

Stockport Parish Church
St Marys in the Marketplace

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2015

10.30am

'Goodbye Stockport'

**A service to mark the 70th anniversary
of the return home of the Channel Island evacuees
in August 1945**

The service will mark the 70th anniversary of the time when thousands of Channel Island evacuees left Stockport, and the surrounding area, to return home in 1945. It will also commemorate the experiences of all those children and adults who were evacuated from or to northern England during the war.

Everyone is welcome but a special invitation is extended to those who lived through the war, together with their family and friends. After the service, attendees will be able to sit down and share their wartime experiences with each other – and with anyone else who is interesting in hearing them. There will be refreshments available, together with a display on Wartime Evacuation

The reason WHY we need to have a church “cashier” taking orders at the Nave Café...

We appreciate that not everyone is aware as to why we have introduced a “cashier” element (especially on a Tuesday – thank you Yvonne) at the Nave Café.

There is a simple reason for this. It has proved to be extremely difficult for the “Duty Manager” from Pure Innovations to fully supervise* up to five trainees as well as prepare all food orders - from Jacket Potatoes and Pies (which need to be heated to the correct temperature and probe tested) to making a variety of sandwiches to order. All our food is freshly prepared. To also have to stop from undertaking that process to having to calculate how much is owed by each and every customer, write out order tickets as necessary as well as collect the money, hand out change etc. and I am sure you will appreciate that it is all a bit too much to expect, especially when the café is busy. There is also the issue that handling cash is better undertaken by someone else to avoid contamination with food, the constant hand-washing every time money is touched or having to put on and take off gloves between orders. The further away money is from food preparation, the better!

As the ratio of “manager to clients” is unlikely to change due to the limited availability of resources at Pure Innovations (1:5) it has been decided, following a meeting with them, for the Church to put in additional support. At busy times throughout the week we need to provide “out of kitchen” assistance, in particular when we do not have church volunteer Alex working alongside Pure Innovations as part of the Friday-team, taking orders, serving tea/coffee and handling the cash.

**Clearly all our Pure Innovations café helpers have different skills and abilities and specific tasks are assigned to each, however constant supervision is required with a watchful “eye” at all times to ensure our high standards are constantly maintained.*



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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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Thank you from the Church Urban Fund

For the £171.00 raised at our "Tackling Poverty Together" lunch.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' Matthew 25:40

Crossword answers:

ACROSS: 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission. 11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad. 20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.

DOWN: 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying. 6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach. 16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, ECHO.

The numbers game:

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From the Rector's "i-pad"



Dear Reader,

Welcome!

This month is a time when many people like to go on holiday, and I don't blame them!

The weather is usually better, after all, certainly in this country! Which is why I like to stick around in August, and enjoy the garden, and the long summer evenings, and the relative quietness of life, in town and in the church's calendar. No meetings, no committees, no great demands on life, except to enjoy being together in a more relaxed way, and perhaps welcoming visitors to church from other parts of the country or even from abroad.

The other day someone came into St. Mary's with the opening words "I always come here as soon as I arrive from Canada!" For this lady, coming back to her hometown of Stockport meant an early visit to that part of her life which means so much to her, St. Mary's in the Marketplace, where she grew up.

Welcoming visitors to our lovely old church is such an important part of our ministry to the town. And I know how much visitors appreciate a personal welcome into the building, rather than being politely ignored. Try it for yourself, when you go away! Go into a church and see how long it takes for someone to welcome you. If you manage to get out again without a welcome, ask yourself how you felt about that! And then try it again in another church, and if you get a warm welcome, ask yourself



what difference it made to your visit! Come home and put it into practise, and give someone A WARM WELCOME , to YOUR parish Church! After all, we call ourselves The Welcoming Church"

Each summer I WELCOME anyone who cares to come, into my garden for a whole afternoon and evening of fun and friendship, which will hopefully be blessed with fine weather, which it usually is!

I'm always delighted to see such a gathering of friends and strangers, and to share my lovely secluded garden , which has been described as "an oasis of green in the town centre". Come and try your hand at croquet, a fiendish game, which must have been invented by a vicar! or a stroll round the hidden garden paths, smelling the scent of fruit and flowers, of herbs and green grass (well, compost actually!) look out for caterpillars and butterflies and rare orchids, and an abundance of wild flowers, around a lush mown lawn. And enjoy the rare pleasure of a short outdoor service in the beauty of God's creation! The singing's great! A WARM WELCOME awaits you!

As you will read elsewhere in this magazine, we look forward to giving a warm St. Mary's WELCOME to the Guernsey Evacuees and many V.I.Ps in the is Borough in the 2nd World War, but also the 70th Anniversary of them saying " Goodbye Stockport" as they left for home after the War had ended. That will be a highlight, a happy event, in what is normally a rather quiet month at St. Mary's . No peace for the.....Rector and for the congregation here in August!

I look forward to welcoming YOU myself,
Dear Reader!

Yours cheerily, and in Good Faith!

Sarnia Cherie, is the anthem of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.' Sarnia' is a traditional Latin name for the island, hence, the title translates as 'Dear Guernsey'. Written by George Deighton in 1911 (tune by Domenico Santangelo) the song was first performed at St. Julian's Theatre (now the Gaumont Cinema) in November 1911. A CD of 13 renditions of the song has been released, including a recording from May 9, 1945, when British Troops landed in St. Peter Port to Liberate the Island after 5 years of German Occupation during WWII.

Sarnia; dear Homeland, Gem of the sea.

Island of beauty, my heart longs for thee.

*Thy voice calls me ever, in waking, or sleep,
Till my soul cries with anguish, my eyes ache to weep.*

In fancy I see thee, again as of yore,

Thy verdure clad hills and thy wave beaten shore.

*Thy rock sheltered bays, ah; of all thou art best,
I'm returning to greet thee, dear island of rest.*

CHORUS: Sarnia Cherie. Gem of the sea.

Home of my childhood, my heart longs for thee.

*Thy voice calls me ever, forget thee I'll never,
Island of beauty. Sarnia Cherie.*

I left thee in anger, I knew not thy worth.

Journeyed afar, to the ends of the earth.

*Was told of far countries, the heav'n of the bold,
Where the soil gave up diamonds, silver and gold.*

*The sun always shone, and "race" took no part,
But thy cry always reached me, its pain wrenched my heart.*

*So I'm coming home, thou of all art the best.
Returning to greet thee, dear island of rest. CHORUS*



It is always a delight to welcome back to St Mary's the Maia Singers. Their summer concert this year entitled "Summer Songs & Strawberries" was exactly that. A delightful programme of music (including songs from Bernstein, Coldplay, Carly Simon, Whiteacre, Gjeilo, Holdst, Bardos and Handel) finished off with a bowl of strawberries and cream with a glass of wine. What could be better! Conductor John Pomphrey, with Ian Tate on the Piano and an extra treat by Saxophonist Katie Harrop. We look forward to the Maia Singers returning to St Mary's as part of our Christmas Programme – in particular "Sing Christmas" on the 19th December 2015.

Sunday, 2nd August 2015 St Mary's Rectory

Annual Afternoon Tea / Outdoor Service / BBQ
 3pm (Ticket £6.50) 5pm 6pm (Ticket £7.50)

Buy both tickets and save £1.00 (£13.00)

Sunday, 8th August 2015 7.30pm – a social evening at the Nave Café with holidays in mind. Tickets £15.00

Working with Arc

Arts for Recovery in the Community



We are delighted to rekindle our relationship with Arc and to be able to welcome to St Mary's elements of "**Unpicked:Restitched**" which is a project, led by Arc and funded by Arts Council England and Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. It brings together writer, Sarah Butler, and textile artist, Julie Mosley to explore the question **Where is the heart of Stockport?** in creative writing and textiles. Through workshops and conversations they will examine the hidden stories, characters and heritage of Stockport's marketplace and rich textile past. Sarah will be running workshops exploring Stockport's history, urban fabric and everyday life. Some of these will be with specific groups but we also hope that many of you (readers of this magazine) will take part when Sarah visits St. Mary's. She has already spent time with Stockport Heritage Trust, and a few of us during personal interviews. In the Autumn, Julie will be leading some textile workshops to generate work for the banners – a series of large-scale textile banners which will be exhibited in the town during 2016. St Mary's will be assisting again in October by hosting some of those workshops.

Where better to explore "the heart of Stockport" than at St Mary's – we've been around a long time! Surely we ARE that heart – St Mary's in the Marketplace.

Arc is Stockport's specialist arts and health charitable organisation, with studios in Reddish and a Borough wide programme of creative activities that engage with people from 5 – 95, to improve their wellbeing and help transform their lives. For 20 years, Arc has delivered high profile public art projects and exhibitions across the Borough most recently an installation of artwork at Stockport railway station in Partnership with Virgin Trains and SMBC. We welcome the day when Arc will also become near neighbours of St Mary's, as plans as well underway for them to acquire premises near to the Market Hall.

St Mary's in the Marketplace, Stockport – August 2015

Saturday, 1 st August	Wedding of Sam & Grace 12.00noon Wedding of Peter & Suzanne 2.30pm
Sunday, 2 nd August	Service of Holy Communion 10.30am Cream Tea(3.00pm)/Outdoor Service (5.00pm) & BBQ (6.00pm) at St Mary's Rectory
Tuesday, 4 th August	Service of Holy Communion 10.00am Lunch-time Service 12.15pm
Saturday, 8 th August	Nave Café – Social Evening 7.30pm
Sunday, 9 th August	Service of Morning Prayer 10.30am
Tuesday, 11 th August	Service of Holy Communion 10.00am Lunch-time Service 12.15pm
Sunday, 16 th August	Service of Holy Communion 10.30am
Tuesday, 18 th August	Service of Holy Communion 10.00am Lunch-time Service 12.15pm
Sunday, 23 rd August	“Goodbye Stockport” 10.30am A service to mark the 70th anniversary of the return home of the Channel Island evacuees in August 1945
Tuesday, 25 th August	Service of Holy Communion 10.00am Lunch-time Service 12.15pm
Sunday, 30 th August	Service of Holy Communion 10.30am

Café notice: Saturday, 1st August

Due to two wedding services taking place at St Mary's, please note that the Nave Café will be open 9.00am – 11.00am only for tea/coffee and light refreshments (no hot food). Apologies for any inconvenience.

The General Synod

it the highest governing body of the Church of England, it comprises of three elected assemblies, the House of Bishops, the House of Clergy and the House of Laity. The General Synod considers and approves legislation affecting the whole of the Church of England, formulates new forms of worship, debates matters of national and international importance, and approves the annual budget for the work of the Church at national level. The General Synod was dissolved on the 13th July 2015. This means that there will be an election to choose the next General Synod members of the House of Laity. There are 4 places for the Archdeaconry of Macclesfield and the Diocesan Secretary, George Colville, is seeking nominations of candidates to serve in the House of Laity representing the Diocese of Chester. The closing date for nominations is Friday 4th September, if you wish to stand for election please speak to Adam Pinder who is St Mary's Deanery Synod representative. For more information about the General Synod visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/general-synod.aspx>.

Adam Pinder – Churchwarden

Coming in September....

Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th September - Heritage Open Days

[look out for special activities within the Heritage Centre and St Mary's]. Ride & Stride Day (Sunday 12th September)

Sunday, 20th September – Back to Church Sunday

[look out for details of our special service of Morning Prayer]

Sunday, 27th September – Harvest Celebration at our service of Holy Communion followed by Harvest “lunch” at the Nave Café.

[Collection point for “harvest gifts” to the Wellspring]

Keith Gordon – In Appreciation

It was with sadness that news came of the untimely death of Keith Gordon, husband of Linda and father to three sons.

Keith was born and brought up in Gorsey Mount Street, and sung as a treble in the choir at St. Mary's, which he held in great affection throughout his life. His family association with the Parish Church goes back many generations, and his forebears were particularly associated with the bells of St. Mary's.

He was a member of the Church Lads Brigade as a youngster, in which he played the bugle; and Keith enjoyed playing the penny whistle too, and helping with the clog dancing at Banks Lane School.

Despite being confined to a wheelchair for many years, Keith remained cheerful and positive, taking part in numerous community activities. In recent years, in good weather, Keith was often to be seen sitting in his wheelchair, near the busy junction in Offerton, observing the world going by.

He always appreciated being noticed and with a big smile exchanged cheery waves with whosoever acknowledged him sitting there. He bore his illness and disability with courage and fortitude, and he will be warmly remembered by all who knew him.

Sympathy and prayers go out to his widow Linda and her family in their bereavement. Their loss is shared by all those who knew Keith.

Rev. Roger Scoones

St Mary's invites Stockport Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets to a special service of Morning Prayer.

12 JULY 2015
SEA SUNDAY

On Sea Sunday churches all over the world come together to remember seafarers and pray for them, their families and those who support them. The theme for Sea Sunday 2015 was "ship wreck", but it was calm waters at St Mary's, a very pleasant morning with our special guests.



The service was conducted by St Mary's Reader Rita Waters, with organist Charles Stowman (St Matthews, Edgeley).

See our article: Stockport Sea Cadets – a little background...



Stockport Sea Cadets – a little background...

TS Hawkins [Training Ship Hawkins] has been in the area for nearly 100 years and has helped to develop local boys & girls into confident young people. Based at Pear Mill Industrial Unit, the unit has a team of dedicated volunteers who put all their energy into helping young cadets reach their full potential and rise throughout the rates within the Sea Cadet Corps. Cadets have the opportunity to travel to Naval Establishments and Sea Cadet Training Centres across the country to further enhance their skills and experiences. The Sea Cadets work in a rank structure, so not only is there opportunity to participate in any of the activities offered by the Corps there is also potential for cadets to advance through the rank structure, offering further opportunity for leadership and personal development. The Royal Marines Cadets (RMC) are part of the Sea Cadet Corps, operating in Detachments based within the Sea Cadet units.



The Numbers Game

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Where do they all come from?

Have you ever wondered just where some of the visitors to St Mary's originate? Following a recent review of the visitors book in the Stockport Heritage Trust an interesting list emerged with no less than 28 different countries registered:

Australia	Austria	Belgium	Canada	Cyprus
Denmark	France	Germany	Hungary	Jersey
Latvia	Malaysia	Mexico	Netherlands	New
Zealand				
Northern Ireland		Philippines	Poland	Russia
Scotland	South Africa	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland
Ukraine	United States of America		Venezuela	Wales

Now take for example the United States of America – from which States did our visitors come from? Well, we know the answer – Maryland, Michigan, New York City, Pittsburgh, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle & Wisconsin. We have a range of visitors from Australia too from Brisbane, Busselton, Manley, Melbourne, Perth, Queensland, Sydney & Victoria.

There is an equally interesting selection of names and addresses listed in St Mary's Visitors book too, from Devon to Canada!

Nave Café

“Salad Season”

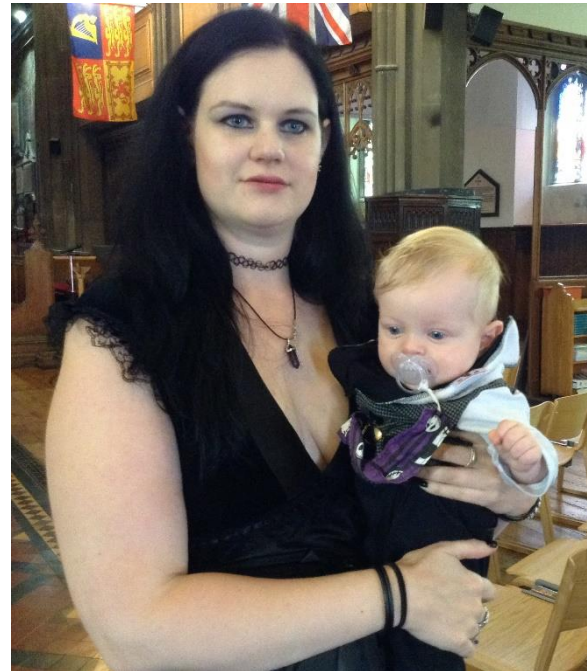
Join us at the Nave Café for a summer salad lunch. All our ingredients are fresh and all meals are made to order. Choose from our normal menu items or keep an eye on the “specials board”. Our prices are most competitive and we really would appreciate your support.

All profits from the café are retained towards the ministry and mission of St Mary’s

Ordinary Plate Salad	£3.00
Ham Salad	£3.60
Cheese Salad	£3.60
Egg Salad [containing two fresh free range eggs]	£3.80
Tuna Salad	£4.00
If you wish to add extra items:	
Egg (one fresh free range)	40p
Ham (single slice)	30p
Cheese (portion of)	30p
Speciality Dressing(s) (per individual pot)	10p

SPECIALS BOARD:

Look out for our non-menu salad options
as available



It was very much a family occasion, hymns were sung to the sound of Gaby’s Dad playing guitar and a “special touch” as the lighted candle given during the service was the same one used at Gaby’s own confirmation service and again at young Opal’s baptism. We welcome young Viktor into his Church family. Afterwards, thanks to Gaby and Martin, St Mary’s Nave Café was given the opportunity to serve a buffet lunch to those attending.

Victor Colin

The youngest member of the congregation is growing up fast. Little Viktor Colin was the centre of attention at his recent Baptism service as you would expect. Coming a close second being the Rev Myles Owen who kindly conducted the service of Holy Communion & Baptism whilst Roger was on holiday. It is always a pleasure to welcome Myles back to St Mary’s.

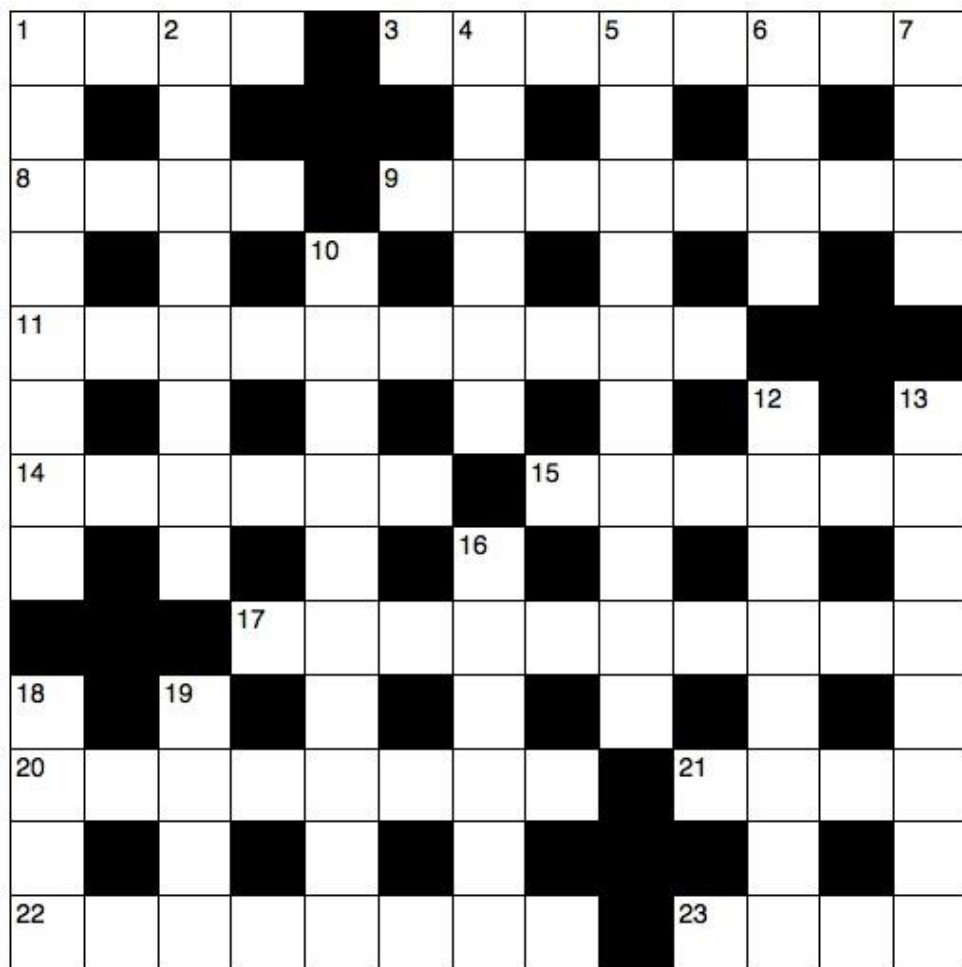


THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST.

Annual ‘Ride and Stride’ Day
Saturday, 12th September, 2015. 10am-4pm.



Crossword



Across

- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
 3 See 1 Across
 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)

11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)

14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)

15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)

17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)

20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)

21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)

22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)

23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)

2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)

4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)

5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)

6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)

7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)

10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)

12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)

13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)

16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)

18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)

19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)