



St Mary's in the Marketplace

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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 Lunch-time Service

Wedding, Baptism, Funeral and other services by arrangement with the Rector.

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

Readers contributions to the magazine are always welcome. Editorial discretion with regard to content and space available will apply.

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The Nave Café provides an essential income to St Mary's as we have stated many times in the past.

We are eager to expand the café operation and to take private or corporate bookings when the church would otherwise be closed.



We already have experience of "social evenings", VIP Receptions, Event Launches "Funeral Teas" and "Baptism Parties". We thank Stockport Heritage Trust for allowing us to host their annual Birthday/Anniversary party for three years now, since the Nave Café opened.



We've done it just the once so far, but have shared our kitchen with outside caterers. Clearly we know our capabilities and resources and appreciate that professional help would be needed for large banqueting events, wedding receptions etc. There are endless possibilities for us and we can't wait to hold our first "round table" dinner.

St Mary's is a beautiful church, as we all know, and we have spent a considerable amount of money making it multi-functional. So if the occasion is appropriate we're happy to consider all requests! Our plans for 2016 – to move forward – to boldly go where St Mary's has never been before – new frontiers, new challenges – new beginnings...

From the Rector's "i-pad"



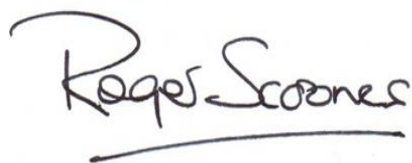
Dear Reader

The Bible says " Unless the Lord builds the house, it's builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain". (N.I.V.) These words, or at least the first sentence, which you will find in Psalm 127:1 are inscribed over a monumental fireplace in Bradford City Hall. In the 19th Century the Christian faith was taken to be the basis of community life and such scriptural references will be found in many public buildings dating from that era. They were put there to remind those passing through of a God of love, a God of action and a God of power . And as an inspiration to them to come know His will and purpose for their lives, both individually and as a community. Similarly, in the homes of Christian folk , you may still find Biblical references in art form, in engravings, posters, pictures and carvings. The Bible is after all, our holy book, our faith book, our book of reference, guidance and inspiration for the Christian life . I have found great encouragement throughout years of being a Christian, by supporting the Bible Society, which regularly sends out very informative and engaging publicity and news about its work around the world. In church we have the New International Bible available for all to read , either alone, or during a service. You will find them laid next to each seat, as well as in the pews in the chancel. It has been something of a challenge over the years to encourage members of the congregation to follow the public reading of Holy Scripture from the lectern. But I do it because I know that it can and does have a transforming effect, to read the scriptures for oneself. The Word of God speaks to the heart, and so to have the Bible open in front of one, to see the words for oneself, is undoubtedly a much more personal experience of God's Word than

if one simply listens to someone else reading it, and then not necessarily as clearly or as meaningfully as the passage demands. The reading of the Bible in services is a very important part of the act of worship, and people listen carefully to it. However, to have the Bible open before you, and to read it for yourself, is the best option, the best of both worlds. The last Sunday of the month is Bible Sunday, so we shall be thinking especially about the Bible on that day, and the following Tuesday.

This month will hopefully see the successful conclusion of Phase 6 of the conservation work on the two Vestries. So much hard work and skill (and money!) has gone into this project, and we are so glad to have familiar faces back working on the job. To finish this phase of work will be a great relief and cause for thanksgiving to God, remembering who has made it possible and why it has been undertaken; for "unless the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain who build it"(A.V.)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Roger Scoones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Roger Scoones

PS I am always filled with admiration by the performances given by STOCKPORT OPERATIC SOCIETY, who rehearse for their spectacular shows in St Andrews and are a much valued hirer of our premises.

A personal "Thank you" – from Roger

I doubt if the idea of a stay in hospital ever thrilled anyone with joy and delight . It is certainly something I have not looked forward to in recent years. However, thanks to advice from a doctor friend ,I have always had a bag packed ready, in the event of an emergency. So last month, when that day came for me to stay in hospital overnight, I was ready!

What I could not have anticipated was the extraordinary degree of care and concern and comfort which I was to receive from every member of the hospital team, once I was on Ward B3 and for the next three days of my life in hospital. Steeping Hill Hospital, or Stockport NHS Foundation Trust as it is correctly known, is highly regarded, and it's reputation is well documented. In reality it is the personal experiences of patients like me, who have benefitted from the wonderful treatment and aftercare, which speak louder than words.

I would like to pay tribute to all the doctors, nurses and staff of the hospital , not forgetting the Hospital Chaplaincy team, three of whom visited me during my short stay and one who kindly gave me Holy Communion. Everyone played a part in making my time in Steeping Hill Hospital as comfortable and assuring as I could possibly have wished. I need not have worried at all ! We are so fortunate, as a community , to have this wonderful NHS Foundation Trust at our disposal, serving us day after day ,week in week out, 365 days a year.

A personal thank you to THEM all, and one which, I feel sure, is shared by many others! And thank you, too, to all those who kindly visited me in hospital, including the Rural Dean; and to those who sent me cards and emails and phone calls to wish me well! It was all quite an experience!



Goodbye Stockport

A service to mark the 70th anniversary of the return home of the Channel Island evacuees in August 1945 held on the 23rd August 2015.

..." extract from the opening address given by Deputy Mike O'Hara (Minister of Culture & Leisure)

"... Imagine you are at home and you start to hear bombs going off and shelling of homes. That is exactly what happened in Guernsey when they could hear Cherbourg being bombed by the advancing German Armed Forces. Think of the anxiety, the fear of an invasion. It could not have been nice. It was clear that evacuation of the Islands had to be a priority and whilst many brave Islanders stayed behind during the eventual occupation there were many who evacuated. Main evacuation commenced on June 20th, 1940 and over the following 3 days a remarkable 17,000 people left the Island. Some 40% of the population. Some 5,000 of those were children of school age and below. What was to happen to those children became a life changing experience. Those children left the Island thinking they would return to their parents in a short while. Who would have thought that they would have been away for five years..."



"Those five years developed friendships and memories that they would never forget. Without the people of Stockport and others in the UK who knows that would happen. I know that those children arrived as strangers, but left as friends."





Shown with Rector Roger: Saskia Edwards (Youth Mayor of Oldham), Cllr Ateeque Ur-Rehman & Cllr Yasmin Toor (Mayor & Mayoress of Oldham), Cllr Andrew Verdeille (Mayor of Stockport), Mrs Teresa O'Hara, Deputy Mike O'Hara (Minister of Culture & Leisure States of Guernsey), Cllr Stewart Young (Mayor of High Peak), Cloe Cundall (Mayoress of Stockport), Cllr Olivia Hunter & Philip Bolton (Deputy Mayor & Deputy Consort of Cheshire East)



Teresa O'Hara. Roger Scoones, Gill Mawson & Mike O'Hara

Gillian will be back at St Mary's on Saturday 10th October with her second 70th anniversary evacuee event.

"... I cannot end without thanking Gillian Mawson, on behalf of the Island, for her enormous research work and effort she has placed in her genuine interest in those evacuees and the children. She was rightly voted Ambassador of the year in Guernsey and I can assume you all here today that she is also a great Ambassador for Stockport"



Stockport Operatic Society present this multi-award winning classic Broadway show on the Stockport Plaza stage with some of the best local amateur performers.

It's an irreverent musical working of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew". Set in Baltimore USA the music and lyrics are by the famous Cole Porter.

The story involves the conflict both on and off stage between the characters. Plenty of humour, dancing and great Porter songs ranging from "Another Op'nin', Another Show" to "Brush up your Shakespeare", "Wunderbar", "Tom Dick or Harry", and "Why can't you behave".

Tickets: Tuesday & Saturday Matinee £14.00
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday evening £15.00
Individual child (16 and under) £10.00

Groups of 20+ adults deduct £1.00 per seat.

Thank You - from The Treasurer

A big thank you to all of you who have kindly donated to church funds since the publication of the half-year financial report.

Your support towards the ministry and mission of St Mary's is most appreciated.

We have so far managed to stay in the "black" at the bank but it is certainly a struggle and takes a fair amount of juggling of payments to ensure we don't go into the "red" - our present monthly direct debits now amount to around £4300.00 (following further amendments and the issue of new contracts) for St Mary's & St Andrews combined – that's just for utilities, insurance, telecoms and the percentage of parish share we actually pay. That sum doesn't include any of our general running expenses or pay for any maintenance. It doesn't pay for loo paper, liquid soap, cleaning materials or any other "essentials". It doesn't include any of our contracted services for which we are obliged to pay - Hygiene Services, Licence Fees, Trade Waste Disposal, Professional Fees etc. It doesn't pay for paper, ink cartridges or other office expenses.

Towards this we receive a guaranteed sum of just £764.00 per month being "planned giving" contributions received directly into the business account on set dates each month, with an average of £597.00 per month following the receipt of "planned giving" envelopes, or equivalent receipts. That's just £1361.00 per month. That's roughly 32% of the income we need just to cover the direct debits! For the rest of our income we rely on donations, our Sunday plate collection, the sale of "commercial goods", rental income, the Nave Café and from events.

Every £ counts!

Every month is a challenge!

Sue Heap – PCC Treasurer

Craft n Chat

Would you believe that it is a year ago that we welcomed into St Mary's members from "Stockport Crafters" and formed our "knit & natter" now more appropriately named "Craft n Chat" group. Well the 1st Anniversary was actually on the 11th September but to celebrate and mark this special occasion our group met – cake in hand – a few days earlier.

Not that baking is on the agenda at St Mary's (well not yet at least) but the skill of cake decoration is of no problems to our crafters

Thanks to Anna Rogers for sending in a photo of the anniversary cake.

Congratulations to our "Craft n Chat" Group. What a difference a year makes - having our gifted and talented crafters in St Mary's has certainly livened up a Thursday.



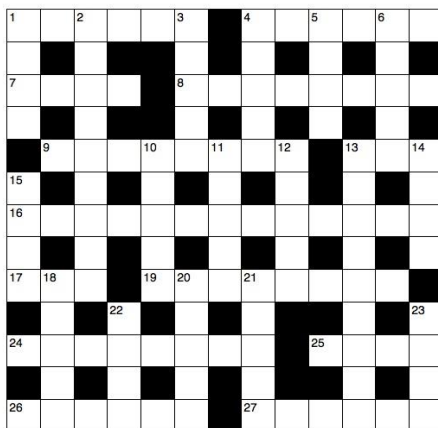
We look forward to the next twelve months.

Why not come and join in! – everyone welcome!

Thursday 11.00am – 2.00pm

St Mary's in the Marketplace

Our craft table is presently located outside the Heritage Centre – all proceeds from sales to St Mary's in the Marketplace. We are also preparing for our Christmas Fayre which this year will be held on Saturday, 5th December. Donations and contributions welcome.



Across:

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Ps 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 a 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)



Our special service was recorded in the Guernsey press and the Evacuee Reunion Magazine

A warm invitation is extended to any evacuee who wishes to join Gillian Mawson and others for a "get together" at St Mary's on Saturday, 10th October. 10.30am.

All Welcome





A warm Nave Café welcome to Emily seen here busy in the kitchen with Alex.

Emily is joining us as and when she can on a Saturday and has already become familiar with our café procedures. Help is greatly appreciated, it's all good experience and for the most part quite good fun!

We make our soup using fresh ingredients – no packets here – as seen in the photo Alex is busy preparing vegetables for a new soup recipe “Courgette and Spinach”. Very nice it was too!

The Nave Café provides us with a steady stream of cash week by week, but unfortunately our average income (receipts after the payment of expenses) has reduced of late, which is naturally disappointing. The reason for this is somewhat of a mystery, although obviously people are away on holiday at this time of year and it does regrettably seem to have been much quieter “round and about” of late. Please support us as and when you can – we are very reasonably priced! In the meantime we are discussing with Pure Innovations where improvements can be made and you may just see a few changes in the months ahead. We are also looking at inviting other groups into Church as part of our Community Outreach – so exciting and positive times ahead.

Nave Café thanks to Sheila Andrews and Adam Pinder for working through their Food Hygiene Level 2 Certificate. It makes life so much easier to be able to divide the “duty manager” duties (when Pure Innovations are not with us) between four of us. Of course, other volunteers welcome, especially as we try to increase the number of events and private bookings we undertake.

Happy Birthday.....



Mrs. Betty White, a longstanding member of St. Mary's congregation and a person with a lifelong association with Stockport Market, celebrated her 95th birthday last month with cake and cards and visitors! Her younger son David, who still attends St Mary's, is seen here, on the day, with the Rector, who is a regular visitor. "Betty is amazing; as bright as a button! She even remembered what I'd written in my card!" he said.

We wish Betty and all our nonagenarian friends a Very Happy Birthday and Many Happy Returns of the Day!



**Remember, remember ...
that we need your shoebox gifts during November.**

Visit the Hospitality Area for further details. A collection box is available for items to be included if you are unable to complete a whole box.

Happy
Anniversary
Stockport
Heritage Trust

Happy Anniversary -



members of the Stockport Heritage Trust enjoying their "anniversary tea" on the 5th September in the Nave Café.

The trust was founded in 1986 becoming a registered charity the following year. Located with us in St Mary's it is an ideal partnership with both organisations supporting each other, and we look forward to working more closely together once the building works are completed on the Choir Vestry/Rectors Vestry and we can expand operations in that area. Here's to the next 29 years...



Serving the party guests
Alex & Emily

St Mary's Singers 2015...

Well time does fly doesn't it, and it is almost the right time for my annual appeal for anyone interested to join our carol choir for the Lunch-time Carol Service with the St Mary's Singers in December.

No experience necessary, no audition needed, just a desire to join others in singing carols.

I look forward to greeting all members from last year, and rehearsals will be held after the lunchtime service every Tuesday for about 30 mins. I would like to commence on Tues 6th Oct.

Thank you.

Irene Lockett

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.

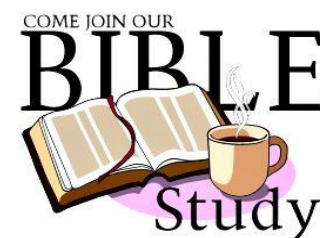
Bible Study Group(s)

Everyone Welcome

St Mary's
Tuesday 1.30pm

St Andrews
Thursday, 7.00pm

If you need any further information please speak to Rita Waters (Tuesday Group) and Adam Pinder/Catriona Smith (Thursday Group).

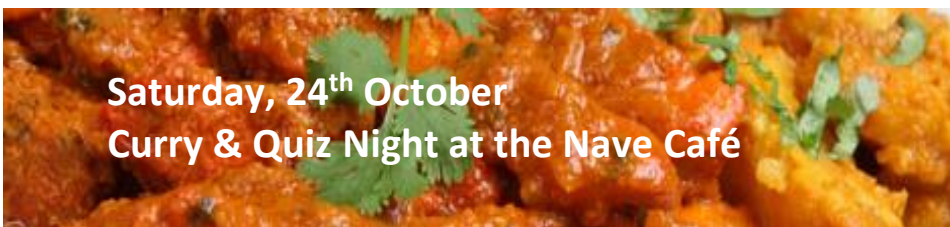


ST MARY'S IN THE MARKETPLACE, STOCKPORT

OCTOBER 2015

SATURDAY, 3 RD OCT	THE LIGHT ORCHESTRA AUTUMN CONCERT AT ST MARY'S
SUNDAY, 4 TH OCT	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 10.30AM
TUESDAY, 6 TH OCT	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 10.00AM LUNCH-TIME SERVICE 12.15PM
SATURDAY, 10 TH OCT	EVACUEES EVENT 10.30AM-2.00PM
SUNDAY, 11 TH OCT	SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER 10.30AM
TUESDAY, 13 TH OCT	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 10.00AM LUNCH-TIME SERVICE 12.15PM
SATURDAY, 17 TH OCT	STOCKPORT MEDIEVAL VIKING FAIR - ALL DAY ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY, 18 TH OCT	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 10.30AM STOCKPORT MEDIEVAL VIKING FAIR FROM 2.00PM
TUESDAY, 20 TH OCT	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 10.00AM LUNCH-TIME SERVICE 12.15PM
SATURDAY, 24 TH OCT	NAVE CAFÉ SOCIAL EVENT
SUNDAY, 25 TH OCT	SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER 10.30AM
TUESDAY, 27 TH OCT	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 10.00AM LUNCH-TIME SERVICE 12.15PM

STOCKPORT MEDIEVAL VIKING FAIR - WITH ACTION IN AND AROUND ST. MARY'S. THE VIKING ENCAMPMENT WILL RETURN AROUND THE CHURCH WITH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND INCLUDING MUSIC IN CHURCH ALL DAY SATURDAY (WITH AN EARLY EVENING CONCERT) AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON. **WELCOMING BACK - SURPENTYNE AND LEAFBLADE WITH OTHER SUPPORTING BANDS. FREE ENTRY**



Saturday, 24th October
Curry & Quiz Night at the Nave Café

Did anyone see Charlie Chaplain in St Mary's? Well he definitely had a bacon and egg sandwich in the Nave café! You have to admit that members of the Stockport Heritage Trust look the part when they take it upon themselves to theme an event and dress accordingly. As part of the "movie" theme, films were screened throughout the day in the Memorial Chapel which visitors could go and watch.

Meanwhile, St Mary's opened early and closed late on Heritage Weekend Saturday, holding a Buffet Banquet (St Mary's Style) in the evening.



Many thanks to those who supported the evening which raised £172 towards church funds.

St Mary's remained open on Sunday afternoon to welcome visitors and show them round.



HERITAGE

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DAYS