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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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Tuesdays in Lent 2015 12.15pm – 1.00pm

| Tuesday | Speaker | Reading | Hymns |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| 24 th February | Rev Andy Williams St Luke's Brinnington | Mark 1 4-11 | Forty days and forty nights Spirit of the living God |
| 3 rd March | Rev Andrew Lythall St Alban's Offerton | Matthew 16 13-20 | My Song is Love Unknown For Mary, Mother of the Lord |
| 10 th March | Rev Richard Lawry St Thomas's Norbury | Mark 10 17-31 | All I once held dear Take my life, and let it be |
| 17 th March | Rev Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall St George's Stockport | 2 Peter 3 1-18 | There is a Redeemer In Christ Alone |
| 24 th March | Rev David Brewster St Matthew's Edgeley | Psalms 51 | I will sing the wondrous story Beauty for brokenness |
| 31 st March | Rev Brett Cane Trinity College Bristol | Psalms 22 | There is a green hill far away The Servant King |



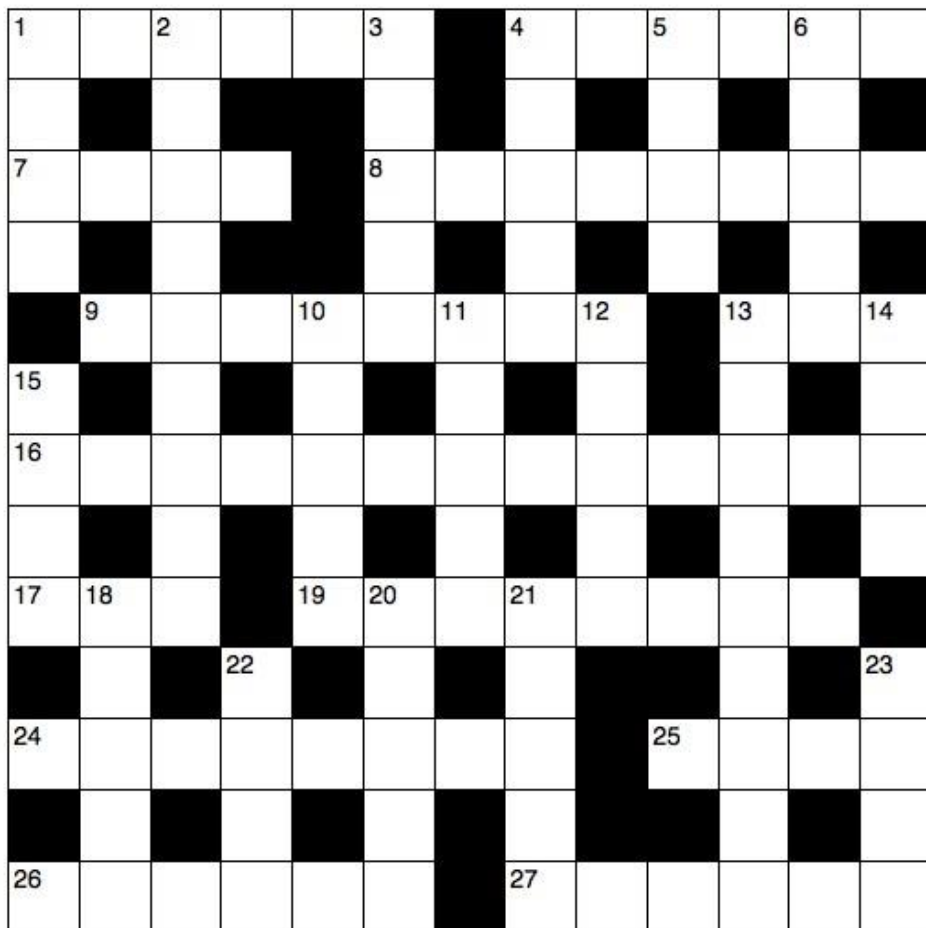
I rather suspect that the “red hat” suits Roger rather better than the “Secretary Bird” but whilst the cat was away skiing it was quite nice for the “mouse” to play – well to pop on-site to view the works and have a little direct input into the material produced for our weekly publication

“Phase 6 Week ?” This little “mouse” does not however go climbing up ladders and keeps her feet firmly on the ground – with the danger of missing floor boards and a few nasty holes to avoid.

As we approach the last stage(s) of Phase 6, we hope that you have enjoyed our weekly reports from behind closed doors – copies are available on-line and can be obtained from our web-site:

www.stmarysinthemarketplace.com.





Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)
 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)
 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke

8:16) (3)

- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
 6 To put forth (5)
 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)
 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
 22 Does (anag.) (4)
 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

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.

Notification of **Archdeacons Visitation**
Churchwardens and Sides-persons are required to attend

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| Tuesday 5th May | For Chadkirk, Mottram & Stockport Macclesfield Archdeaconry | All Saints, Marple 7.30pm |
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Churchwarden Training dates:

Saturday 27th June at Church House 9.30am – 1.30pm (New wardens only)

Saturday 19th September (St John, Lostock Gralam) 9.30am – 1.30pm (all wardens welcome)

Change of Date

DIOCESE OF CHESTER CONFIRMATIONS 2015

Stockport Deanery: **22nd April 2015** 19:30 at St George's
with the Bishop of Stockport

Anyone wishing to be confirmed, or to learn more about the Christian faith, please speak to Roger as soon as possible

A visit from the Patron ...

Many of you will be aware that the Rector of 'Stockport St Mary' is the Patron to 'High Lane St Thomas'. Visiting the Wives Group recently, Roger can be seen here joining in with Churchwarden Betty Upham on what was a most enjoyable "musical" evening with a local Ukulele Band.



Beware your turn will come, when we invite the Ukulele players from the Rotary Club of Stockport Lamplighters (with friends) to join us at St Mary's.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party at St Mary's Rectory

A most enjoyable evening at Roger's "Pancake Party" on Shrove Tuesday, with donations received of £110 towards the Phase 6 Appeal Fund. Thanks to all those who attended and otherwise supported the evening.



From the Rector's "i-pad"

Dear Reader



On a rainy day in August 1981 I took a piece of paper and a palette of children's water colour paint and I painted what I saw outside the window. To one side was a log cabin, and on the other side another log, cabin in some trees; in front of me a grass embankment running down to an expanse of water, the great St. Lawrence Seaway. I was in a Canada!



To be honest it was not a happy time for me, but I was in a good place, and God was watching over me that day. And so began a lifetime of sketching and painting in water colours, which has become an important aspect of my leisure time over the last 30 years. It was all thanks to one man.

The Reverend Brett Cane was ordained in Canada, where he has spent most of his life. He is recognised as having been an inspirational and dynamic leader in the Anglican Church in Canada, and is especially known for his strong commitment to Biblical based teaching and ministry, as well as for his ministry among the young people of the Diocese of Montreal. Brett retired from full time ministry out West in Winnipeg three years ago, but is currently a pastoral tutor at Trinity College in Bristol.

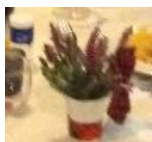
It was as an ordinand (in training for the ordained ministry) at that same college , in 1981 , that an invitation came to me from Canada , to go and spend the summer vacation serving with Anglican Summer Camps, which



Many thanks to those of you who supported our Burns Night at the Nave Café.



Thank you Constance for the lovely table decorations and David & Bernard for the loan of "Robbie Burns" for the evening. The event raised £180 Phase 6 Appeal.



towards our



This Lent the Nave Café will donate all the proceeds from the sale of our "super soup" on the following Tuesdays:

3rd, 17th & 31st March

Donations to the work of Christian Aid also welcome



Let us pause before we eat and think about the ones in need of food and shelter and of love, please bless us all dear God above. Amen.

Easter Flower Fund

We are looking for a simple donation of say £1.00 to put aside towards paying for flowers in Church at Easter. Look out for the collection "vase" in Church.



Come and join us for our

Spring Fayre Saturday, 21st March from 10.00am

Including:

Mayfield Creations by Caroline Bowers - crochet items and sewing items

Jazzy Designs by Jasmina Bojic - princess dresses and other items

Wooly Handmade Crafts by Rachel Woolstencroft - handmade sewn items (cushions and fabric bookmarks and other items)

Taylor's Vintage Teacup Creations by Nicola Taylor - makes scented candles in traditional tea cups, small plants in tea cups.

Patchwork Teddies - teddy bears made from patchwork fabrics

Mummy taught me to sew by Carol Wood - wipedown fabric items like matching aprons for little ones and parents, wipe down bags etc

Also: **Knitted items, needle felting, painted stones** with quotes and other items.



Local charity **PIP - UK** will have some handmade soaps etc.

Help support: **poland syndrome support**

& St Mary's – hand-made cards / home produce (jams, preserves, cakes etc)

Proceeds (including table fees from stall holders & donations received) to be retained by St Mary's Stockport.

NAVE CAFÉ Spring Fayre Menu Specials



World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March

St Matthews Edgeley 2pm

Bahamas 2015

Jesus said to them,

"Do you know what I have done to you?"

The Bahamas is a place beauty. The beautiful colours gifted by nature are reflected in the worship service and the artwork. The islands give voice to the people of The Bahamas who invite the world to "come and be washed in God's ever-flowing ocean of grace: to bask in the iridescent light of Christ's love, and to be embraced by [God's] Holy Spirit with the cooling trade-winds of transformation."



Radical love is the theme that weaves together all the components of the worship resources. They eloquently tell us that Jesus is God's presence of radical love in the world. Following Jesus' example of washing his disciple's feet, we are asked to continue the gesture of love in The Bahamas and in our own communities. That is how the spiral of informed prayer and prayerful action moves around the globe.

As we listen to our Bahamian sisters throughout the worship service, we realize that transformation is seen when a teen mother does not feel alone as she finds support to continue her education and to raise her child, when a breast cancer survivor or people living with HIV and AIDS find strength to live out their journey, and when the chains of oppression and enslavement are broken. Also, let's not forget the call for responsible stewardship of God's creation shared by all; whether it is those who step in the pink sand or swim in turquoise water of the archipelago, or those who enjoy whatever natural beauty has been gifted by God to your corner of the world.

Jesus said to them "Do You Know What I Have Done to You?"



Poland Syndrome is rare birth defect. So rare the actual number of incidences of Poland Syndrome across the UK and in fact the world is not accurately known. PIP-UK is a relatively new charity set up in 2011 with three main aims:

1. Educate people about Poland Syndrome
2. Provide a support network to people with Poland Syndrome and their friends and family members
3. Put people in touch with the right medical professionals who

For more information and to help us at St Mary's to help PIP-UK - come and visit their charity stall at our Spring Fayre.

Concerts at St Mary's — details available at church when available

Manchester Choral

Saturday, 28th March

7pm

Stockport Youth Orchestra

Sunday, 29th March

7pm



1817 – 2017

200th Anniversary Planning Committee

The Parish Church of Stockport was consecrated July 4, 1817 by the Right Rev. Geo. Henry Law DD Lord Bishop of Stockport.



Time to start planning for the 200th Anniversary of the church.

If you are interested in joining our planning committee or wish to submit to us ideas to celebrate this important anniversary in the history of St Mary's please let us know. We will advertise widely when the first planning meeting is to be held.



Brett was heading up at that time . I accepted the invitation for what was to be a wonderful and life- changing experience. Not only to see the Anglican Church overseas first hand, but also to have an extraordinary period of training in Christian work with young people. The experience I gained , of being part of a team of committed young Christians, a number of whom went on to be ordained, was to prove invaluable in parish ministry , in the years to come.

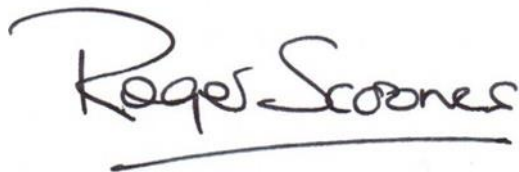
Brett comes to us in Holy Week, as our final guest preacher in the Lenten Series of Tuesday lunchtime services, in which so many local clergy have kindly ministered. The usual services in Holy Week will provide a fitting time of preparation for the great Festival of Easter.

Easter , Easter Sunday is the day that marks the beginning of the Christian religion, the belief that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. The Day of Resurrection! You could say that if you can believe that you can believe anything! If you can't believe the resurrection then you have to ask yourself what does that tell you about the rest of the story. Was Jesus deluded about who he was? Was he mad? Was Jesus telling the truth about himself? Was he bad? Or was he who he said he was? Was he God? The Christian believes that he was telling the truth, that he did perform miracles, that his teaching was valid; and that to crown it all, he did indeed rise from the dead, on Easter Day, and is alive today! The Bible is true, and tells us so! Believe it or not!

It was a privilege to go out to Canada 34 years ago, to teach the children about Jesus ,and to tell the of the Easter Story. And its a privilege and a joy to share that same story with you all these years later! And I'm still learning to paint!

May this Lent be a very special time for you dear Reader, and may you feel fully prepared to receive the Good News of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning, to believe for yourself!

Yours in the Name of Jesus

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

A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

[extracts as used by Rita Waters from the book "Words of Wisdom"]

I cannot pray our, if my faith has no room for others and their need.

I cannot pray who art in heaven, if all of my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot pray hallowed be thy name, if I am not striving, with God's help, to be holy.

I cannot pray thy kingdom come, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot pray on earth as it is in Heaven, unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service here and now.

I cannot pray give us this day our daily bread, without expending honest effort for it, or if I would withhold from my neighbour the bread that I receive.

I cannot pray forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, if I continue to harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot pray lead us not into temptation, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot pray deliver us from evil, if I am not prepared to fight evil with my life and my prayer.

I cannot pray thine is the kingdom, if I am unwilling to obey him.

I cannot pray thine is the power and the glory, if I am seeking power for myself and my own glory first.

I cannot pray forever and ever, if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot pray Amen, unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

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Lent at St Mary's – Full Programme

| Day | Date | Service/Event | Time |
|----------|------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Sunday | 1 st March | Service of Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| Tuesday | 3 rd March | Lunch-time Service with guest speaker Andrew Lythall, St Alban's Offerton | 12.15pm |
| | | Christian Aid "Super Soup" Lunch | |
| Friday | 6 th March | World Day of Prayer Special Service at St Matthews, Edgeley | 2.00pm |
| Saturday | 7 th March | FAIRTRADE Event | |
| Sunday | 8 th March | Service of Morning Prayer | 10.30am |
| Tuesday | 10 th March | Lunch-time Service with guest speaker Richard Lawry, St Thomas's Norbury | 12.15pm |
| Sunday | 15 th March | Service of Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| Tuesday | 17 th March | Lunch-time Service with guest speaker Elaine Chegwin Hall, St George's Stockport | 12.15pm |
| | | Christian Aid "Super Soup" Lunch | |
| Saturday | 21 st March | St Mary's Spring Fayre | 10.00am |
| Sunday | 22 nd March | Service of Morning Prayer | 10.30am |
| Tuesday | 24 th March | Lunch-time Service with guest speaker David Brewster, St Matthew's Edgeley | 12.15pm |
| Saturday | 28 th March | CONCERT Manchester Chorale | 7.00pm |
| Sunday | 29 th March | PALM SUNDAY – Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| | | CONCERT Stockport Youth Orchestra | 7.00pm |
| Tuesday | 31 st March | Lunch-time Service with guest speaker Brett Cane | 12.15pm |
| | | Christian Aid "Super Soup" Lunch | |
| Thursday | 2 nd April | MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Communion | 7.00pm |
| Friday | 3 rd April | Family Service Devotional Hour | 10.00am 2.00pm |
| Saturday | 4 th April | EASTER EVE | |
| Sunday | 5 th April | EASTER SUNDAY Service | 10.30am |



**"Daffodil Afternoon Tea"
at St Mary's Rectory**

**Sunday 26th April
4pm – 6pm**

Tickets £5.00



ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.

DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.