



STOCKPORT PARISH CHURCH
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 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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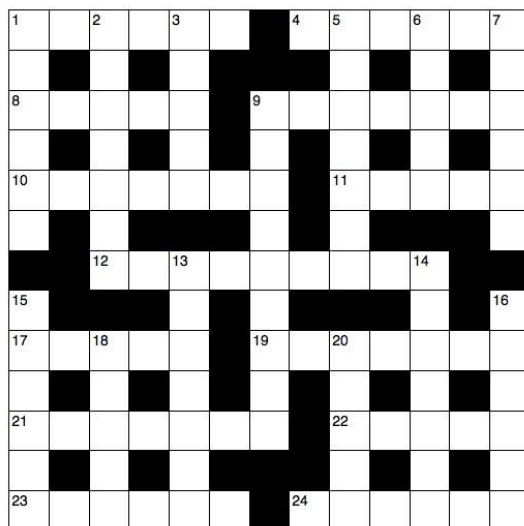
Sunday 5 th June	Civic Service with Rt Rev Libby Lane Bishop of Stockport	10.00am NOTE TIME CHANGE
Monday, 6 th June	NEW St Mary's with St Andrew's Gardening Club	Meet at St Andrews Community Church at 10.30am
Tuesday, 7 th June	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 12 th June	Morning Prayer Queens 90 th Birthday Celebration Afternoon Tea with "Contact the Elderly"	10.30am 3.00pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday, 14 th June	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 19 th June	Holy Communion Nave Café Sunday Lunch	10.30pm 12.30pm for 1.00pm
Monday, 20 th June	St Mary's with St Andrew's Gardening Club	Meet at St Andrews Community Church at 10.30am
Tuesday, 21 st June	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service Art Exhibition (St Mary's)	10.00am 12.15pm
Thursday, 23 rd June	Referendum Art Exhibition (St Mary's)	St Andrews acting as Polling Station
Friday, 24 th June	Art Exhibition (St Mary's)	
Saturday, 24 th June	Art Exhibition (St Mary's)	
Sunday, 26 th June	Morning Prayer	10.30pm
Tuesday, 28 th June	Holy Communion Lunch-time Service	10.00am 12.15pm

The Nave Café - As we approach our 4th Birthday (yes that is correct FOUR years since we opened) we feel that it is time to "take stock" and review how the café is doing. We will be talking to our business partners 'Pure Innovations' to explore what works for them/us and what doesn't, but we would also love to hear your thoughts, so will be undertaking a short survey to see what our customers/potential customers are thinking four year on.

Maybe you are a regular café user – thank you so much for your custom – but maybe you would like to see something different on the menu????? Maybe you prefer to have a coffee and a snack elsewhere – in which case WHY????? What are we doing wrong????? What can we do to persuade you to come to us?????

Without doubt the café does make an income for the church, one that is vital for our cash-flow and existence, but to be honest it isn't enough! Our average "profit" at the present time is around £175 per week (but that is only food profits – it doesn't take into consideration the electricity and water charges it takes to run the café – both of which are high!) Whilst being "honest" (always the best policy) it can be very disappointing when we have extremely quiet days and when people don't stay even when the church is relatively busy. It takes a lot of work in the background ensuring that food is delivered from our suppliers, that our Food Hygiene standards are maintained, and that the doors actually open at 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

We therefore need to look at ways to increase our usage, both in terms of financial gain but also (and very important for a project such as this) how we keep our "café colleagues" busy and challenged (especially the trainees – the managers are probably challenged enough). We appreciate that there are limitations to what we can do, but there is always room for improvement and to take on board new ideas. We are happy to discuss private bookings, and to run events. We are keen to go "that extra mile". Have your say as to how we may do just that!



Across 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)

4 Place of learning (6)

8 'When Moses' hands grew —, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)

9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)

10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)

11 Where Saul went to consult

a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)

12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)

17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)

19 So clear (anag.) (7)

21 'I have just got —, so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)

22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)

23 Musical beat (6)

24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

Down 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6) 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)

3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5) 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)

6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5) 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)

9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9) 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)

14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)

15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)

16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)

18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)

20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

Welcome to the new Mayor of Stockport

Civic Service



Sunday, 5th June 2016

at St Mary's

10.00AM



In the presence of

The Worshipful the Mayor & Mayoress

Cllr Chris Gordon & Dr Margaret Gordon

With the Rt Rev Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport

& Rev Susan Shrine, Vicar of St Barnabas, Bredbury (Mayor's Chaplain)

Queens 90th Birthday Celebration

Sunday Afternoon Tea

with "Contact the Elderly"

12th June 2016

3pm – 5pm



Sponsored by

The Rotary Club of Stockport

NEW

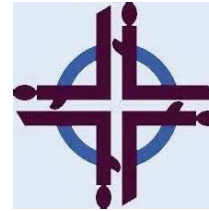
St Mary's with St Andrew's Gardening Club

YOU DON'T NEED GREEN FINGERS to come and join us but your help would be appreciated and at the same time we can have little fun and see what we can do to turn our gardening adventure into something "special", with regular meetings, social events and outings.... expand our membership into the surrounding community etc.

However before we get carried away we do need to do a little "hands on". As most of you will know Roger did most (if not all) the gardening himself at The Rectory and St Andrews, bringing in professional help a couple of times a year for maintaining the trees and various hedging. Following his retirement we now need to keep the grounds of St Andrews up to "scratch" as indeed we do at St Mary's Rectory – there is a Diocesan requirement for us to do that - and to look after some of the flower beds down at St Mary's (the ones that by agreement the Council don't touch).

The first meeting (for those who can make it) will be held on Monday, 6th June – meeting at St Andrews – say 10.30am. We can have a coffee and a chat whatever the weather and decide what needs doing and how to tackle it. Subsequent meetings are presently scheduled for the 20th June, 4th July, 17th July, 1st August, 15th August. We'll see how we go and take it from there.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered – we will (at least initially) need to provide our own tools although we do have a modern motor mower for the lawns – but it doesn't like long grass so short and cut regularly is the key to success!



It may seem a long time before the next Women's World Day of Prayer Service in March 2017, to be held at St Joseph's, but our local co-ordinators are already making preparations and planning support activities.

**You are invited to attend a Coffee Morning on
Thursday 7th July 2016
10.30 to 12.00
at
260 Bramhall Lane, Davenport, SK3 8TR**

Admission £2.00 [Coffee and Cakes]

The proceeds will be used to defray expenses for the 2017 service so that the whole collection can be given to the WWDP. The theme for 2017 will be "Am I being Unfair to You?" The Philippines.

Thanks to Sandra Glauser for offering to host this event on behalf of the WWDP



Stockport Youth Orchestra

60th Anniversary Season

Recital Evening

Saturday, 2nd July 7.30pm
at St Mary's in the Marketplace

**A celebrity evening
featuring SYO members past and present**

Do come and support us – further details to follow



Thank You Catriona for re-planting our “hats” (see also cover photo).
If anyone is able to provide us with bedding out plants for the main display bed, your gift to St Mary's would be greatly appreciated.

ACROSS: 1, Ambush. 4, School. 8, Tired. 9, Famines. 10, Citadel. 11, Endor. 12, Atonement. 17, Avert. 19, Oracles. 21, Married. 22, Lance. 23, Rhythm. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre. 9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Tal-ents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.

HYMN: Lord, for the years

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim;
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.**

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Rev Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's Finlandia, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so – 'Lord for the years' was written.

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, at his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn are true for the Queen herself, as she celebrates her 90th birthday this month. She does indeed thank God 'for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

And so indeed the 'extra' verse added for the Queen has also held true:

**Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim,
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.**

LUNCH HOUR SERVICES

Summer 2016. [12.15 – 12.50 p.m.]

Songs of Hope - Parables of Growth

June 14	Walk, stand, sit (Psalm 1)
June 21	Where the answer lies (Matthew 13: 1-9) (The Ven. Ian Bishop)
June 28	Rulers beware and be wise (Psalm 2)
July 5	Outwitted? (Matthew 13: 24-30)
July 12	When life comes crashing in (Psalm 3)
July 19	Hidden growth (Matthew 13: 31-35)
July 26	Peace under pressure (Psalm 4) (The Revd Simon Donohoe)
August 2	How much is this worth? (Matthew 13: 44-52)
August 9	Question Time

Holiday Postcards

August 16	On the shore (The Revd Andy Livingston)
August 23	Up a mountain
August 30	On the water

St Andrews

The one thing no one wants to see is mindless damage to their property caused by who knows who and for no apparent purpose, but yet again we have been the target of vandalism. This time at St Andrew's on Hall Street. Having broken in by removing a decorative

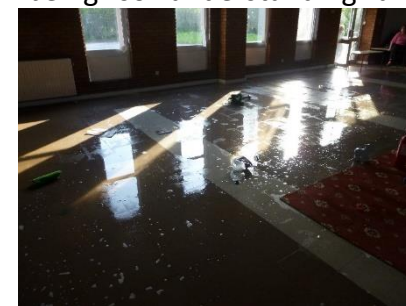


board under a back window, the intruders proceeded to strew the contents of the store rooms on to the floor, empty cupboards and drawers in the kitchen, discharge the contents of the fire extinguishers and empty all the contents of every bottle of cleaning fluid, floor stripper/polish etc. up the walls, down the doors and all over



the Large Hall floor, turning it into an "ice rink" of chemicals. The piano moved across the room turned into a sticky mess, the fire door damaged and left playing (background music maybe) the CD player, property of Stockport Evangelical Church.

We remain for the time being in the hands of the Loss Adjuster, but sincere thanks to our "users" for being so understanding and especially to those who helped in the clean-up operation – Stockport RC Drift Club & Stockport Evangelical Church. Our appreciation to the support of GM Police and Ecclesiastical Insurance, to the Archdeacon of Macclesfield and our Rural Dean.



The Nave Café

Sunday Lunches.....

19th June

17th July

14th August

11th September [Heritage open day]

9th October

6th November

For a number of reasons we haven't arranged any "Nave Café" Social Events this year, so to put that right we have decided to serve Sunday Lunch after our morning service on the above dates.

Fellowship, friendship, the chance not to have to make your own lunch, and the opportunity to "fund raise" for the ministry and mission of St Mary's.

Please come and join us, invite family and friends – we really need your support. For catering purposes these will be "ticketed" events, lists available at the "welcome desk".

Interregnum Update

So many times we are asked who will be coming (and when) but it is still early days and a lengthy process to fill a vacancy.

The Parochial Church Council have met (as legally required by church rules) and received letters from the Bishop of Chester and Patron of St Mary's (Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge) a formal requirement

The Churchwardens, in liaison with the PCC, Rural Dean and Archdeacon of Macclesfield are presently preparing the "Parish Profile" (which is basically a statement describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish) and "Fact Sheet" (more in-depth statistical information etc.) .

In the meantime we carry on as normal and thank all those members of the Clergy and Lay-Readers who have to date assisted us by conducting our Tuesday & Sunday services.

Happy Retirement David

Our card stand outside the Heritage Centre is presently empty as we wish our previous supplier (of what were lovely cards and calendars) a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Thank you David (Whitehead) for working with us over the years and being a true friend to St Mary's. Enjoy your retirement and we look forward to seeing you whenever you are able to call in.

Christian Aid – Sausage Sarnie... £70.50 -

Many thanks to those who purchased a "sausage sarnie" or just donated to our Christian Aid collection.