

Diocese of Chester



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 Stockport Parish Church – St Mary's

Service times at St Mary's

**Sunday: 10:30am Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer**

Normally the first and third Sunday is Holy Communion
with Morning on the second and fourth.

**Tuesday: 10.00am Holy Communion
12.15pm Lunchtime Service**

Wedding, Baptism, Funeral and other services by arrangement.

**St Mary's and the Nave Café is open – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday &
Saturday from 9.00am – 3.00pm**



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DIARY FOR JUNE 2017			
Thursday	1 st June	Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meeting at St Mary's	7.00pm
Friday	2 nd June	OPENING OF: Six Miles From Home An exhibition to commemorate the 50 th Anniversary of the Stockport Art Disaster at Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery [exhibition closes Sunday, 9 th July]	
Sunday	4 th June	50 th Anniversary Service at Hopes Carr (with the Bishop of Stockport)	10.00am
		CIVIC SERVICE (with the Bishop of Stockport) at St Mary's	12.15pm
Tuesday	6 th June	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday	11 th June	Morning Prayer	10.30am
Tuesday	13 th June	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Wednesday	14 th June	PCC Meeting (St Mary's)	6.30pm
Saturday	17 th June	OPENING OF: St Mary's 200th Anniversary Exhibition at Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery [exhibition closes Sat 8th July]	
Sunday	18 th June	Holy Communion	10.30am
Tuesday	20 th June	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday	25 th June	Alternative Morning Prayer	10.30am
Tuesday	27 th June	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Cover photo – The Bluebell Challenge [these were seen driving through mid-Wales during May 2017]			

Coming in July:

St Mary's 200th Anniversary

Tuesday Lunch-time Service – 4th July (12.15pm)

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The Wellspring Sleepover – Friday, 14th July

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Sunday 30th July

(with the Bishop of Stockport Rt Rev Libby Lane

200th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving

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ACROSS:

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate.
22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

DOWN:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea.
14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose.
23, Avid.

A Special Thank You to Jamie Skuse and Jade Meakin

You may well have seen Jamie and Jade working away in church over recent weeks, listing items, taking photographs and preparing for the 200th Exhibition. You may well have wondered who they were and what they were doing – well now you know!

We are Jamie Skuse and Jade Meakin from the Museums Services at Stockport Council. When we heard about the plan to create an exhibition commemorating 200 years since the rebuild of St Mary's church, we jumped at the chance to get involved. It hasn't always been easy - neither of us have much experience executing an exhibition like this - but it was a wonderful learning opportunity and as we are both locals, we have a genuine interest in the church.

The exhibition will feature various objects from the time of the church's construction, as well as photographs and information panels relating to it.

We've particularly enjoyed creating a "secret St Mary's" panel to show the public some of the less well known aspects of the church. The Heritage Trust proved invaluable with their help on this.

Despite some challenges and difficulties along the way, the experience overall has been hugely positive. We hope we have created an exhibition worthy of this wonderful church!

The exhibition will be held at Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery from 17th June, so do come down and take a look. On the 9th July, the exhibition will then be displayed at St Mary's Church.

HELP WITH THE NAVE CAFÉ

Members from the ROTARY CLUB OF STOCKPORT are coming to join us to help run Saturday café (initially one day a month) and develop a closer working relationship within central Stockport.

This is an ideal opportunity for us to receive valuable help and for the Club to undertake some project and partnership working in the town.

The Rotary Club of Stockport
(chartered 1925)

Working in the local community...
and beyond



Couples relive their big day.....

in the Stockport Express

If you have not already seen the Stockport Express article "Wedding Memories" please do so. Alice Irving has been taking a look back at the former brides and grooms of Stockport Parish Church [St Mary's in the Marketplace] and over the next few weeks will continue to be share their photos and stories. The first of the series started on the 17th May and we aim not to miss a single week.... Coming up (in due course) Frank and Irene. It has been a joy talking to Alice over the last few weeks and very exciting to see her stories in print.

My 90th Birthday

First I would like to thank all those who had a hand in making my 90th Birthday such a happy occasion at St Mary's. From my wife and family and all those at church who worked so hard in orchestrating the event on Tuesday May 2nd, the day before my actual birthday. To Sue and team for the lovely buffet to round things off. But most of all to have my Family and friends around me at the Tuesday church service, thanking God for 90 years of growing up and serving God the Lord in the Old Church of St Mary's. My being brought up in the family business of Hamnetts milk diary in the area of Webb Lane I think gave me a good start in life in getting to know people in a close way. Here when needed not only delivering the milk as a boy, but going down coal grids to unlock the door when Mrs Harding had left her keys inside, like many others did. Also being at the Parish Church School I'm sure helped in my life at St Mary's. All the links this had. Sunday School, C.L.B., youth club, keeping one close to church going. It's a central point in one's growing up. Irene and I were married at St Mary's in 1950 and for me it was one of the best things I ever did. We have been regular attenders ever since, and brought our three sons up in the ways of the church. All choristers in the choir, something their father never managed to do, but that's another story. I am sure God had other things in mind for me not making it in the choir. Instead I was at the other end of the church as Churchwarden, which I have always deemed to have been an honour.

Thank you all again for all your support over the years.

Yours sincerely
Frank
Warden Emeritas

Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery Six Miles From Home

An exhibition to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Stockport Air Disaster

Friday 2nd June – Sunday 9th July

On Sunday 4th June 1967 at 10.09am, flight G-ALHG, returning from Palma, Majorca to Manchester Airport, crashed into the steep embankment at Hopes Carr, Stockport. 72 people were killed, only 12 survived.

The exhibition at the Art Gallery tells the story of this local tragedy with previously unseen artefacts, documents, newspaper articles and photographs. The gallery will remain open until 7pm on Friday, 2nd June so that visitors can view the exhibition in quiet reflection. Tea and coffee will be served. Entry to Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery is free.

This exhibition has content which some visitors may find upsetting.

A commemorative service will take place at 10am on Sunday 4th June at the site. At 12.15pm there will be a Civic Service at St Mary's in the Marketplace.

On the 4th June car parking at Stopford House, Churchgate and the former Ritz cinema will be free of charge. Newbridge Lane car park is 20p per hours. Some road closures will be in place and there will no access to Hopes Carr car park.

Rotary



“Service Above Self”

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers coming together to make positive and lasting changes within communities both at home and abroad. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have worked hard to take action on sustainable programmes.

Rotary members believe in a shared responsibility to take action on our world’s most persistent issues. 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies

Rotary is dedicated to these six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world as well as support peace efforts and end polio forever.

Rotary’s programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority. Rotary programs are not just for club members. **You too can make a difference in your community through Rotary.**

St Mary’s 200th Anniversary Exhibition

at Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery

Saturday 17th June - 8th July 2017

proudly sponsored by the Vernon Building Society

Opening Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 1pm-5pm

Saturday 10am-5pm

Sunday and Bank Holidays 11am – 5pm

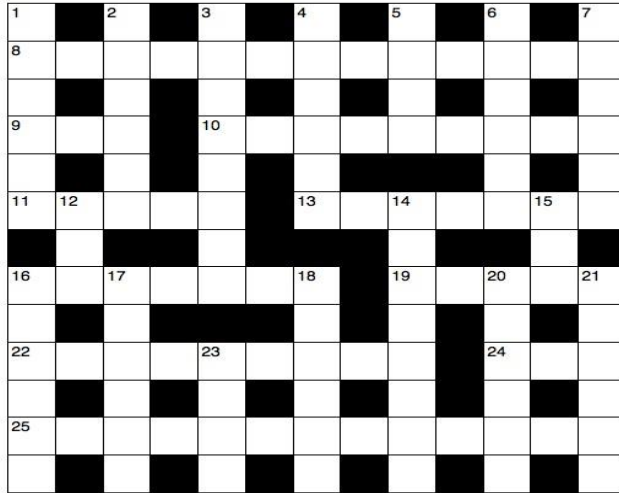
Monday Closed

Our thanks to
Stockport Council
Stockport Heritage Trust
& the Vernon Building Society
for putting this exhibition together on our behalf.

At the end of the exhibition at Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery the exhibition will move to St Mary’s in the Marketplace where it will be displayed until later in the year.

Note: Our “Service of Thanksgiving for the 200th Anniversary...” will take place on Sunday, 30th July 2017





June Crossword

Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22 Holy Communion (9)
- 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

St Mary's Bible Study Group

You may be aware that a small group meet at 7 pm on Thursday nights to pray, read the Bible and study the word of God. All are welcome to join in, as and when you can.

We have been meeting for nearly two years now, first at St Andrew's and now in church. There are seven people at the moment, and you would be very welcome to join.

Currently we are following a course of studies in the book of **Revelation**, subtitled "the Triumph of God". It's thought-provoking, sometimes outside our comfort zone, but discussion is always lively and uplifting! For me it is the first time I have studied Revelation in any depth and it is proving to be just that - a revelation.

Please note that our meetings are flexible, so if you would like to come, please see Adam Pinder or me as to whether it is on or not in a particular week. For example, as I write, this week it is the Archdeacons' Visitation service at St Thomas's, so the Bible Study will not take place as most of the group are involved in the service.

Catriona Smith

Risen - an Easter film or a film for any time of the year?

At Easter I went to the Savoy cinema in Heaton Moor to see a film, released in 2016, called "Risen". The Heaton Churches Together group had hired the cinema for a private showing, and I was invited to join them.

It's the story of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus from the viewpoint of a Roman Tribune, a senior official who is faced with a missing body which he cannot account for..... (He has personally sealed the tomb following the crucifixion.) It is really well done, and I was transported to a hot, dry country, where a potentially volatile group of people are spreading what seem to the Romans and to the Jewish leaders to be revolutionary teachings.

I won't say what happens at the end but it is very moving, and judging by the awed silence in the cinema everyone else was moved too. Definitely one to be watched if you can! And at any time of the year....

Catriona Smith

[Although we have been gifted a copy of this DVD - at the present time we are unable to show it in Church due to licensing requirements] Risen [DVD] [2016] is available to purchase on line

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
- 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
- 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

Prayer for the 50th Anniversary of the Stockport Air Disaster

O God, in whose hands are our life and safety, we recall in your presence the events of the Stockport Air Disaster 50 years ago.

We remember the fragile thread on which our life hangs, and our dependence on others for our security and common life.

We pray for all those who continue to grieve the loss of family and friends. Please enable them to trust you in facing the mystery of their suffering, and to entrust into your care those whom they have lost.

We pray for all pilots, aircraft maintenance engineers, air traffic controllers, weather forecasters and other ground staff at the airport; also, all security, fire and emergency service personnel, as they serve the travelling public and our local community. Help us all to play our part in the maintenance and security of our transport systems both on land and in the air.

We ask this for the glory of your name, and for the preservation and building up of our common life,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Rev Canon John Briggs

Acts for everyone *June 4th is Pentecost... the Rev Paul Hardingham recalls that spectacular morning in Jerusalem...*

‘Before Christ sent the Church into the world, He sent the Spirit into the Church. The same order must be observed today.’ (John Stott). The event of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13) sent the Church out into the world and its ripples are still being felt today. How can we experience the full impact of Pentecost in our own lives and churches?

The Spirit as Promise: ‘When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.’ (1). The disciples were following Jesus’ instructions to wait 10 days, ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised’ (1:4). We, too, are unable to control God’s Spirit, but we can trust His plans for our lives. Like the surfer waiting to catch the wave, timing is everything if we want to be used by Him. **The Spirit of Power:** ‘All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit’ (4). Just as we are dependent on electric power in our homes, we need the Spirit to empower our lives. He produces the fruit of the Spirit in us, so that we can display the character of Jesus. He also gives us gifts, with which we are enabled to act and speak for Him. All Christians have the Holy Spirit, but not all Christians are filled with the Spirit! Paul encourages us to ‘be (or go on being) filled with the Holy Spirit’ (Ephesians 5:18). We are essentially filled with the love of God, in order to be emptied among the people, where God wants to use us to express His love. **The Spirit’s Purpose:** The disciples ‘began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.’ (4). The Spirit empowered them to witness to all that God had done in their lives. As a result, all the different people were able to ‘hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ (11). Each one of us has a story to tell of what God means to us and it is the Spirit who translates this into the words people can understand as their own ‘native language’ (8)! At Pentecost, 3000 people were added to the church in one day! What are our expectations of what the Spirit can do today?

‘Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things.’ (A J Gordon)

Trinity Sunday

– celebrating our God who is Three Persons

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space – unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, and which illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4 ‘Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’
Isaiah 45:22 ‘Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other’
Genesis 1:1-2 ‘In the beginning God created.... And the Spirit of God was hovering...’
Judges 14:6 etc ‘The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...’
John 1:1-3 ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.’
Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: ‘I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.’

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we stand in its brilliant light, we find that the warmth soon follows.



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The new Mayor of Stockport



CONGRATULATIONS TO Cllr Linda Holt, Conservative Councillor for Bramhall North. The Mayor's Consort for the year is (former Councillor and past Mayor) Mr Ken Holt.

The Mayoral Charities for this coming year are (a) The Plaza; (b) Agricultural & Rural Centre (Romiley) and (c) the RSPCA Stockport.

The Mayor's Chaplain Rev Marc Wolverson

The Civic Service this year will take place at St Mary's in the Marketplace on Sunday, 4th June starting at 12.15pm, following the service of Commemoration for the 50th Anniversary of the Stockport Air Disaster at Hopes Carr.

Deputy Mayor this year is Cllr Walter Brett, Labour Councillor for Reddish South. Deputy Mayoress, is Mrs Maureen Brett.



Whit Sunday - Pentecost

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born. Jesus had told His apostles that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles – but He knew they could not do the work themselves – they would need His help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning. That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the apostles and disciples of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth! Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join.

He is calling on Christians to pray that people might know Jesus Christ during a focused time between Ascension and Pentecost from **25th May – 4th June 2017**.

It's not complicated

– the Archbishop's invitation is simply asking **people to pray in whatever way they want, with whoever they want and wherever they can, that others might know Jesus Christ.**

THY KINGDOM COME

**Prayer Meeting at St Mary's in the Marketplace
Thursday, 1st June @ 7pm**

Everyone Welcome

[please note that this replaces the normal Thursday evening Bible Study session]