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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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Parish Magazine

May 2015

WE-DAY!
VE 70
LET THE MEMORY LIVE ON
IT'S OVER IN EUROPE
BRITAIN'S DAY OF REJOICING

50p

your contribution towards the cost of producing this magazine
to be placed in the donations box please

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

Sunday, 3 rd May	Service of Holy Communion	10.30am
Tuesday, 5 th May	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Lunch-time Service	12.15pm
	<i>NOTE: Churchwardens and Sides-persons: To attend - Archdeacons Visitation to be held at All Saints MARPLE 7.30pm</i>	
Friday, 8th May – Sunday, 10th May	3-day weekend of events will mark the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day	
Friday, 8 th May		
Saturday, 9 th May		
Sunday, 10 th May	Service of Morning Prayer	10.30am
	Thanksgiving and Commemoration Service	3.00pm
Tuesday, 12 th May	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Lunch-time Service	12.15pm
Sunday, 17 th May	Service of Holy Communion	10.30am
Tuesday, 19 th May	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Lunch-time Service	12.15pm
Sunday, 24 th May	WHIT SUNDAY Service of Morning Prayer 10.30am Church Open Sunday afternoon for visitors	
Tuesday, 26 th May	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Lunch-time Service	12.15pm
Saturday, 30 th May	St Mary's Plant Sale	10.00am
Sunday, 31 st May	Service of Holy Communion	10.30am



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LET THE MEMORY LIVE ON

ON 8 MAY 1945, BRITAIN ERUPTED INTO JOYFUL, EUPHORIC CELEBRATION. THE EAGERLY AWAITED NEWS HAD FINALLY ARRIVED – WAR WAS OVER. GERMANY HAD SURRENDERED AND VICTORY IN EUROPE WAS ASSURED.

**If you are old enough to remember, tell us your story and
we'll print it later in the year**

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CROSSWORD Answers.

ACROSS: 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.

DOWN: 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

Wedding Bells..... in duplicate!



Presented for Confirmation with Alex (left) was Heather Mackay (third left) a candidate from St George's. A double celebration for Alex and Suzanne and Heather and Shaun, as both couples marry on the same day.

Congratulations to both couples



Mr & Mrs Wigley leaving St Mary's on Saturday, 25th April

From the Rector's "i-pad"

Dear Reader



Today, May 1st is my Birthday, which I share with Marion Gordon. On May 3rd Frank Hamnett celebrates his birthday, followed by others of course in the merry month of May. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

With these celebrations at the beginning of the month we also enjoy another Bank Holiday, which is always a special treat for those who would otherwise be working, though for me it is generally just another working day! Enjoy your Bank Holiday!

On May 8-11 the Country will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the end of the War in Europe in 1945, known as V.E.Day. For those of us who were born after that date, this is simply a date in the history books.

For those who remember the Second World War, it will be a day to remember, with mixed emotions. I am glad that we shall be able to give expression to those mixed emotions at a very special Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's, to which representatives from many walks of life will be invited to join us on the Sunday. Please come and be part of that unique and historic occasion.

Many, of course, will be celebrating the results of the General Election which has been timed to fall just before that historic anniversary. Our own St. Andrews Community Centre is used every year as a Polling Station, which I think is a very good use of the building, functioning well for the general benefit of the wider community.



70th
ANNIVERSARY

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMEMORATION
TO MARK THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY 1945**

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2015

AT 3PM

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**Stockport Parish Church
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**A SPECIAL SERVICE TO MARK
THE RESTORATION, CONSERVATION
AND REORDERING OF ST. MARY'S 2006-2015**

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2015 at 3.00pm
with the Bishop of Chester - Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster



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The deadly menace of the V2 rockets, silent carriers of instant destruction, was a thing of the (recent) past.

Mr Churchill had set out a pathway to a better future. 'Magnanimity in victory' would mean that Germany would not be humiliated. She would be helped to rebuild as a free and democratic society, but only after an absolute and unconditional surrender. There would be no negotiating, no possible argument about the outcome of those terrible years of war. Europe was now at peace, and would remain so for a long while.

Siegfried Sassoon captured the same moment 27 years earlier, at the end of the Great War, in a poem of ecstatic relief:

Everyone suddenly burst out singing...

The song was wordless; the singing will never be done.

Neither the ecstasy nor the song can actually last for ever, but the memory of the moment remains with us older folk who were there on that remarkable May day, 70 years ago.

David Winter

[You may not know David Winter but he has written down his thoughts on that day 70 years ago - we invite you to do the same. Tell us your story ...]

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LET THE MEMORY LIVE ON

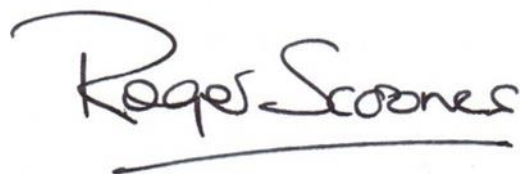
For a number of years I was a Polling Clerk, and Presiding Officer at the Polling Station, which was very interesting indeed, if rather a long 16 hour day! We wish them well, on that long day!

On May 31 I may well find myself preaching on the subject of the Holy Trinity, because it is Trinity Sunday . This will be the 35th Anniversary of my first attempt at a sermon in a church. It was heard in Bristol, where the Theological College at which I was training , sent us out to Parishes to get practical experience! I am sure the congregations enjoyed hearing us trying our best, in those early years! Sadly the vicar to whom I was sent was most discouraging, and commented only that " he had not invited me, I had been sent" and that " he had asked me to speak for 9 minutes and I had spoken for 13!" What's new?! As the Doctrine of The Holy and Undivided Trinity is arguably the most difficult subject to preach on, I forever look forward to Trinity Sunday, that personal and painful anniversary, with some trepidation and discomfort!

So, tempus fugit! Time flies! However young or old you are, may I wish you a very Happy Birthday, when it comes around, and a happy and meaningful Anniversary, whatever you may be remembering.

As for Parliament, we will continue to pray for our newly elected Members of Parliament and our new Prime Minister and Government, as we have done in the past!

Yours sincerely, and wishing the years weren't rushing past so fast!

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

Church of England welcomes Royal Assent for Lords Spiritual (Women) Act

The Church of England has welcomed recently given Royal Assent for an Act that will bring forward the introduction of the first women diocesan bishops into the House of Lords.

Notification of Royal Assent for the Lords Spiritual (Women) Act was given in the House of Lords shortly before Parliament rose for the General Election. Under the terms of the Act, the Venerable Rachel Treweek, Archdeacon of Hackney, who has been announced as the next Bishop of Gloucester, will become the first female diocesan bishop to join the Bishops' Benches in the House of Lords.

Archdeacon Rachel will take the place vacated by the Bishop of Leicester, Tim Stevens, who retires on 11th July. She will be introduced into the House of Lords after the summer recess.

Under current rules, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishops of London, Durham and Winchester are entitled to sit in the House of Lords from the start of their appointments. The new Act, which will come into force in the next Parliament, makes provision for vacancies among the remaining 21 places, which are normally filled according to length of service, to be filled as they arise by eligible female diocesan bishops. The provision will remain in place for 10 years, equivalent to two fixed term Parliaments.

The legislation does not prevent male bishops from entering the House of Lords during this period as vacancies will be filled, as is currently the case, by the longest serving male diocesan bishop if there is no eligible female diocesan bishop in line at that time.

After the end of the 10-year period, the provision made by the Act will come to an end and the current arrangements under the Bishops Act 1878 for determining which bishops are to fill vacancies in the House of Lords will be restored.

St Mary's Spring Fayre



Another first for St Mary's as TWENTY tables were borrowed from the Market Hall and we set-up for a bumper "Spring Fayre" and Craft sale. We have to thank members of the Stockport Crafters (now very much part of our Thursday Craft Group) and in particular Anna Rogers for her help in making the day such fun and a great success.



Although sales could have been better, we need to get established and very much hope that we can learn from the experience and make this

an annual event growing from strength to strength.

The St Mary's stall(s) raised £178.00 to which will be added the "table income" from the stallholders when transferred into our bank account. Many thanks too to the "St Mary's" Team involved in organising and running the event.



This may be classified as a working lunch!



Staying on after the Sunday service into "events mode" and it is always as well to find something to eat. "Sunday Lunch" in the Nave Café kitchen as the SYO rehearse in church.

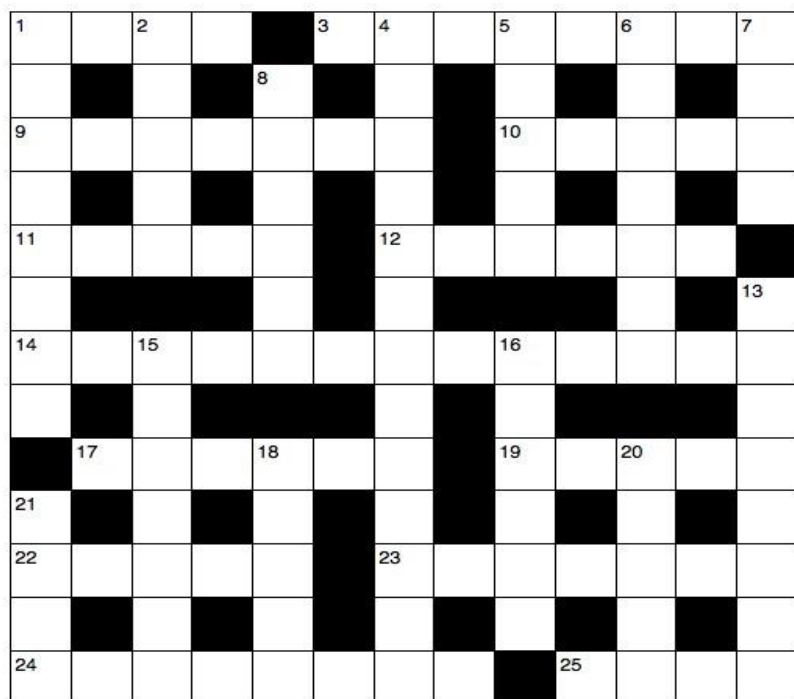
Remember your elders

Elders come into blossom this month, and while these beautiful white flowers are fresh, don't miss your opportunity to make elderflower presse – it is a simple yet delicious drink.



You will need: 6 – 8 large heads of elderflower; 4.5 litres of water, 600g sugar; two lemons, sliced, and two tbsp white wine vinegar.

The method is easy: pick the flowers on a sunny day, when they are dry and fully open. (Just keep an eye out for any bugs!) Boil the water, and then dissolve the sugar in it. Leave it to cool, and then transfer it to a sterilised bowl. Add the elderflowers and lemons, cover and leave for 48 hours. Then strain the liquid into screw-cap lemonade bottles, and leave it to stand for a week. By then it should be nice and fizzy. Serve it well chilled. Enjoy!



Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)

- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

Manchester Chorale with Norris Bank Primary School & Stockport Youth Orchestra

A musical double with two concerts on the same weekend.

The Manchester Chorale held it's second concert of the year here with us at St Mary's. The choir arrived early in the afternoon for rehearsals, stayed with us for tea (a new sandwich challenge for the Nave Café) and performed a most beautiful concert. The Manchester Chorale is without doubt a high-quality, mixed-voice choir – a joy to hear. For this concert they were joined by Norris Bank Primary School Choir – the link between the two being that Musical Director Jill Henderson-Wild works for the Stockport Music Service. It is a wonderful idea – 50 or so children are in the NBPS Choir, their parents in the audience. The children get to hear what a good choir sounds like, the parents hear them too and keep the kids motivated to keep singing. Better still – full house!



We had a second “full-house” to an equally delightful concert the following evening. The return of Stockport Youth Orchestra to St Mary's – a different style and a different layout. What talented youngsters we have

around Stockport – the makings of great musicians – the standard was outstanding. We look forward to welcoming the orchestra back again in the not too distant future – they like us and feel at home at St Mary's! We are in the process of booking their 60th Anniversary Concert next year.

On display at St Thomas' “Easter Egg Festival

“our three eggs!



Having arrived early ours were just about the first eggs to be put on display with the whole of the church to choose from. Taking exactly the same slot as last year – and allowed to extend over the normal half-table of allocated space, they sat there for all to see. As for the remaining small amount of table space – well we shared with Christian Aid and fortunately they only had a single offering

(although it was a good sized egg) and not multiple hatchings... They are fun to do and it is always nice to be able to support neighbouring churches and organisations within the community with their fund raising activities. Granted, only one entry donation was paid – so guess we got “value for money” sneaking in multiple eggs! AND “no” if you were wondering, it wasn't paid out of church funds but the Treasurers own purse!



VE 70 - LET THE MEMORY LIVE ON

VE Day 1945: EVERYONE BURST OUT SINGING

May 8th 1945 was VE Day - 'Victory in Europe'. The war was not entirely over, because the third member of the Axis, Japan, was as yet undefeated and still occupied large areas of Asia. But for the people of Britain this felt like the end of five years of war - bombing, conscription, rationing, military and civilian casualties and constant anxiety. To most people's surprise, the Second World War had lasted longer than the first one, and though the casualties were not as horrendous, they would be multiplied before a year was out by the victims of the atomic bomb attacks on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

But on 8th May, 70 years ago this month, everyone was singing. Hitler had committed suicide in his bunker in Berlin on 30th April. The formal acts of surrender by Germany were signed in Rheims on 7th May, and in Berlin on 8th May, and the latter date was declared a day of national rejoicing. Huge crowds gathered in city centres, street parties were arranged, church bells rang and there were many services of thanksgiving.

As a schoolboy - 14 at the time - I shared in the general feeling of relief, though we all knew that recovery, socially and economically, would be slow. Rationing of many foods (including sweets and chocolates) continued into the 1950s, and the damage caused by bombing would leave scars in many towns and cities that took more than a decade to heal. Yet nothing, on that May morning, was going to stop the celebrations. If relief was the primary emotion, there was also more than a hint of satisfaction. We had won the war. The Nazi menace had been faced and seen off. Hitler and his accomplices - men who had organised the slaughter of millions of Jews and other 'deviants' in concentration camps - were dead or under arrest.

St Mary's Plant Sale

Saturday, 30th May 2015
10.00am

[please let us know if you are able to provide plants for the sale]. Set-up



Christian Aid – Souper Soup Lunches

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christian Aid "Souper Soup" lunches during Lent. The sale of soup/bread on the three Tuesdays selected raised £130.00.

We'll do it again on Tuesday, 12th May – so please support us.



St George's Day at the Nave Café



It was a simple meal of “bang-ers and mash” with baked beans and onion gravy followed by apple pie with custard/cream, enjoyed by all those attending our tea-time event.

Our newly donated flag of St George ceremonially displayed (for a few minutes at least) before being taken up the tower by Roger and Adam.



The new flag is the generous gift of Mr Konrad Bartosz a well known local hair-dresser. THANK YOU, Konrad!

Service of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion with the Right Reverent Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport.



St Mary's Confirmation candidates Razieh Javanbakht and Alexander Wigley shown here with Bishop Libby at a very special service held at St George's on the 22nd April.

Razieh presented for Baptism and Confirmation and Alex for Confirmation it was indeed a very special occasion which they will

no doubt remember for the rest of their lives.

Our candidates were well supported by members of the St Mary's congregation – some of which can be seen below with Bishop Libby, and the Rector of course!

