



**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**

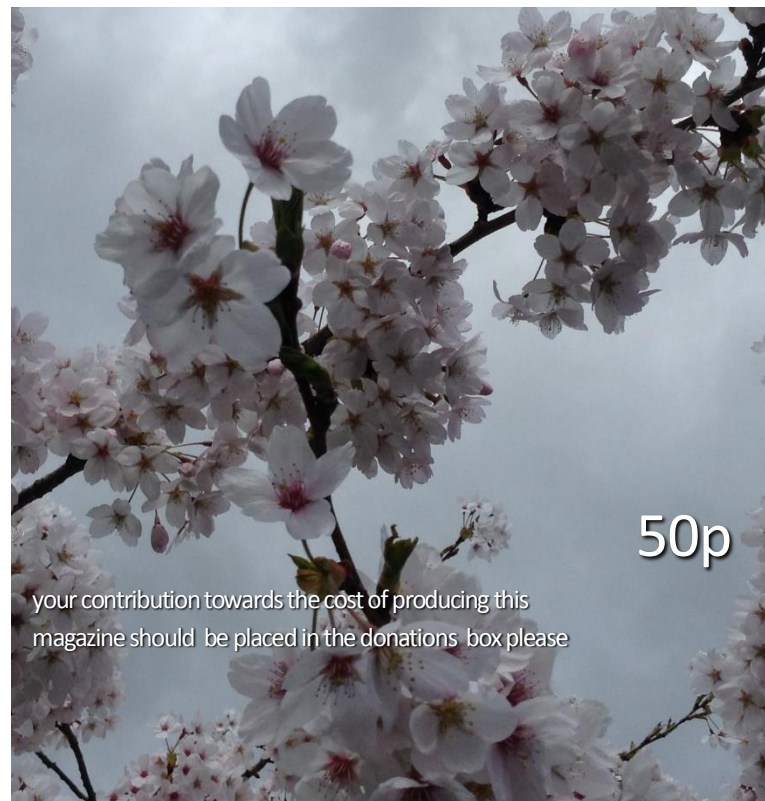
Wedding, Baptism, Funeral and other services by arrangement.

**St Mary's and the Nave Café is open – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday &  
Saturday from 9.00am – 3.00pm**



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**Parish Magazine – April 2016**



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### April 2016 at St Mary's

Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Morning Prayer	10.30am
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning Prayer	10.30am
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Communion	10.30am
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Nick Henshall Celebration Concert	7.30pm
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning Prayer	10.30am
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Communion Lunchtime Service	10.00am 12.15pm
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April & Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	FOLK FESTIVAL Appearing at St Mary's the Manchester Morris Men	



### Christian Aid Week – 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016

If you share Jesus' heart for people living in extreme poverty, join us with a Big Brekkie fundraiser. Jesus calls us to love our neighbours – and not just the people who live next door or down the street.

Answer God's call to end poverty.

Support our "Big Brekkie" breakfasts at the Nave Café during Christian Aid Week.



**NICHOLAS HENSHALL  
CELEBRATION CONCERT**

**SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2016 7.30pm**

**ST MARY'S IN THE MARKETPLACE STOCKPORT SK1 1YG**

featuring

James Bowman (counter tenor)  
Margaret McDonald (mezzo soprano)  
Alex Jones (double bass)  
Harvey Davies (harpsichord)  
John Turner (recorder)  
Peter Lawson (piano)  
Simon Fraser (oboe)  
Heather Bills (cello)

music includes

Bach/ Purcell / Handel / Douglas Steele / Peter Hope / Luke Whitlock

**ADMISSION FREE**  
**RETIRING COLLECTION**  
**FOR ST ANN'S HOSPICE & ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**Meeting of Parishioners &**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

Election of Churchwardens

Adam John Pinder

Susan Margaret Heap

Election of new PCC Members (for a period of three years)

Tony Marsh

Pat Birch

Appointment of Sides-persons:-

Barbara Ashton

Isobel Clarkson

Margaret Forster

Frank Hamnett

Irene Hamnett

*Susan Heap*

Roger Hulme

Yvonne Ingham

Jane Jullien

*Adam Pinder*

Margaret Shuttleworth

Catriona Smith

Carol Taylor

Ann West

If anyone still requires a copy of the "Annual & Treasurers Report 2015"  
please let us know at the Welcome Desk or email  
[st.marystockport@gmail.com](mailto:st.marystockport@gmail.com)

**Monday 16th May 2016**

Archdeacons Visitation for Cheadle, Macclesfield & Stockport

To be held at St George, Stockport at 7.30pm

Churchwardens are required and Sides-persons are requested to attend  
the Archdeacons Visitation.



**Our thanks to Roger for the two beautiful flower displays purchased by him as a gift to St Mary's for Palm Sunday/Easter Day.** The splendid displays were made up for him by our friends from Cheshire Flowers. Thanks also to everyone who contributed towards the cost of providing the other flowers in church over Easter.

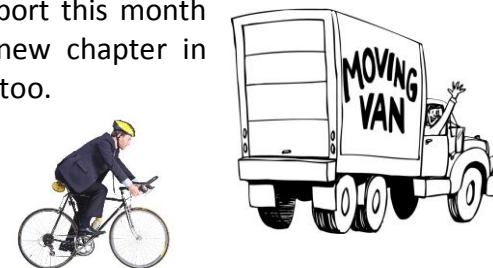


Plans are in the pipe-line to work with Cheshire Flowers/Cheshire Weddings and to host a "Flower Festival" and "Wedding Fayre" at St Mary's in the future – both occasions to look forward to.

Our connection with Cheshire Flowers goes further than floral displays of course and we look forward to the Affinity Show Choir returning to St Mary's. They will certainly be here at Christmas (with the Beechwood Choir) in support of Beechwood Cancer Care, but we will aim to have them back with us before then.

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT – the Affinity Show Choir will be performing at Hazel Grove Methodist Church (along with the Hazel Grove Brass Band) in support of the Mayor of Stockport Charity (Stockport Young Carers) – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm £6.00. Please come along if you possibly can.

We have said our formal farewells to Roger and wished him a long and happy retirement as he leaves Stockport this month and heads for the Cotswolds. A new chapter in Roger's life and a new chapter in ours too.



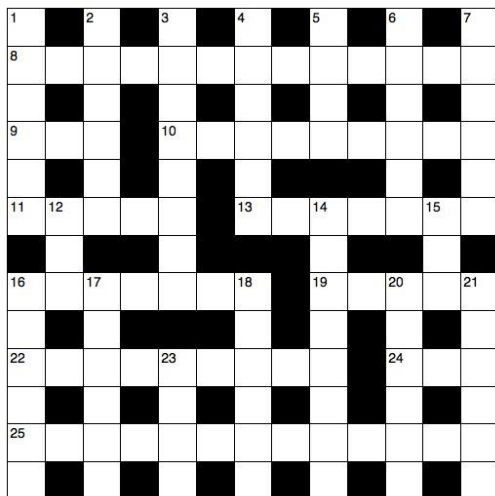
When a parish is vacant there is a legal process to follow and so we begin a journey, one that we will take together. The Churchwardens, along with the Rural Dean take responsibility for the life and work of the church, but clearly they should not be expected to carry the full burden themselves and will need the full support of everyone.

The Parochial Church Council will also have a lot of work ahead and we ask for your prayers and help as we take our first steps, in liaison with the Diocese, towards the next chapter in the life of Stockport Parish Church [St Mary's in the Marketplace]. We will keep you informed as to what is happening as and when we know ourselves!

In the meantime arrangements will be made for our Sunday and Tuesday services to continue as normal and for appropriate cover to be available. We thank Canon John Briggs for his offer of assistance, in particular concerning the organisation of our Tuesday lunch-time services.

Arrangements concerning the Nave Café will continue as normal as will the work undertaken by Stockport Heritage Trust. We continue to take bookings and the organising/hosting events.





#### ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)  
 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)  
 10 Comes between Galatians and Philipians (9)  
 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)  
 13 Muslim holy month (7)  
 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)  
 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)  
 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)  
 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)  
 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

#### DOWN

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)  
 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)  
 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)  
 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)  
 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)  
 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)  
 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)  
 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)  
 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)  
 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)  
 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)  
 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)  
 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)  
 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)  
 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)  
 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

## A SPECIAL SERVICE TO MARK THE RESTORATION, CONSERVATION AND REORDERING OF ST. MARY'S 2006-2016



organist Peter Williamson. The bells sounded thanks to Steeple Keeper Clive Calton and his visiting bell ringers.

It was certainly a day to remember for a long time to come and the opportunity for us to welcome to St Mary's for this special service the Rt Rev Libby Lane. Bishop of Stockport, along with Stockport Youth Orchestra, Offerton Methodist Choir and guest

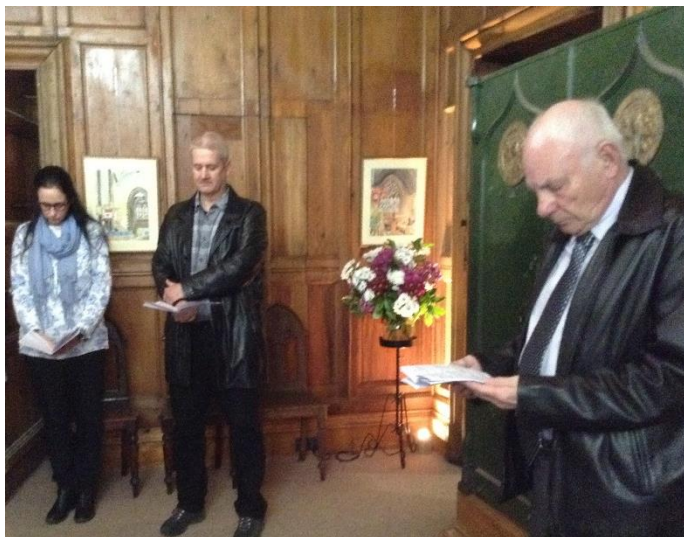


Sat at the front of the congregation we were delighted that Warren Smith [Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester] and Sharman Birtles [High Sheriff] were able to join us as well as Cllr Andrew Verdeille and Cleo Cundall [Mayor and Mayoress of Stockport] with Cllr Sue Derbyshire [Leader of Stockport Council]. Members of the Project Team: John Prichard [Architect], Canon John Briggs [Project Co-ordinator] Isobel Clarkson [Appeal Treasurer] & Sue Heap [Administrator] with guest Sophie McKee [Grants Officer from the Heritage Lottery Fund]. It is always lovely to see the church full - a very big "thank you" to everyone that accepted our invitation and came to celebrate with us on this special Palm Sunday.

**Re-dedication of the Rector's Vestry, Choir Vestry and areas occupied by Stockport Heritage Trust**



Shown above: Roger with Bishop Libby, Isobel Clarkson, John Briggs and Coral Dransfield [SHT].  
Below: Sophie McKee, John Prichard & Tony Marsh [SHT].



**If you haven't been in the newly refurbished area(s) please do so there is lots to see...**







## Easter Sunday 2016

### **A fond farewell to the Rector following our Easter Sunday morning service.**

Presented by Frank Hamnett the joint congregations of St Mary's are providing transport for life in the Cotswolds as Rev Roger has decided that it is time to take

to cycling – you do however need to use your imagination as he holds the pretend handlebars in the photo [right] as taken by Phil Rowbotham sat in the congregation. A shiny new bike is on order and will travel to Fairford in the removal van, but we very much hope that Roger will enjoy riding around the country lanes on two wheels. As you can see from Phil's photo, he has already got his helmet and high-visual jacket.



The church was full and it was again lovely to see so many faces, many able to stay behind for a buffet lunch. Thanks to Robert Nicholls for playing the organ at Rogers last service at St Mary's.

Dear friends at St.Mary's,

The farewell which you gave me on Easter Sunday and in the days before I left the Parish were times I will never forget, and which I will remember with great affection. I am leaving Stockport with many happy memories, and a sense of deep satisfaction that the work has been done. The Service of Thanksgiving on Palm Sunday was also one of those great occasions, to which St.Mary's is so well suited. I could not have done the work alone, however, and I am so grateful to you all for the help and encouragement you have been to me over the years. We have worked hard together and much has been achieved. As we look back, I'm sure we will say that these were good years, despite all the upheavals and changes, which the work has entailed. There is still much to do, and St. Mary's has a great future ahead of her.

For me, it's simply a matter of "on yer bike", as I pedal off to the Cotswolds to begin a new life and ministry in retirement. I am very grateful indeed for the splendid gift of a Raleigh Bicycle Pioneer 3 diamond frame model, with all mod cons! I shall, of course, wear a helmet, which you saw on Easter Day, as I meander round the country lanes! I think you can imagine the scene. I have received so many lovely and most generous individual gifts too, besides many greetings cards to send me on my way, and for all of which I am very grateful.

Finally, please be sure that I will be remembering you in my prayers, and my thoughts will often turn to Stockport, the Market and St. Mary's, and wonder how you are all getting on. And who knows, I may even find one or two familiar faces visiting me in my new home, since where God has called me to live seems to be such a popular holiday destination!

As the paper weight which my dear parents gave to me on my Ordination in 1982 says, words which I commend to you:

"Entrust the Past to God's Mercy, the Present to His Love and the Future to His Providence" God bless you and guide you into the future, sure of His promises to you, dear Reader.

Yours Very Sincerely

*Roger Scoones*

**Tuesday Lunchtime Services      12.15pm – 12.50pm**  
**Everyone Welcome**

**Letter to an important town: Studies in 1 Corinthians 1-4**

<b>April 12</b>	Living at two addresses (1:1-9)
<b>April 19</b>	Sticking together (1: 10-19)
<b>April 26</b>	God's amazing wisdom (1: 20 – 2:5) (Rev Andy Livingston)
<b>May 3</b>	Beyond science, history, imagination... (2: 5-16)
<b>May 10</b>	Question Time
<b>May 17</b>	Who really counts in the church? (3: 1-9)
<b>May 24</b>	All things are yours! (3: 10-23)
<b>May 31</b>	Knowing yourself (4: 1-7) (Canon Rob McLaren)
<b>June 7</b>	The power, the glory and the cost (4: 8-21) (Revd Richard Lawry)

**These services**

Following the retirement of the Rev Roger Scoones, these services are being organised and led by Canon John Briggs who can be contacted on 01625 267228, with other speakers from time to time. Information correct at time of printing.

**All welcome**

It is hoped the services are an encouragement to shoppers, office workers and other who are free to attend this informal act of worship lasting 35 minutes.

**A question box** is provided for any who wish to submit a topic (see May 10).

**Easter Smarties**

Thank you to those who have returned their "Smartie" containers – 18 to date the contents amounting to the value of £167.41

No rush for those of you who are still filling the tubes – just drop them off at church whenever you are ready. We'll do a final "tot-up" later on

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

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