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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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The Wedding of
Jennifer Longson and Lawrence James Mc Cabe
Saturday, 27th August 2016



Congratulations to the happy couple

Many thanks to those who supported the “Sunday Lunch” during our Heritage Weekend. Our “Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding” raised £125.00 towards church funds.

To those members of the Gardening Club, again thanks for attending the coffee morning at St Andrews – which raised £45 towards the refurbishment.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As our local children return to school many shops are selling ‘Back to School’ items so it is a good time to start collecting things to put in a shoe box. St. Mary’s will again be supporting the project.

In November 2015 the boxes brought to St. Mary’s probably were given to needy children in Liberia. At the Manchester Warehouse we processed shoe boxes that were sent to Kyrgyzstan, Liberia and Romania. With boxes from Bolton going to Serbia the final total exported from the Manchester Area was 33,412 shoe boxes.

The children who receive the boxes often have never even had their own toys to play with and are identified as needy by the local Christians working in the countries. In most of the countries children can only go to school if they have their own paper, pens and other educational supplies.

Leaflets giving details of how to prepare a box and some empty boxes will be available in the hospitality area near the Nave Café .

Please will you help and pack a ‘shoe box’ and bring it to St. Mary’s in November [**Blessing of shoe box gifts to take place during the service on Sunday, 20th November**]. If you are unable to make up your own box please will you help by bringing suitable items as listed in the leaflet and leave in the hospitality area for extra boxes to be prepared. Alternatively a donation towards the transportation of the boxes may be given to Margaret Forster.

Thank you

Margaret Forster - Registered Volunteer for OCC



An amazing Piano and Flute Recital took place “at close of play” on the 20th August (too late to report in the September mag) when we opened the doors to Lisa Qian Zhang and a group of her extremely young and talented students.

The first time many of these youngsters had performed in public, let alone in a Grade 1 Listed building, with a concert-standard grand piano fully opened in all its splendour and full stage lighting – and what a brilliant teacher prepared to hire St Mary’s to give them such a wonderful opportunity. Entitled **“Summer Concert in Manchester”** the little ones were introduced by host John Li – and up they came one at a time – Harry, Cassy, Rosa, Nancy, Anger, Cindy, Charlie, Sarah, Esther, Oliver, Jessica, Wing Yu, Isaiah, Wendy, Elizabeth, Annabelle, Chi Wan, Stephanie, Emma, Sarah, Hannah, Owen, Amy & Sara. 24 performances, at different levels of ability, all excellent to hear. Lisa Qian Zhang has over 10 years teaching experience – a Master of Music at Trossingen Conservatory of Music (Germany) now permanently based in Manchester. She played herself (wonderful) and partnered some of her students in various duets. More piano than flute, but what young talent – music has a great future in their young hands.

Absolutely fantastic!

Thank You Lisa and John – please come back soon.

St Mary’s is of course an ideal venue for such events and we hope to encourage others to use our facilities, from far and wide! We have space, atmosphere, excellent acoustics, a concert standard Grand-piano (available for use thanks to the Maia Singers), a Makin organ, stage lighting, staging, comfortable and versatile seating and hopefully very soon a new PA & Loop system. We have a café facility, modern toilets and a willingness to work in partnership with others. Easy access from the motorway. St Mary’s IS going out into the community and bringing the community into St Mary’s.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2017 **2 pm Friday 3rd March**

For those of you who don't know, I am the secretary of the Stockport Centre Churches WWDP group. In 2017 the Stockport service will be held in St Joseph's R C Church, and has been written by the Christian women of the Philippines. This interdenominational and international service is called "Am I being unfair to you?" There will be 5000 services in the British Isles alone, and the service has been translated into 1000 different languages and dialects. Impressive numbers! Anyone who has attended one will tell you it is an extraordinarily moving experience. The Day of Prayer starts at sunrise over the island of Samoa and finishes at sunset in American Samoa, forming a Mexican wave of prayer across the world. It isn't restricted to women, of course, so all are more than welcome to attend their local service. The service this year focuses on Matthew 20 v 1-16, the story of the workers in the vineyard. Women representing various age groups and language groups will tell their stories, their hopes and fears, and the effect of the devastating Typhoon Haiyan or Yolanda which struck the Philippines in 2013.

If you are interested, I have some information which you are welcome to look at, and you can find out more at www.wwdp.org.uk Why are we advertising this so early, you may ask? The reason is that there is a Preparation Day in October in Manchester. It's at Methodist Central Hall, Oldham Street, M1 1JQ. Starting at 11 am and followed by a Bring and Share lunch and a PowerPoint presentation. Please see the advert in church for more details, or let me know if you want to attend. All are welcome, not just Committee members.

Catriona Smith

October 2016 at St Mary's

date	event	time
Sunday, 2nd	Holy Communion	10.30am
Tuesday, 4th	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 9th	Morning Prayer Sunday Lunch at the Nave Cafe	10.30am 1.00pm
Monday, 10th	PCC meeting at St Mary's	7.30pm
Tuesday, 11th	Holy Communion Lunchtime service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 16th	Morning Prayer	10.30am
Tuesday, 18th	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Friday, 21st	Vernon Park Harvest Festival	2.00pm
Sunday, 23rd	Morning Prayer	10.30am
Tuesday, 25th	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 30 th	Morning Prayer BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS	10.30am

Please note that due to funding issues the Vikings will not be coming to Stockport this year – we hope that this event weekend can be re-introduced in future years

Coming soon at St Mary's: NOVEMBER 2016

date	event	time
Tuesday, 1st	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Saturday, 5th	Bonfire Theme Afternoon Tea at the Nave Cafe	3.00pm
Sunday, 6 TH	Holy Communion Sunday Lunch at the Nave Cafe	10.30am 1.00pm
Tuesday, 8th	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 13th	Service of Remembrance, Commitment and Hope	10.30am
Tuesday, 15th	Holy Communion Lunchtime service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 20th	Holy Communion Blessing of Shoe Box Gifts	10.30am
Tuesday, 22nd	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 27th	First Sunday in Advent service of Holy Communion	10.30am
Tuesday, 29th	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm

LUNCH HOUR SERVICES - Autumn 2016.

12.15 – 12.50 p.m.

Glimpses of Glory

October 4th

What Isaiah saw (Isaiah 6)

October 11th

Question Time

October 18th

When God came among us (John 1: 14-18)

October 25th

Signs of glory (John 2: 1-11)

November 1st

Jesus transfigured (Matthew 17: 1-8)
(The Revd Andy Livingston)

November 8th

Glory at the Cross (Luke 23: 32-47)

November 15th

On the third day (I Corinthians 15: 20-28)

November 22nd

Making sense of it all (Luke 24: 13-32)

November 29th

The Glory to come (Advent)

Update on St Andrew's

Finally we have confirmation from our Loss Adjusters that work can start at St Andrews. It is a massive undertaking with a price tag to match. Our claim alone now stands in excess of £14K.

We have however been told that we need to completely clear the building of furniture and other items before the specialist floor removal firm can come on site.

Taking “usage” of the premises into consideration it has been decided to delay this until the Stockport Operatic Society rehearsals come to an end towards the end of October and we have had the opportunity to plan clearing the contents of the premises, arrange for painting and other tasks. Work is now likely to start early November with our own decorator making a start on the painting etc. and the Insurer's contractors making a start of the flooring replacement.

Our “hirers” are being contacted and asked to pack everything away that they need to retain (where necessary we will arrange temporary removal and storage with our own items). Unclaimed items will be removed and disposed of as appropriate.

This is it! – the ideal time of us to refurbish and replace tables, blinds etc and to make other essential repairs.

Funding remains an issue, but we are in the process of seeking external finance, grants etc. Our own “fund raising” needs to step up a notch, but “thank you” so much for donation(s) and pledge(s) already received.

Heritage Open Days

8th – 11th September

Well done! Stockport Heritage Trust for creating such an interesting exhibition of photographs, maps and many of the artefacts discovered during the 2015 archaeological dig at the Bridgefield site (new Red Rock development) in the town centre.

From a kettle to a chamber pot, from various bottles to fragments of pottery, a most interesting selection of items. Also the opportunity to show off St Mary's – opening up our newly refurbished rooms to the public. Another "thank you" to SHT for "church tours" and showing people around.

Something a little different the "blue printing" drop-in workshop held at the base of the Tower on Saturday, the day concluding with a talk "My Life in Ruins" by John Fidler.

I am delighted that the Trust have agreed to work with St Mary's to put together exhibitions at both the Art Gallery and in Church to mark our 200th anniversary next year of the re-build of the main part of the church.

Judas Iscariot everyone knows, BUT there was another Judas. He also called Thaddeus; or Thaddaeus or even Jude!

That's 18 names for 12 disciples! No wonder we can't all recite them off the top of our heads. So let's make it easy

There is a children's song which helps. It goes like this:

**Jesus called them one by one,
Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Next, came Philip, Thomas too,
Matthew and Bartholomew.**

**James the one they called the less,
Simon, also Thaddeus,
Twelfth apostle Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.**

Easy now isn't?

Rev'd Janet Owens M.Ed - Assistant Priest at St Alban's & St Thomas

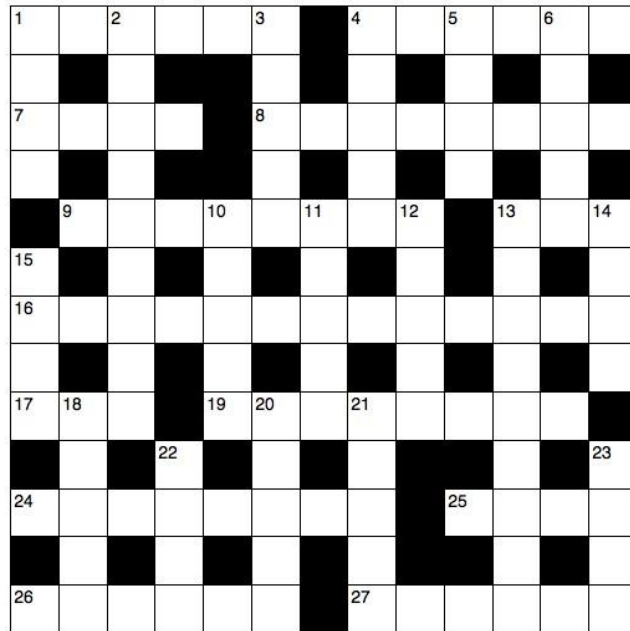
A Harvest Thank You....

A big thank you for the "harvest gifts" given in support of the Well-spring.

Thanks also to those who attended/supported our Harvest Supper/Quiz raising around £150 towards church funds.



Crossword



Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgment seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who

among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)

13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)

16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13)
(8,8)

24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)

26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Answers

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

Twelve Disciples????

For St Bartholomew's Day I preached a sermon about him when I visited St Mary's to lead the Tuesday morning Eucharist. Now Bartholomew is also thought to be known as Nathaniel & I was asked to put the introduction to my sermon into your Newsletter - so here it is!

Writing the sermon made me think about the twelve disciples & how I ought to be able to simply recite their names off the top of my head. When I tried I found it more difficult than I expected. It took a while to think up some of the names & then I seemed to have quite a lot more than 12! So maybe it's not as easy as we think it ought to be.

So where are the problems? Well some of them appear to have at least two names & then some of the names are duplicated.

Let's begin with Simon – but Jesus called him Peter

Then there is James – but there are two James; James the Lesser & James the Greater

More straightforwardly there is John & Andrew & Philip

Then we come to Thomas (doubting Thomas) who is also known as Didymous which means the Twin

Bartholomew is also known to be thought of as Nathaniel

Matthew is also called Levi

Simon was known as the Zealot

Children's Society & Leprosy Mission Collection Box(s)

Please could all those of you who have collection box(s) for either/both the Children's Society and Leprosy Mission arrange for these to be brought into Church for emptying. Frank would like to be able to make payments to the two organisations concerned during October.

Thank You

A new chair for the Nave Café.

We are delighted to have finally purchased a "high chair" for use in the café.

A sweet little thing that matches well with our other furniture.

