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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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donations box – thank you.

Diary for August 2017

Tuesday, 1 st August	Holy Communion Lunchtime service	10.00am 12.15pm
Saturday, 5 th August	Rotary Cafe	
Sunday, 6 th August	Holy Communion Afternoon Tea & Outdoor Service / BBQ at St Andrews	10..30am
Tuesday, 8 th August	Holy Communion Lunchtime service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 13 th August	Morning Prayer "Contact the Elderly" Afternoon Tea Event with the Rotary Club of Stockport	10.30am
Tuesday, 15 th August	Holy Communion Lunchtime service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 20 th August	Holy Communion	10.30am
Tuesday, 22 nd August	Holy Communion Lunchtime service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 27 th August	Alternative Morning Prayer	10.30am
Tuesday, 29 th August	Holy Communion Lunchtime service	10.00am 12.15pm

Dates for your diary during September

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th September

Heritage Open Days

ST ANDREW'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY – Saturday, 16th September

Harvest Weekend at St Mary's

**Saturday, 23rd September 6pm "Earlybird" Harvest Quiz & Hotpot Supper
£15.00**

Fundraising for Christian Aid

Sunday, 24th September 10.30am Special "Harvest" Service

Collection of harvest gifts to The Wellspring 19th – 26^h September

Sea Sunday



Once again our thanks to the Sea Cadets for joining us for our service of Morning Prayer on Sea Sunday

Just a reminder that our knitting campaign is an ongoing activity, hats may be brought to church for Ann to send off whenever you like. The pattern was printed in the July magazine, but available on request. If you have lost your magazine, or handed it on, pages can be downloaded off our website on www.stmarysinthemarketplace.com

Rotary Club of Stockport

join the Nave Café team



Many thanks to Jean Howells, Tony Trinci, Ron Butler and David Brailsford for being the first members of the Rotary Club of Stockport to take over “Saturday Café”. This is a new initiative whereby the Rotary Club of Stockport will run the Nave Café for us one Saturday a month.

This also gives the Club an opportunity to work within the community and to establish vital links within the immediate area (and beyond) and to look at potential project work that can be established using St Mary’s as a central “hub” of activity.

The Club will be with us on the: 5th August, 9th September, 14th October and the 11th November, your support would be most helpful, if you can, and if you are interested in working alongside us on community projects, or similar, we will be pleased to welcome you “on board”.

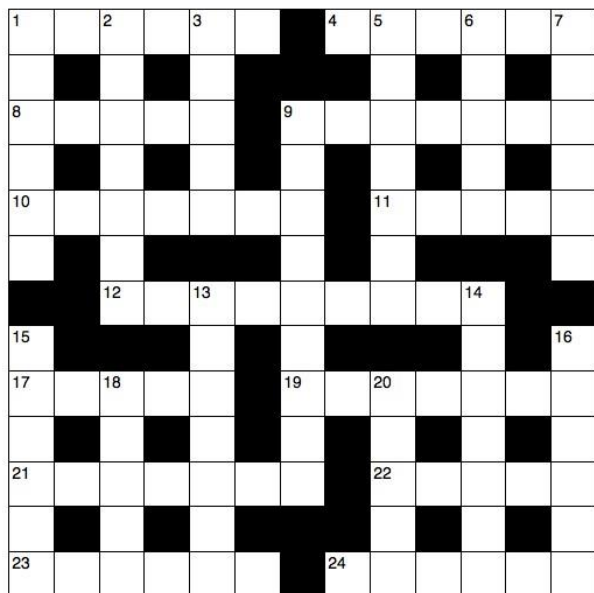
The Wellspring Sleepover



Seen here packing up after the first “Wellspring Sleep-out” (and more than ready for breakfast in Church) around 30 participants as well as Wellspring staff spent the night on church grounds to raise

awareness of the plight of “rough sleepers” as well as raising funds for The Wellspring.





CROSSWORD

Across

1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)

4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)

8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)

9 Father of James and John (Matthew

4:21) (7)

10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)

11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)

12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)

17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)

19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)

21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)

22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)

23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)

24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

Down

1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)

Jonah

Now Jonah, one fine sunny day,
Was told by the Lord, "Nineveh!"
So he upped and got dressed
But turned and went west
When east was the Nineveh way!

Ignoring the Deity's wish
He boarded a boat for Tarshish
But up blew a storm
Till, wet and forlorn
Poor Jonah was gulped by a fish!

Three days and three rather yuk nights
He "enjoyed" its internal delights
But though it was smelly
He prayed in that belly
And the Lord heard his prayer from the heights.

Dear friend, if you're broken and poor
And you're lost 'cos you fled from God's law,
Like Jonah, cry out
God will hear your shout
And will reach out and bring you to shore! By Nigel Beeton

Nigel Beeton writes: I don't know about you, but I love Jonah. He received a clear message from God, then turned around and did exactly the opposite. Yet, literally in the depths of the consequences of his rebellion, he cried out to God, and God heard him. So, although this poem is light hearted, its message is both serious and encouraging



200th Anniversary Exhibition

If you missed our exhibition at the War Memorial Art Gallery the contents are now in place at St Mary's.

Once again thanks to Jill (Stockport Heritage Trust), Jamie and Jade along with other members of staff at Stockport Council and to Nathaniel from the Vernon Building Society for making this display possible.



- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across
- 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
- 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
- 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

REMINDER

Time to start thinking of collecting items for "Operation Christmas Child" as we will be supporting shoe box gifts again this year. Full details available shortly

Summer Days

'Summertime and the living is easy.' George Gershwin's words could be aptly applied to August, when many of us take holiday. It's a month to focus on summertime: family time and barbeques; the beach and ice cream; long days with no school! It is time to wind down from the frenetic pace of our normal routines. However, while summer is a season, it is also a state of mind. We all have periods in life, which are summer-like, when life goes well. How can we walk by faith in the summers or good times of our spiritual lives?

Summer Distinctives: When we go through times of sickness, financial pressure, difficult relationships and other problems, we more easily focus on God. In a spiritual summer season, we can subtly find ourselves enjoying the gifts without acknowledging the Giver! The greatest danger in the summertime season of life is to forget who is responsible for the good life that we are enjoying.

Summer Distractions: Our normal routine revolves around clocks and calendars, but we can easily get distracted when we break these disciplined routines. In the spiritual summer seasons of life, there is a temptation to miss out on our regular times with God in Bible reading and prayer! Things that make summer seasons enjoyable can also become big distractions.

Summer Directives: How can we make the most of this summer season and keep focused on God? We need to maintain a 'gratitude attitude': thankful to God for all His blessings to us. 'When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God.' (Deuteronomy 8:10/11). So, stay close and stay grateful to God in this summer season of life!

The Rev Paul Hardingham

In the wake of London's fire

"...Or those who died.... do you think they were more guilty than all the others? (Luke 13: 4)

It can be earthquakes... floods... terrorism, or – as in the case of London a terrible fire disaster at Grenfell tower block. The question 'Why?' is inevitably on our minds. My own mind goes back to another account of a tower disaster, recorded in the Bible. 18 people had died when Jerusalem's Tower of Siloam had fallen on them. This tragedy – following the wicked killing of other innocents under the despotic Pontius Pilate – was causing citizens in Jerusalem to come to Jesus, with the same question – 'Why?'

The Lord's answer to His questioners does not lessen our distress at calamities in London or Manchester, or anywhere else. But - though deeply grieved - we are not so shocked that we are completely devoid of understanding. For Scripture teaches us that adversity is firmly built into a Christian view of life on this earth:

1. We are all living in a fallen world. Our present world-order is not as originally created. Basically, we became a race of rebels, fallen from our custodianship over Creation – so bringing both ourselves and the Creation itself into the frustration of 'bondage to decay' (Romans 8:18-23). Even the ground was affected (Genesis 3:17,18). In our imperfection, judgments are faulty. Mistakes are made. Accidents take place, in which innocent people are both hurt and killed.
2. We are all living in a temporary home. When questioned in the face of Jerusalem's tower disaster, Jesus explained that

The good but ugly



Good looks aren't everything.

Remember that when you buy apples this autumn.

The frosts in April affected the size and appearance of this year's crop, and so many of the apples this autumn (they are harvested from Aug to Oct) may be 'ugly'. There may also be fewer British ones around.

National Farmers' Union.



How can a tiny pea change thousands of lives?

Pigeon peas give poor farmers like Frank hope for a better future.

This easy to grow crop is high in protein and resistant to drought. It can be lifesaving in Malawi - where millions struggle to feed their families.

But the sad truth is Frank hasn't yet been able to make a profit.

Unscrupulous middlemen take advantage of farmers like him by buying directly from farms and using illegal buying scales, driving prices right down.

As a result, Frank's peas earn him just £100 a year. He simply can't afford to send his four children to school or even to properly feed his family. If Frank can't make a profit his whole family will be at risk when the rains fail again.



Frank Zulu, a farmer in Malawi, has already changed what he grows because of the changing climate. But he's still struggling to care for his family because he is exploited in the market. The consequences of climate change and a ruthless marketplace is putting lives at risk. Like many farmers in Malawi, Frank is pinning his hopes on this very special crop this Harvest. This hardy crop is ideal for Malawi's dry soil. Its deep roots are resistant to drought and can withstand the country's increasing and destructive flash flooding. But no matter how hard Frank works on his crops, he can't escape a life of grinding poverty. Unscrupulous middlemen are exploiting farmers by using illegal buying scales to drive down prices. It's not enough to be good at farming. To survive, you

have to be good at business too. Without business skills, Frank struggles to earn enough to feed his family. With help, he could turn his peas into life-changing profit.

Christian Aid is already in partnership with the Evangelical Association of Malawi, and are already bringing pea farmers in Malawi together into Farmer's Clubs, where they support each other and get trained in essential business skills.

By working together, they can negotiate good prices for their peas and avoid getting exploited by middlemen. Farmer's Clubs have already helped 5,000 families to realise their God-given potential, secure a stable income and thrive.

This Autumn we will hold event(s) for Christian Aid (as we did earlier in the year when we raised the amazing amount of £200 at our "Big Breakfast") and donate profits directly to this "Harvest" campaign.

It is a delight to be in contact with Rebekah (Bex) Turner, our Christian Aid GM Regional Co-ordinator, and I look forward to working with her (on our behalf) in the future.

We will of course continue with our collection of items for "The Well-spring".
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Anti-Social Behaviour

We apologies to anyone who has been distressed by some of the "anti-social" behaviour taking place either on our premises or within the grounds of St Mary's over recent weeks. Every attempt is being made to stop this from happening.

Unfortunately the back of the premises have become a meeting area for certain groups, including some "rough sleepers" (which we have asked to move on). We continue to work with the Police, Wellspring, Stockport Council and other interested parties to try and resolve outstanding issues. Our difficulty controlling use of the grounds is an ongoing problem, especially at night when the church is closed, We appreciate however our responsibilities to users of the church, our neighbours, the general community, and of course our own safety. If you see a problem, especially when we're not there please do not hesitate to report it to the Greater Manchester Police (Telephone 101]

Crossword answers

ACROSS: 1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter. 9, Zebedee. 10, Accuser. 11, Endue. 12, Scripture. 17, Shrub. 19, Abashed. 21, Foolish. 22, Upset. 23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.

DOWN: 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5, Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath. 13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16, Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

those killed were no more 'guilty' to die, than anyone else. But His words give the warning: whenever and however it happens, it is inevitable that all of us will die one day. We should give thought to that, and prepare ourselves in all humility.

3. We are all living on borrowed time. Jesus went on to speak of a fruitless fig tree (Luke 13: 6-9). Should it be cut down? No, give it a year's reprieve. The lesson was clear. None of us can consider that this life is ours forever. We are all living, if you like, under a reprieve. We do not know when our particular time will come to an end. We need to consider how best to use the life we have now. This leads to a final truth:

4. We are all living as debtors to love. People hung on Jesus' words because they knew that He had solid answers for this world's sorrows. Indeed, He was the answer, for at the Cross we meet the love of the suffering God Himself. One prayer must be that, out of the trauma of London's present troubles, there will be both helpers and sufferers themselves who experience this, and respond.

Revd Richard Bewes (amended)

Sunday 6th August **at St Andrews Community Hall**

3pm Afternoon Tea

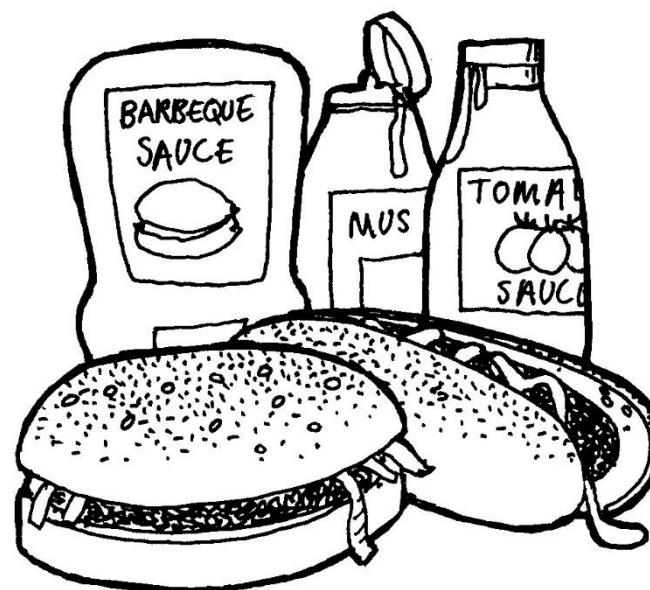
5pm Outdoor Service

6pm BBQ

Ticket Price: Afternoon Tea only £8.50

BBQ only £9.50

Special Combined Ticket £17.00



MARIAN ROSE CLARKE

WHO PASSED AWAY IN CANADA ON THE 13TH JULY

AGED 86

Frank, Irene & Family would just like to thank all those at St Mary's for their kind thoughts regarding the death of Frank's sister Marian. It made all the difference being able to have part of the Tuesday's service dedicated to Marion as we were not able to travel to Canada for the funeral.

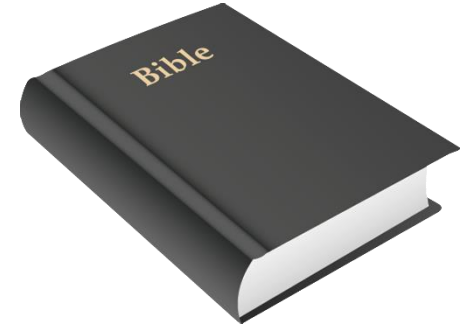
We would especially like to thank the Rev Canon John Briggs for his lovely prayers and thoughts about her life at St Mary's before she moved to Canada.

Love to all
Frank & Irene



Fifteen anagrams of Books of the Old Testament

- 1 Burns me
- 2 Chair haze
- 3 Eds jug
4. Evil is cut
- 5 Hail Mac
- 6 Hurt
- 7 I jam here
- 8 On gloom of sons
- 9 Our needy Tom
- 10 Rich clones
- 11 See sign
- 12 Select as ices
- 13 Threes
- 14 Tom anneals it
- 15 Used ox



Numbers, Zechariah, Judges, Leviticus, Malachi, Ruth, Jeremiah, Song of Solomon; Deuteronomy, Chronicles, Genesis, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Lamentations, Exodus