ground to flourish and provide a habitat for wildlife. However in Stockport, and other parts of Greater Manchester, every blade of grass is obliterated, even on the vast swathes of the A555 bypass, far from any vehicles, frequently leaving the ground churned up under the weight of the heavy machinery. Most of us have witnessed the forlorn sight of Bell's Paddock or Davenport Green,



both close to St George's, after their first scalping in late May, when the summer grasses and wild plants are eradicated before they can even flower, let alone seed.

Which means that, in a couple of months' time, food supplies for the increased bird population with nestlings to feed will be cut off at a stroke; insect populations, including the bees vital for our eco system, will perish, and the native plants will have no opportunity to seed. It seems incredible, in the face of national concern about vanishing bees and other insect populations, decreasing bird and small animal species and the rapid decline of annual wildflowers, that those who govern Stockport, and indeed Greater Manchester, are content to leave other, often more deprived areas of the UK to contribute to the conservation of our native flora and fauna while themselves making no effort to help. Shame upon them.

I will yet again be emailing the Chief Executive, the person responsible for parks and gardens, Stockport Council, my MP and perhaps even the Mayor of Greater Manchester, to ask them to revise their practices regarding the 'maintenance' of our public parks and grassland. Two years ago I received fatuous responses which came from nobody with any knowledge of the habits of our native plants. But the issues are too important for us to be discouraged by such ignorance and complaisance. Please, if you care about the plants, birds and insects in our town and its environs, would you consider emailing the council to register your concern about the way in which our green spaces are managed? Thank you.

Penny Bisby

St George's Day: 23rd April

THE FILM, *How to Train your Dragon*, is set in a Viking village under attack by dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village chief's son, invents a machine to capture them. However, when he catches the most dangerous one, Night Fury, he cannot kill it. This is because when he looks into the dragon's eyes, he sees that he is just as frightened as himself. Through their friendship, the people and dragons eventually come to live in harmony.

It's appropriate to think about dragons this month, when we remember St George, England's patron saint, famed for slaying a dragon. Whether he actually killed a dragon is open to question! We do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23rd April 303 AD.

So, we have here St George who slayed a dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. They seem like opposites: one a brave soldier and the other a weak boy! However, both acted according to their conscience, going against what people expected and not worrying about the cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in daily life, despite the personal cost. We need to look into the eyes of apparent enemies and meet their hostility with love and compassion. And for all of us the most important place where we need to slay evil is in our own hearts. Don't forget that we have the power of the Resurrection at our disposal!

Canon Paul Hardingham



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

Due to the current circumstances this music scheme may be subject to change at short notice

Thursday 1st April – Maundy Thursday	
7:30pm – St. George's Service	
Setting:	The Addington Service – Shephard
Hymns:	318 O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray 322 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast
Anthem:	Ave verum corpus – Elgar

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday	
2:00pm – Good Friday liturgy	
Psalm:	22 (1-21)
Hymns:	Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow All for Jesus, all for Jesus
Anthem:	God so loved the world – Stainer

Saturday 3rd April – Easter Eve	
7:30pm – Service of Light	
Exsultet	Plainsong
Setting:	The Lincoln Setting – Archer (Gloria only)
Hymn:	136 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Sunday 4th April – Easter Day			
10:15am – St. George's Service		4:00pm – Choral Evening Prayer (CW)	
Setting:	The Lincoln Setting – Archer	Hymns:	In Christ alone my hope is found 160 Thine be the glory,
Hymns:	See, what a morning, gloriously bright, Man of sorrows! What a name	Psalm:	66 (1-11)
Anthem:	This joyful Eastertide – Wood	Canticle:	The Easter Anthems
Outdoor congregational hymns: 147, 157, 160		Canticle:	Magnificat

Sunday 11th April – The Second Sunday of Easter	
10:15am – St. George's Service	4:00pm – Service currently suspended
Setting:	The Addington Service – Shephard
Hymns:	600 Thou art the way: by thee alone My heart is filled with thankfulness
Anthem:	Christ the Lord is risen again! – Foster

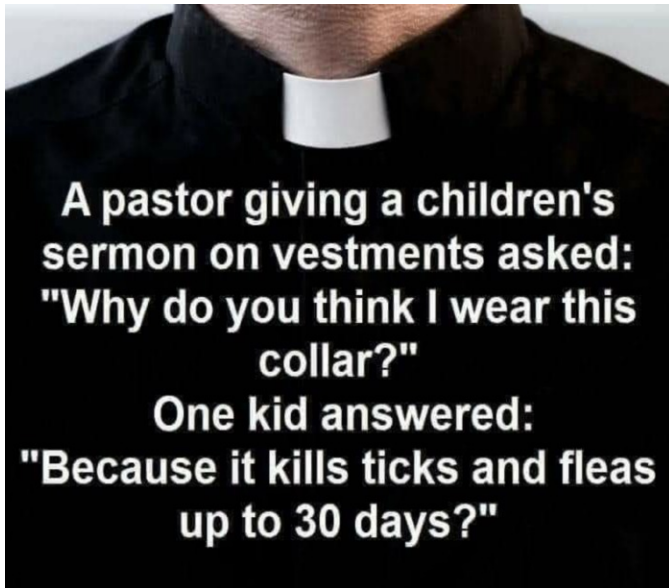
Sunday 18th April – The Third Sunday of Easter	
10:15am – St. George's Service	4:00pm – Service currently suspended
Setting:	The Lincoln Setting – Archer
Hymns:	Jesus, stand among us in thy risen power; 527 New songs of celebration render
Anthem:	O taste and see – Vaughan Williams

Sunday 25th April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter			
10:15am – St. George's Service		4:00pm – Choral Evensong	
Setting:	The Addington Service – Shephard	Hymns:	145 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! 22 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
Hymns:	SP283 I will sing the wondrous story 589ii The king of love my shepherd is,	Responses:	Groome
Anthem:	The Lord is my shepherd – Goodall	Psalm:	119 (89-96)
		Canticles:	Evening Service in D – Brewer
		Anthem:	Draw us in the spirit's tether – Friedel

A message from our archdeacon, Ian Bishop:

I JUST wanted to write and say thank you for the amazing work that goes into producing your Grapevine magazine – it is superb.

There are always brilliant articles – this month (March) the lead editorial was really thoughtful, I especially chuckled at the Seenager's contribution and particularly can I thank you for highlighting the environment this month. I am delighted that we are (subject to Diocesan Synod approval) becoming an Eco Diocese and can only encourage St George's and St Gabriel's to consider taking up the Eco Church challenge.



contributed by Brian Robinson

Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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

Crossword

U	E	A	A	I	T	A			
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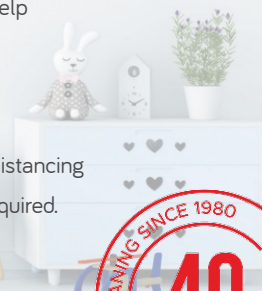
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