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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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St Mary's in the Marketplace, Stockport - April 2015

Thursday, 2 nd April		
Maundy Thursday	Holy Communion	7.00pm
Friday, 3 rd April	Family Service	10.00am
Good Friday	Walk of Witness to Tiviot Dale (for 11am Service)	
	Walk of Witness -Service at St Mary's	12.00noon
	Devotional Hour	2.00pm
Sunday, 5 th April		
Easter Day	Holy Communion	10.30am
Tuesday, 7 th April	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Lunch-time service	12.15pm
Sunday, 12 th April	Service of Morning Prayer	10.30am
Tuesday, 14 th April	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Lunch-time service	12.15pm
Sunday, 19 th April	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Meeting of Parishioners	12.00 noon
	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	12.15pm
Tuesday, 21 st April	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Lunch-time service	12.15pm
Thursday, 23 rd April	St George's Day	5.00pm
	Early Evening Meal at the Nave Café	
Saturday, 25 th April	Wedding (amendments to café opening times will apply)	2.00pm
Sunday, 26 th April	Service of Morning Prayer	10.30am
	Coldstream Guards Association	
	[Afternoon Tea at St Mary's Rectory 4pm]	
Tuesday, 28 th April	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Lunch-time service	12.15pm

St Mary's prepare to exhibit again this year at St Thomas' Church "Easter Egg Festival".

Hours of opening are 12.00pm – 4.00pm on Friday 10th , Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th April.

Our exhibit will be at St Mary's over the Easter weekend, but if you possibly can please visit St Thomas' - your support will be most appreciated.

The making of our Easter Egg.....



This year the production process started out to be very messy one – especially when one of the balloons went “pop” under the cast before the plaster dried! The



finished product will be under wraps until Easter.

A reminder of last years entry:





Do you remember the spectacular **"Panorama of STOCKPORT"** exhibition created by Neil Dimelow (from drawings he made from the roof of St. Mary's Tower) as displayed in Church during October/November 2013?



Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund we are delighted that a "scaled down" version has now been commissioned for us to have on permanent display in the Tower.



From the Rector's "i-pad"

Dear Reader



This month of April begins with Holy Week and Easter, so may I begin, as I mean to finish, by wishing you a Very Happy Easter!

Unlike Christmas, when nearly everyone gets taken up with buying presents and sending cards, Easter remains very much a Christian Festival, celebrated by Christians, in Christian churches, with the Christian Gospel at its heart. The shops have been selling Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns of course since Christmas! And although I for one, resist the temptation to buy Easter Eggs until nearer Easter, I have been enjoying Hot Cross buns along the way, simply because they are delicious! And it makes me smile to see the cross on the buns, and one asks oneself, do they know what that little cross is all about I wonder? I hope it makes people think

This month the Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place in church, an occasion which should be taken more seriously than it is by the congregation because it is when the church hears about the year that has past, for which there is always much to be thankful and positive!

It is also the occasion on which new Churchwardens are elected, and Sidespersons appointed. This is an incredible important aspect of church life, and this year especially as Isobel Clarkson steps down after 10 historic and monumental years of service, in which she has witnessed extraordinary changes and developments in the life of St. Mary's. Lay leadership in the Church of England is a hallmark of the Christian life and witness of the parish churches of this country, nor more so than at St. Mary's.

Congratulations

We wish Alex Wigley and Suzanne Gordon the happiest of Wedding Days for their marriage at St. Mary's on Saturday 25th April. Sadly there will be no bells ringing out for them, but in every other way, we hope that they will be blessed on that day and for many years to come.



Joining his church family for the first time

Viktor Colin

Congratulations to Gaby and Martin on the safe arrival of a lovely baby boy.



Numbers and Letters Quiz

1	26 = L of the A	
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6	3 = BM	
7	3 = W on a RR	
8	57 = HV	
9	29 = D in F in a LY	
10	11 = P in a FT	
11	76 = T in the BP	
12	12 = D of C	
13	80 = D around the W	
14	24 = B in a P	
15	9 = L of a C	
16	10 = GB (H on a W)	
17	168 = H in a W	
18	2468 = WDWA	
19	600 = C of the LB	
20	1815 = B of W	
21	8 = F in a M	
22	39 + S by JB	
23	12 = M of a J	
24	1760 = Y in a M	
25	10 - DS	

My hope and fervent prayer is that God will raise up two worthy folk to lead the church into the next years ahead, years which will continue to see great changes and challenges for this congregation. YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU! Please make it a priority to come to the meeting, which follows on from Sunday morning service. You will be most welcome, and your presence will be much appreciated!

Towards the end of the month we shall witness the happy event of a wedding at St. Mary's , an all -too -rare an occasion; and we shall hear of a dear friend of St. Mary's who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday, which by contrast is becoming all the more regular and occurrence , for which we praise The Lord .

We shall also be welcoming the Members and Friends of the Coldstream Guards Association(Manchester Branch) of which I have been proud to be Honorary Padre for quite a number of years. They will be attending the St. George's Day Parade Service with us as always, and lunching at the Rectory. On the same day I will be delighted if YOU dear Reader, decide that you would like to accept my personal invitation to YOU to come and have tea at the Rectory , and to enjoy the daffodils in my garden which I hope will be in full bloom, and in a very English way

May I will wish YOU a Very Happy Easter!

Yours confident in the Truth of the Resurrection!

Roger Scoones

Over the years 167 members of the Sunday School have completed 50 years or more years of unbroken service as teachers, the first being Matthew Mayer.

Norman Sellers who completed 60 years in 2014 has had a plaque made listing all the names (those "Saints of Stockport") and invited Roger to unveil the plaque on Sunday, 1st March 2015.



Roger's talks illustrated with his painting are always very popular and relevant.



[shown above Margaret Forster, Norman Sellers & Roger Scoones]

My father HAROLD FORSTER came to St Mary's as a choirboy, was Treasurer for many years (20) and celebrated 60 years at S.S.S.

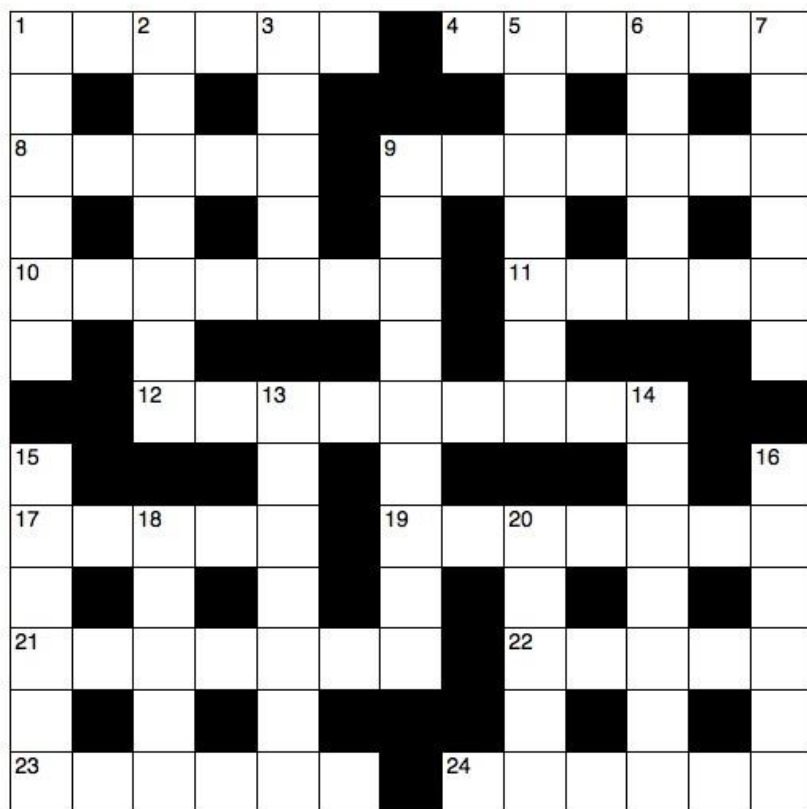
I was baptised at St Mary's, also having completed 50 years at S.S.S.

Margaret Forster

Congratulations Margaret on such a wonderful achievement.

110 years of loyal service to Stockport Sunday School from father and daughter – truly inspirational!

Crossword



Across

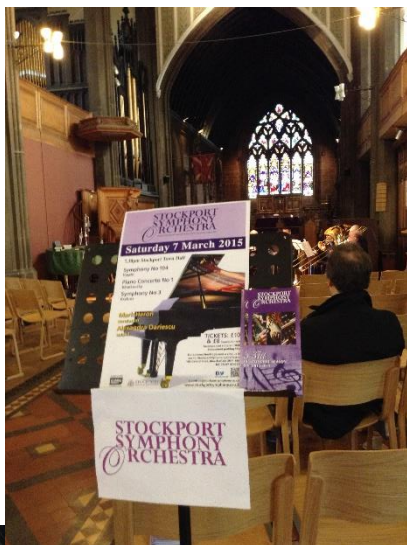
- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)

- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

The Stockport Symphony Orchestra was formed in 1975. Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council offering the orchestra a permanent home at the Town Hall in 1978. The Orchestra proud to celebrate their 37th season as the Borough's official orchestra. Each season the SSO give a series of 8 concerts at Stockport Town Hall, covering a wide repertoire.



find it rather difficult to fit them all in (if there was to be an audience as well that is) so we were delighted when it was agreed that a section of the Orchestra would come down one Saturday morning and play for an hour or so.



How lucky we were to have with us the brass section playing at St Mary's a few weeks ago as well as a string quartet made up of members from the Orchestra. We very much hope that we will be able to repeat the experience again in the future and look towards regular Saturday morning musical slots.



FAIRTRADE fortnight

St Mary's was delighted to be able to offer space and host the Fairtrade event(s) on the two Saturdays of Fairtrade fortnight. We hope that the stall did well with plenty of sales and thank the organisers for the provision

of tea, coffee and hot chocolate (as well as some of the biscuits) on sale at the The Nave Café on those two days.

Nave Café: Welsh Evening



Another lovely evening was spent at St Mary's at our Welsh Evening held on the eve of St David's Day. The event raised £170.00 towards the Phase 6: Restoration and Conservation Project. Thank you to all who contributed / supported the evening.

We do hope that you will continue to enjoy our social events – your support is most appreciated.



Stockport Sunday School

When the Industrial Revolution came to Stockport children were working long hours, 6 days a week, in the mills. Then there were no day schools. Matthew Mayer aware that these children could not read or write bought a piece of land on Hillgate in 1777, had houses built with the idea of using the upper rooms to start a Sunday School.

The Sunday School grew rapidly from 1784 and more houses were built, where grammar, writing and arithmetic were taught. Matthew Mayer's son Joseph became a teacher and proposed a large school. Meetings were held in St Mary's, Stockport Parish Church, to plan the building in the Parish.

The large building on the corner of Wellington Street and Duke Street became Stockport Sunday School and was opened in 1806 and later extended. At one time 2000 people were taught there using the Bible to learn their reading and writing.

Over the years there were many links with St Mary's and S.S.S. (as it was often called). When Joseph Mayer died the muffled St Mary's bells were tolled over 3000 times. By 1970 the building was becoming dilapidated and too big for current needs, so the congregation left St Mary's parish and relocated to Heaviley. A new "Joseph Mayer" building was opened in 1974.

The connection remained with St Mary's and since becoming Rector Roger has preached at various services, at least annually.

When Aquinas College wanted to acquire the "Joseph Mayer" building, the Sunday School built another one. "Compass Point", a new build virtually next door and Roger was invited to dedicate it.



Bishop Libby Lane

We now have a Bishop of Stockport! Bishop Libby was installed in Chester Cathedral on Sunday 8th March, and greeted with rapturous applause as Bishop Peter presented her to the capacity congregation, which included the Mayor and Mayoress of Stockport and the Chief Executive of Stockport Borough Council, all sitting on the front row!



Our new Bishop is under no illusions that her job as a Bishop, and as the first woman Bishop in the Church of England is going to be a very hard task, in the days ahead. She needs and covets the prayers and love of all people of faith and the support of those who genuinely believe that the church has made the right decision in making her a Bishop.

We will certainly be praying for our new Bishop of Stockport regularly, and we look forward to welcoming her to St. Mary's one day.

The Rector

Time "capsule" – for future generations...

Now hidden away amongst the stonework of the Rector's vestry is a special sealed "envelope" containing a letter from the Rector and other documents that we hope will remain untouched for many generations, but when the time comes for further works to be undertaken in that area it will be found by the stonemasons of the day and enjoyed as a little bit of Stockport history.

Our main time capsule will be placed beneath the floor shortly.



Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday, 19th April 2015

12.00 & 12.15 St Mary's in the Marketplace

Before the meeting we are seeking nominations for the election of TWO Churchwardens (speak to Roger if you feel you able to offer your services in this capacity) **membership of the Parochial Church Council by election** (max of 6 persons) **and additional Sidespersons** (unlimited). *[Membership of St Mary's via the electoral roll is required / there are also other "qualifications" that may need to be considered depending on the role you wish to undertake.]*

There are no Deanery Synod elections this year. If you wish to be included on the Electoral Register please obtain a form from Church (they are on the desk in the plastic display stand) and/or talk to our Electoral Roll Officer Margaret Forster.

Coming in April: Thursday, 23rd April- St George's Day

Early Evening Meal (5pm)

at the Nave Café – tickets just: £8.50

TWO course meal – we're thinking on the lines of sausage and mash with apple pie (but not on the same plate...)

Book early

Proceeds to St Mary's in the Marketplace

Reminder:

that the Daffodil Afternoon Tea will be held at St Mary's Rectory on Sunday, 26th April at 4pm
Tickets: £5.00



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1	26 = L of the A	Letters of the Alphabet
2	7 = W of the W	Wonders of the World
3	52 = C in a P	Cards in a Pack
4	18 = H on a GC	Holes on a Golf Course
5	90 = D in a RA	Degrees in a Right Angle
6	3 = BM	Blind Mice
7	3 = W on a RR	Wheels on a Robin Reliant
8	57 = HV	Heinz Varieties
9	29 = D in F in a LY	Days in February in a Leap Year
10	11 = P in a FT	Players in a Football Team
11	76 = T in the BP	Trombones in the Big Parade
12	12 = D of C	Days of Christmas
13	80 = D around the W	Days around the World
14	24 = B in a P	Blackbirds in a Pie
15	9 = L of a C	Lives of a Cat
16	10 = GB (H on a W)	Green Bottles (Hanging on a Wall)
17	168 = H in a W	Hours in a Week
18	2468 = WDWA	Who Do We Appreciate
19	600 = C of the LB	Charge of the Light Brigade
20	1815 = B of W	Battle of Waterloo
21	8 = F in a M	Furlongs in a Mile
22	39 + S by JB	Steps by John Buchan
23	12 = M of a J	Members of a Jury
24	1760 = Y in a M	Yards in a Mile
25	10 - DS	Downing Street

Crossword answers:

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

VE Day Anniversary

Friday 8th May – Sunday 10th May

A weekend of events are to be held around Staircase House, Stockport Market and St Mary's.

In conclusion a special service to be held at St Mary's on Sunday, 10th May at 3pm.



The gift of a new Donations Box

Long overdue at St Mary's has been a new donations box, one worthy of use in our beautifully restored Nave.

This specially commissioned work, designed and made to our own specifications is indeed a generous gift to St Mary's to which we say a very big "Thank You" to Isobel Clarkson.

Intended to match and complement the "Chorus Theo" furniture already in place, our new donations box has been specially made by "Treske Furniture" of Thirsk, North Yorkshire.



It was a less than delightful day weather-wise when we travelled "north" to commission the work, but a warm welcome, a most impressive showroom to look round and tour of the factory made the journey all worth while. Forty years of making bespoke furniture, "Treske" has a reputation for high-quality items for home and office use as well as specialist church furniture and bespoke commissions (including full refurbishments) and specialist joinery.

Also to note in the diary:



Stockport Parish Church (St Mary's in the Marketplace)
"IN CELEBATION"

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REDEDICATION 2006-2015

28TH June 2015
3.00pm

