



**STOCKPORT PARISH CHURCH**  
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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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**Parish Magazine – August 2016**



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## August 2016

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gardening Club	St Andrews Community Hall
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion  Afternoon Tea Outdoor Service BBQ	10.30am  St Andrews Community Hall 3.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm
Tuesday 9th	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday 14th	Morning Prayer  Nave Café Sunday Lunch Classic Car Rally / Heritage Market	10.30am  1.00pm
Monday 15th	Gardening Club	St Andrews Community Hall
Tuesday 16th	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday 21st	Holy Communion	10.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday 28th	Morning Prayer	10.30pm
Tuesday 30th	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service	10.00am 12.15pm

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### REMINDER

Time to start thinking of collecting items for “Operation Christmas Child” as we will be supporting shoe box gifts again this year. Full details next month.

Thank you to those who supported our Nave Café Sunday lunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> July – the sum of £108.50 was raised towards church funds.

## Cale Green Primary School & Vernon Park Primary School



The GM Music Hub is an exciting innovative partnership between local Music Services and regional and national partner organisations which has been set up to safeguard and develop the music education for children and young people across the Greater Manchester region.

Following the Manchester World Voice Residency in July last Summer organised by the British Council, when Master Trainers from across the world worked with 9 primary schools across the region, the Greater Manchester Music Hub continued the legacy in a further project. As part of this two Stockport schools came together to sing some of the songs from the World Songbook.

We were delighted to be approached by Stockport Music Services (Jill Henderson-Wild & Craig Eastwood) to host this special musical event featuring Cale Green Primary School and Vernon Park Primary School on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. It was virtually full-house as proud parents, relatives and friends joined the teachers from the two schools involved singing songs from around the world.

Well done everyone, a lovely end to a busy Tuesday.

## Stockport Youth Orchestra 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recital



It was a weekend of celebration for the Stockport Youth Orchestra and we were able to host the Saturday evening recital with Assistant Musical Director Christopher Orton and Accompanists David Jones & Elena Nalimova.

Talented musicians - Sam Ball (Trumpet), Simon Frazer (Oboe), Alex Jones (Double Bass), Benjamin Matson (Cello), Christina Maxfield (Violin), Christopher Orton (Solo alto recorder), Clara Rundell (Cello), Natasha Sofia (Clarinet) Henry Strutt (Voice), William Strutt (French Horn), Talia Zelhof (Violin) & Luke Challinor (Viola Da Gamba) – played a variety of music enjoyed by all.

Best Wishes for the next 60 years Stockport Youth Orchestra – and be back with us soon!





## Summer Recipes - Lemon Posset

A posset was originally a popular medieval drink of hot milk curdled with wine.

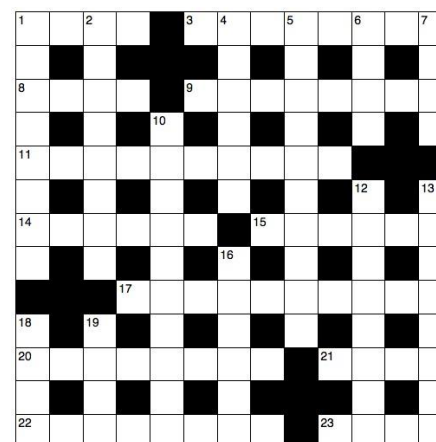
Thankfully, the version we enjoy today is more like a syllabub and eaten cold.

This simple but delicious dessert is best accompanied by a crumbly biscuit of some kind, such as shortbread.

Be patient, allow it to set – it will taste much better!

Serves 2

**Ingredients** 2 lemons 125g caster sugar 425ml double cream  
**Method**  
1 Grate the zest of one lemon, then juice both. 2 Over a low heat, bring the juice, zest and sugar to boil in a small pan. Stir until the sugar has completely dissolved and keep warm. 3 In a separate pan, heat the cream gently until it comes to the boil. Then pour the cream into the syrup, whisking to combine. 4 For the smoothest texture, sieve your posset mixture before dividing into bowls or portions. 5 Allow the mixture to cool before placing in the fridge to chill. This will take a couple of hours to set, and can also be made the day before serving. Serve with a biscuit, flaked almonds, or a sprinkle of icing sugar for those with a sweet tooth.



### 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) 9 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

## **St Andrews Refurbishment**

Readers will no doubt recall that St Andrews was recently vandalised with considerable damage being caused to the premises, in particular the flooring.

Our Insurers have decided that the best way forward will be to replace all the flooring in the small and large halls as well as kitchen area. A large (in terms of size) undertaking as well as large in the amount of work that will be required removing the old floor (the adhesive used containing an element of asbestos).

Clearly before the floor is replaced we would like to decorate the premises (in particular the walls and ceilings in the kitchen and small hall and gloss skirting boards/radiators in all areas including of course the main hall.

Many of the broken window blinds have been removed, those in the main hall needing a longer ladder before we can get them down. To replace these would be wonderful – allowing in particular for the main hall to be used from training and conference events where the use of power-point etc. would be helpful.

The old stackable tables are now damaged and in need of replacement with lighter weight alternatives, the chairs sorting and our storage areas cleared and space re-allocated as appropriate to users. There are also a few Health & Safety issues to be resolved.

It would of course be wonderful if we could refurbish the toilet areas – a new loo required in the gents and the flooring in both the gents and ladies in need of replacement as soon as ever possible.

The damaged fire door will be dealt with as part of the repairs, as will the damaged boarding (where the break-in took place) and one of the glass panels in the external door. We have committed (whilst the price is right) to replace the other broken glass panel and replace the other rotting window boards.

The income from St Andrews has for many years supported the expenditure at St Mary's, time now for us to allocate some direct money towards refurbishing St Andrews), giving us a helping hand to increase usage and increase our revenue, especially during the day.

Arrangements have been made for us to hold a couple of "fund raising" events at St Andrews, specifically for St Andrews (mainly to raise our profile on Hall Street) and we very much hope that as many of our readers as possible will support those and assist (where possible) with a little "hands on" with the decorating and general cleaning/maintenance of this very valuable asset.

As a "Parish" we remain "St Mary' with St Andrew's, although we have not held services there ourselves for several years. It is in many ways our "church hall" and suitable for many activities that St Mary's simply is not. It is regularly used, but there is great potential for improvement and increased usage within the community.

"St Andrews will celebrate with St Mary's during 2017. For it was opened on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 1977 replacing St Andrew's Newbridge Lane. 40 years on – we are looking for a new lease of life – new horizons.



## 14<sup>th</sup> August

### Buffet-style lunch Sunday Lunch at the Nave Cafe

just £12.50 per person (2 courses)

or £14.00 per person (3 courses)

St Mary's will remain open to complement activities within the area namely the Classic Car Rally and Heritage Market.

### Menu

Soup of the Day

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"Carvery Table"

with selection of vegetables/salads served "buffet-style"

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Sweet Selection

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Tea/Coffee

[soft drinks will be available and sold separately]

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## Holidays or Holy Days?

August is a month when many of us go on holiday. The balance of work, rest and play is a biblical one and at its heart lies the Sabbath principle.

God himself established this principle when He rested from His work on the 7th day and made it holy (Genesis 2:2). He set aside a special day for people to gather for celebration and worship. It also provides an opportunity for rest and refreshment, as a break from the routines of life. The Jewish Sabbath runs from sunset to sunset and so begins with food and sleep. However, Christians celebrate the Sabbath on the first day of the week. It is not so much about stopping at the end of a hard week's work, as recognising that the whole of life is sustained by God.

Sabbath is also an attitude not just a single day! It invites us to take the principles of resting and celebration into everyday life. There are sabbatical seasons ie periods of extended rest eg holidays or carier breaks, which aim to positively renew us. Each day we can make Sabbath moments, when we try to be still and appreciate the day. It's a great way of using idle moments eg waiting in traffic! Developing these attitudes will increase our appreciation of God and his world!

Two men challenged each other to a wood-chopping contest. One worked hard all day, stopping only for a brief lunch break. The other took time over lunch and several other breaks. At the end of the day, the man who had worked straight through was annoyed to find that the other had chopped substantially more wood than himself. The winner simply said, 'Didn't you notice? Every time I sat down to rest, I was sharpening my axe!'

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
**at St Andrews Community Hall**



**3pm Afternoon Tea**  
**5pm Outdoor Service**  
**6pm BBQ**

***Fundraising towards the refurbishment of St Andrews***

Ticket Price: Afternoon Tea only £7.50  
BBQ only £8.50  
Special Combined Ticket £15.00

*For obvious reasons we will not be able to meet at St Mary's Rectory this year but instead will be over the fence at it were at St Andrews.*



**Everyone Welcome**

**Dates for your diary during September**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday**  
**8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September**

**Heritage Open Days at St Mary's including Sunday Lunch**

Fundraising for the ministry and mission of St Mary's in the Marketplace

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**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**St Mary's with St Andrew's Gardening Club**

**Coffee Morning**

**at St Andrews Community Hall**

**10.30am Entry Fee £2.00** (including cup of tea/coffee and cake)

*Fundraising towards the refurbishment of St Andrews*

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**Harvest Weekend at St Mary's**

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**6pm "Earlybird" Harvest Quiz & Hotpot Supper £10.00**

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**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30am Special "Harvest" Service**

**Collection of harvest gifts to The Wellspring 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September**

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## **Sea Sunday**

A warm St Mary's welcome to our guests attending the special service of Morning Prayer for Sea Sunday and our thanks to Reader Rita Waters for making all the necessary arrangements as well as leading the service.

Regular readers to the Chester Diocesan News will have noted last month the article on "Sea Sunday" – an opportunity to give thanks to seafarers and all that they do.

We give thanks to all those "in peril on the sea" to the Sea Cadets attending our service and members of the Royal National Lifeboat Association.



## **Ride + Stride**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sept**

We will remain open until 4pm to welcome any "Ride+Stride" participants on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

"Ride+Stride" is a sponsored bike ride or walk in which people from all over England walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Cornwall to Northumberland. The money they raise helps to save historic churches, chapels and meeting houses for future generations by helping to fund urgent repairs and the installation of modern facilities.

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## **The Sally Army – marching on prayer and a smile**

On 20th August the Church of England marks the lives of two formidable Christian pioneers of the Victorian era, William and Catherine Booth. Faced with the poverty and deprivation of the growing cities of the industrial revolution, they founded a new and revolutionary Christian mission. Eventually named the 'Salvation Army', it met with ridicule and abuse at first, but when people saw how lives were changed and families rescued from squalor and despair, attitudes altered. By the Great War years the Salvation Army – 'the Sally Army' as it was affectionately dubbed – was every soldier's favourite charity. They were always there, just behind the front line, with a cup of tea, a smiling face and a prayer.

As the recent TV series 'The Sally Army and Me' presented by Paul O'Grady demonstrated, although our cities are very different now, they still hide a multitude of desperate human needs. The Booths' unusual 'army' is still there, still smiling and still praying.