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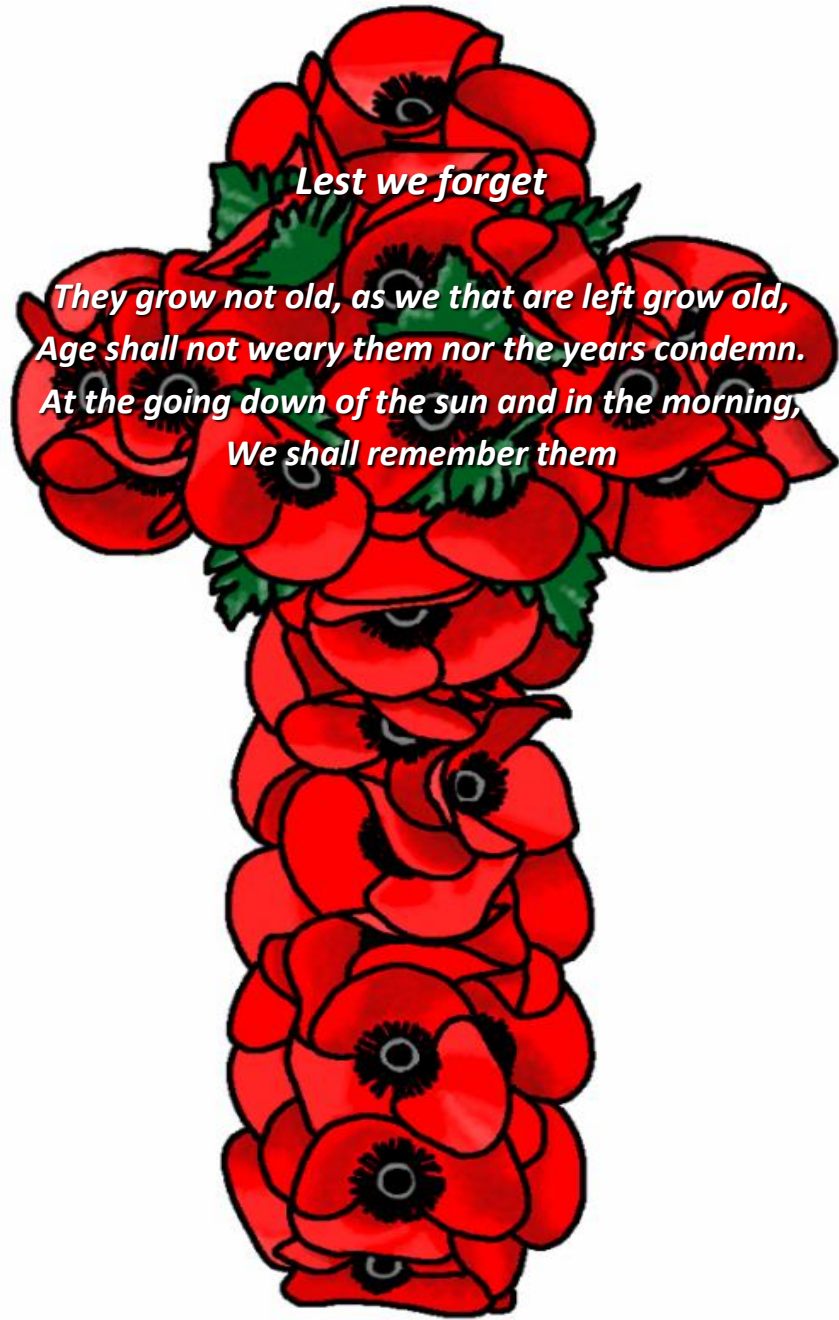
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November  
2019

**Parish of Stockport and Brinnington**  
**St Mary - St Thomas - St Luke**





*Lest we forget*

*They grow not old, as we that are left grow old,  
 Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
 We shall remember them*

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## World Day of Prayer - Zimbabwe ZW 2020

Doesn't time fly? It isn't so long since we joined with the women of Slovenia SI, to pray for our communities, and open our hearts to invite others to celebrate with us. Next March it's the turn of the Christian women of Zimbabwe and **the Stockport group is holding its service at the Salvation Army Citadel in Cheadle Heath**. Our service is only one of many in over 120 countries, creating a wave of prayer around the globe, starting at sunrise in Samoa, and ending at sunset in American Samoa- 36 hours later. (I haven't looked into this but if anyone can explain it to me, please do! Something to do with the international dateline I guess.)

Please make a date in your diary for **March 6th 2020, at the new time of 1.30 pm** so that hopefully more people will be able to attend (eg those who are picking up children from school). The theme this year is "Rise! Take your mat and walk!" Zimbabwe has had a troubled past, and the idea is to look forward to a future with the hope of full reconciliation.

Please invite your friends and neighbours- if anyone is interested in joining the committee, please ask me.

Catriona Smith - Secretary of the Stockport Centre Committee for World Day of Prayer.

## Remembering

November is the month we remember and our remembering is important. Each 11th November as we remember those lost in conflict, we turn to the lists of names on memorials around the country, and across the world; names which speak of so many lives lost in the fight for many of the freedoms we enjoy today.

And our names are important too. In scripture, Isaiah 43 records God's words that we are each 'called by name', with all that implies about being known and loved by God in all the detail of ourselves as individuals. As we remember those lost in conflict, we bear in mind that each name on every memorial was once a loved child, spouse, parent, relative, friend. I wonder if, like me, you look at those names, focus on one and wonder what they were like?

Whilst in curacy, an elderly man came into church who had known one of the men named on our memorial. He spoke about him as he shared warm recollections of time spent together as children as well as details of his character and his nickname that brought the name engraved on the brass wall plaque to life. But each of those names had a life and character of course, each had friends who spoke about them warmly and grieved them deeply.

As we honour those called to serve and called to make the ultimate sacrifice this month, we remember them not just as soldiers, sailors and airmen and women, but as the dearly loved and the sorely missed of their respective generations. May we never forget the sacrifice of so many nor take for granted the freedom and values they fought and died to defend."

*Revd Lynne Cullens*

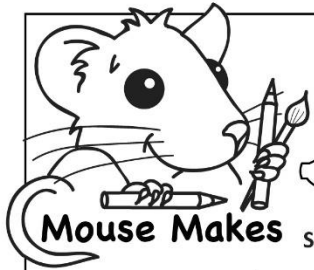
**Rector of the Parish of Stockport & Brinnington**

**Open** Weekly, from Tuesday 12th November at St Thomas' on Hillgate, there will be a new informal faith discussion session called Open. This will meet each week 6.30-7.30pm in Church and be followed by a curry at a local restaurant from 7.30pm for those who'd like to join us. Free tea, coffee and cake throughout Open...but we can't pay for the curry unfortunately! Everyone is welcome to join us as we learn more about our faith and about each other. Call Lynne, the Rector, for further details or just turn up any Tuesday, 6.30pm from 12th November onwards at St Thomas'. Newcomers, doubters and those with questions especially warmly welcome.

**St Mary's Café** From the first week of November, St Mary's Cafe is re-launched! With a new look, new menu and new opening times, please do come along and join us for snacks, lunch or cream tea on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 11am and 2pm....all served on a suggested donation basis. And please do contact Lynne, the Rector or speak to a member of the Cafe volunteer team if you're interested in volunteering with us."

**St Thomas' Clock Chimes** We've had requests from local residents to silence the clock chimes overnight at St Thomas'. The Church Council have agreed to this and any comments on that are being sought please - please contact the Lynne, the Rector who'd be happy to discuss. To silence the chimes between 10pm and 8am will cost in the region of £1800, so we're going to be working with the community to set up a Project called 'Silent Night' and create a Just Giving page to raise the sum needed. Anyone willing to help with this please contact Lynne.

Revd Lynne Cullens



**BIBLE JOURNEYS**  
Where did Noah's ark come to rest after it's journey?  
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Genesis 8:4

Where did God tell Samuel to travel to to find a new king?  
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1 Samuel 16:1-4

To which city did God send Jonah?  
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Jonah 1:1-2

Which town did Joseph take Mary to before Jesus was born?  
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Luke 2:4

Where did Mary and Joseph flee to to get away from Herod?  
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Matthew 2:13

Where was Saul (Paul) going to when Jesus spoke to him?  
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Acts 9:1-18

What kind of transport goes with each bible character?  
NOAH DONKEY  
BAALAM CHARIOT  
MOSES SHIP  
JONAH ARK  
ELIJAH BIG FISH  
PHILIP BASKET  
PAUL WHIRLWIND

Find the travel words in the word search

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Y L E A V E B O A T O W N T

"Lord,  
If I go east where the sun rises or go to live west beyond the sea, even there you will take my hand and lead me. Your strong right hand will protect me."  
Psalm 139:9-10

"God is our God for ever and ever, He will be our guide even to the end."  
from Psalm 48:14

"People can plan what they want to do, but it is the Lord who guides their steps."  
Proverbs 16:9

GOD'S WAY

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## Wordsearch

## War and remembrance

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Landings, when the Allied Forces of Britain, America, Canada, and France attacked the German forces on the coast of Normandy, France. The Allies' victory became the turning point for World War II in Europe.

This year also marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Armistice Day (now Remembrance Day). It was in 1919 that King George V had issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence at 11:00am on 11<sup>th</sup> November, to remember the members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty.

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## St.Mary's

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 7pm**

**Stockport Youth Orchestra Evening Concert  
with the Heilbronn Music Group**

**We are delighted to welcome back to St Mary's Stockport Youth Orchestra with guests from our "twin town" Heilbronn**

**Everyone Welcome**

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**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**Coffee & Cake 11am – 12noon**

**Join us in the Nave Café for coffee and cake –  
proceeds will be given to the Royal British Legion**



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**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Christmas Fayre / Nave Café Christmas Treats**

**FREE Admission – proceeds to St Mary's in the  
Marketplace. Open from 10.00am**



## St Mary's Christmas Programme 2019

[subject to amendment]

### Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary's Christmas Fayre 10.00

### Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

Holy Communion with Advent Carols 10.00  
Zeal Church 15.30

### Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Holy Communion 11.30  
Lunchtime Advent Carol Service 12.15

### Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December

Cafe Worship 10.45  
Stockport Youth Orchestra Christmas Concert 20.00

### Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

Peal Attempt – with the bell ringers from Derby Cathedral 14.00

### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

Advent Morning Prayer [Gift Service] Stockport Homes 10.00  
Ex-Services Association Carol Service 14.00  
Zeal Church 15.30

### Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December

Beechwood Cancer Care Christmas Carol & Dedication Service 19.00

### Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December

Holy Communion 11.30  
Lunchtime Service 12.15  
Wellspring Carol Service 13.30

### Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December

The Mayor's Carol Service 12.30

## Colour in mouse...



## St Andrews

Why was the phone not connected / Why was the broadband not flashing BT blue / Why would the ladies toilet door not open / Why was there very little glass in the window and a brick on the floor?

Answer – we have been the victim of malicious damage (again)!

This time it was less dramatic from the incident a few years ago when all the flooring had to be replaced but nevertheless such action is annoying and disruptive. Not only had a brick (or part of one) been thrown through the window of the ladies toilet leaving safety glass fragments everywhere but our visitors removed the telecoms cable where it drops from the roof down to a hole in the wall under the window of the parish office. They did however leave the plastic clips in place.

All issues will be resolved as soon as possible – all our users informed of the situation.

## Sudoku

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### Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December

Cafe Worship	10.45
AGE UK Stockport Carol Service with Warren Wood Primary School & Sunrise (Bramhall) Singing Group	13.30

### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

Morning Prayer	10.00
[Remembering a Loved One at Christmas] Zeal Church – Christmas Special	15.30

### Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December

Holy Communion	11.30
Lunch-time Service	12.15
Vernon Park Carol Service	14.30
Banks Lane Junior School	TBC
	19.00

### Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

Heartbeat Chorus	TBC
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### Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December

Shopmobilty Stockport with Offerton Methodist Church Choir	13.00
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### Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Holy Communion	10.00
Zeal Church	15.30

### Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December

CHRISTMAS EVE:	
Christingle & Crib Service	16.00
Midnight Holy Communion & Carols	23.30

### Wednesday, 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY	
A Christmas Family Service	10.00

St Mary's will be closed 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
except Sunday Worship on the 29<sup>th</sup> December



### **The Two Minute Silence**

Schoolgirls in 1918 were warned that they might never be married. So many prospective husbands had been killed in World War 1, that their chances could be slim. It's hard for us to imagine the slaughter. The total number of both civilian and military casualties is estimated at around 37 million people, ending only when the Armistice took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.

The idea of a 'Two Minute Silence' originated in South Africa. The first minute was to be a time of thanksgiving for those who had returned alive, and the second minute was to remember the fallen. It was taken up by King George V, writing, "it is my desire and hope that at the hour when the Armistice came into force, there may be for the brief space of two minutes a complete suspension of all our normal activities." It had an immediate impact. An observer wrote, "The whole World Stands to Attention. From the Indian jungles to Alaska, on the trains, on the ships at sea, in every part of the globe where a few British were gathered together, the Two-Minute pause was observed."

The Great War was said to be 'the war to end all wars'. But it wasn't. About three per cent of the world population were to die in World War 2. Today's 11th November commemoration, repeated on the nearest Sunday, now incorporates all wars.

The Royal British Legion describes the Act of Remembrance as a deeply personal act available to everyone, acknowledging the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces and their families, across all conflicts. In keeping the Two Minute Silence, many will long for the day when, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

### **The fall of the Berlin wall**

It was 30 years ago this month, that the fall of the Berlin Wall began. Over two million people from East Berlin visited the West in a celebration described as '*the greatest street party in the history of the world.*' However, we are still living with walls, thinking of those dividing Gaza and Palestine from Israel. It's a strong human instinct to build walls to separate us from those we view as different and threatening.

Paul writes of how the death of Jesus has broken down the barrier between Jew and Gentile: '*His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility.*' (Ephesians 2:15-16).

Jesus is still in the business in breaking down the barriers between people of different gender, age, race and language, to bring them together in His church: '*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*' (Galatians 3:28).

We can easily put up barriers with others, when we make assumptions about them, forgetting that they may be thinking the same things about us. We may want to avoid making ourselves vulnerable or appear needy. Yet Jesus can break down our defences and enable us to live openly and honestly with others. As His church, He invites us to be a community of risk-takers, i.e. those who trust each other, handle our weaknesses and fears, and who encourage one another's strengths and gifts. '*A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian.*' (Pope Francis).



## **In a fog**

**[Tony Horsfall]**

November is the month that in my mind is forever associated with fog. Growing up in a mining village, where everyone had a coal fire and chimneys spouted dark smoke all day long, we used to get some real 'pea-soupers' in November. Sometimes it was so thick the buses would stop running and we would be sent home early from school. Thankfully with the introduction of smoke-free zones we don't have so many thick fogs now, but I still miss a coal fire.

Sometimes in life it can feel as if we are in a bit of a fog. Nothing seems straightforward anymore and we don't know which way to turn. We lose our sense of clarity and our mind seems befuddled. We have decisions to make but we are uncertain and hesitant. It feels like driving in a fog.

We all experience such times, so what can we do? My advice is to wait patiently for the fog to lift, which it will do in time. Don't rush into making any decisions until you are clear, especially important ones. Waiting requires not only patience, but trust. Trust that God is still with you, even if you can't feel His presence, or hear His voice. He will not leave you or abandon you, and is aware of your need.

The wise St Ignatius said that we should never doubt in the darkness what God had told us in the light. When you are in a fog hold on to what God had already given you, to the truth of His word. Eventually the fog will disperse, and a new day will dawn for you, when you *can* clearly see the way ahead.

## **A tribute to RICHARD SCOTT from Peter Mayo**

Richard first appeared at St Thomas' Church in the early eighties and joined the choir whilst working down the road at Strawberry Studios. I was choirmaster at the time, but soon realized Richard's potential – as a possible choir trainer. By now also a member of the Hallé Choir, Richard was approached. There was an anxious wait for a few days while he considered the proposal, made more anxious as I had become aware that this "tech-wizard" could multi-task to the n<sup>th</sup> degree, giving the impression that he was bored and therefore (I thought) might not wish to be choirmaster of a humble parish church choir. Fortunately, he accepted and, as we all know, turned the choir into a talented singing group. During the past thirty-six years or so, the choir has reduced in number, but still retained an SATB facility enabling it to support the weekly choral services.

Some years ago, Richard invited some Hallé Choir members to augment St Thomas' Choir for our Christmas Carol Service. This proved so popular that the arrangement has continued, resulting in a choir of nearly thirty choristers and a congregation which seems to increase each year. We mustn't forget that, in his professional role, Richard has recorded the Carol Services for the past fourteen years or so, a valuable record. For this year's Carol Service, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7:30pm, most of the choir carols have been chosen by Richard and we shall do our best to uphold his standards. Philip Wilby, composer (we are including one of his carols), organist and friend of Richard, some time ago accepted Richard's invitation to be our guest organist for this year's Carol Service, when Richard will be very much in our minds.

St Thomas' choir has for some time been bereft of Richard's leadership, both on Sundays and at choir practices, especially now as we rehearse for Christmas. I have been Richard's rehearsal

accompanist since he arrived, also organist from November 2004. With his inimitable retorts and criticism, mixed with generous support, it has been a long, happy association.

We must remember, too, Richard's wife Jane, who has given him inestimable support, with Michael and Stephen alongside.

Richard has left a church choir in good voice and a Carol Service choir wanting to sing for him.

### **St Thomas' Church**

**Advent Sunday - 1st December,  
9am Sung Eucharist**

**Monday 23rd December 7.30pm  
Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December,  
11.30pm - Midnight Mass**



### **60 years of the M1**

The first stretch of the M1 motorway opened 60 years ago this month, on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1959. The first motorway service station opened at the same time – Watford Gap, a rather successful attempt to confuse motorists, as it is not near the town of Watford, but close to an obscure Northamptonshire village of the same name.

Technically not the first piece of motorway in Britain – that was the Preston bypass, later part of the M6, which was built the previous year – the M1 was Britain's first full-length motorway, running from what is now Junction 5 (near the town of Watford) to the current Junction 18 (Crick).

The advent of motorways meant the end for town-to-town or church-to-church navigation over long distances, with an emphasis on ease of travel. Engineers who designed the road estimated that about 20,000 cars would use it each day, but the real figure today is closer to 140,000.

The M1 is now 193 miles long, from Staples Corner in London to Hook Moor, Leeds. It was completed 20 years ago, in 1999.

## ***The Insomniac Owl***

We owls, we work at night  
And sleep throughout the day,  
Our sleep is only light  
Because of others' ways!

Our hearing is acute  
We hear a mouse's rustle  
What really does not suit  
Is all this rush and bustle.

The cars that roar and beep  
The neighbour's motor mower  
We poor old owls can't sleep  
It sounds like Krakatoa!

You'll often hear us call  
In our characteristic way,  
We don't sound glad at all  
Especially at midday!

We know your lives are fraught  
With all those roars and growls,  
But kindly spare a thought  
For us poor sleepless owls!

*By Nigel Beeton*



## **A Tribute to Richard Scott from Anne Jepson & Jayne Brindley, Churchwardens & Choristers St Thomas'**



A quite reserved man, who always wore a jumper or sweatshirt over his shirt and more often than not his coat which he would only take off if it was really warm.

We hold our choir practices on a Monday evening and Richard would often begin by telling us a joke, sometimes they were funny!! If ever he was a bit grumpy, we would ask his wife Jane if she had fed him before coming out, the answer would more often than not be no, and everyone would laugh. During rehearsals he would quite often say "you need to give it more welly" or to the bases "you are sounding like Tubby the Tuba".

Richard would start organising our annual carol service, (which was his legacy and will continue to be so) more or less straight after the last one and would often ask members of the choir for their opinion on a new carol he was thinking of doing. We would of course still be doing it but we think he wanted to gauge the reaction of people. Some carols were challenging to say the least so Richard would play us a recording and we would say, "this is too hard" or "we will never be able to do this", but he had complete faith in us and after weeks and weeks of rehearsals we would of course perform it and perform it well and feel quite proud of ourselves.

We always sing 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' as the last carol and the last verse has a lovely descant finishing with a top A. Well you can imagine after 9 lessons & carols and choir items we would be running out of steam but Richard would stand and conduct encouraging us all and we would hit that very last note thinking we've done it, but oh



no, he would hold that note and even look at his watch all the while smiling at us. We're not sure what the longest time for holding that note on is!! This one might be a tricky note to hold this year.

We are already in the midst of rehearsing for this year's Carol Service which will be a fitting memory for him, everything we are singing, Richard had already chosen before he died so you can be sure we will be singing our hearts out for him. (Monday 23rd December at 7.30pm, we would love you to come and join us).

As well as being our choir master, Richard was also Churchwarden up until April this year and helped Anne immensely during her first year and guided us all through a long vacancy. A quiet unassuming man who just got on with things. He will be and is very much missed but every time we raise our voices in song, we know he is with us.

God bless Richard, sleep well x

### **St Thomas': McMillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who supported the McMillan Coffee Morning at St Thomas' Church which raised £285.00

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### **Christian Aid Harvest Appeal**

Many thanks to those who attended St Mary's Harvest Lunch. The sum raised towards the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal being £135.00.

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### **Put your garden nets away**



Don't leave netting out in your garden over the winter – it is killing our hedgehogs. So warns the RSPCA, after reports of dozens of hedgehogs getting entangled in football, badminton and pond nets.

Evie Button, a wildlife scientific officer, warns:

“Netting can be a particular hazard for wild animals, as they can easily become entangled. As they thrash around trying to escape, the netting can tighten round them and cause terrible suffering.”

Since the 1950s, the number of hedgehogs in England has shrunk from 30 million to one million.

## **More than 32,000 of us struggle to change a light bulb.**

When it comes to DIY, some of us need more help than you might think. Last year Google was asked how to change a light bulb more than 30,000 times. Other DIY jobs that drove people to Google were how to fix a dripping tap (422,000 times), and how to bleed a radiator (322,000 times). Safestyle, the home improvement company that carried out the research, said the Google is the 'go to' for millions of us who are baffled by DIY tasks.

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## **St Mary's Christmas Fayre** **30 November 2019 – open from 10am**

Please do support our Fayre this year - there are lots of ways you can do this.

We're looking for volunteers to help on stalls, make cakes and jams, offer gifts for the tombola, and raffle prizes, and if you have window space please display an advert. If you can deliver flyers to local shops, or neighbours, that would be great. Facebook, Twitter etc are also good for promoting the Fayre! Every little helps.....

So far there are a raffle and a tombola, a cake stall, crafts and gifts, books, nearly new, and some games for children. We may decide to do a children's tombola.

Please let Ann West, Carol Taylor or me know if you're able to volunteer or contribute (or both).

Many thanks Catriona Smith

## **Reminder: "Shoe Box" Christmas Gifts**

**Could all completed shoe boxes to be brought to St Mary's by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November please** when they will be blessed as part of the morning service before being taken to the distribution centre.



**Also items to be made up into boxes need to be at St Mary's no later than Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** so that Margaret I can complete them.

Thank You

**St Mary's Stockport**  
**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**10am onwards** including **Nave Café Christmas Treats**



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**St Luke's Brinnington**  
**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
**11am – 1.30pm**



**Apologies .... But it's a bit on the cool side at St Mary's due to major problems with the central heating boilers.**

St Mary's is fitted with three boilers, one of which was condemned some years ago. The other two are newer models, but both have now developed serious problems. Our heating engineers attempted to repair the first boiler but found that fumes were leaking from the rear of the heat exchanger so had to immediately shut it down. They then attempted to repair the second boiler, but found problems with the circulation, this time the heat exchanger appearing to be partly blocked and causing the boiler and cycle and operate at below minimum output. The manufacturers were contacted but advised that both boilers was most likely irreparable and should be replaced.

Following discussions with our Architect, Heating Engineers - JE Dean (Hazel Grove) and the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) it has been agreed that our best course of action will be to replace at least one (preferably two) of our Keston Boilers in order to restore some constant reliable and safe heating.

**What is involved?** There will need to be some updating to the gas pipework and the new boilers located near to the ground to enable the existing flue discharge and air intake pipes to be retained (with some modification). A 200kW brazed plate heat exchanger installed to provide a hydraulic barrier between the new boiler and the old heating system. This will enhance boiler life by preventing the boiler being contaminated with sludge and metallic deposits from the old heating system. The proposed heat exchanger is bigger than necessary for a single boiler installation but will allow two additional boilers to be added at a later date, thus matching the original boiler plant output. A new non-ferrous boiler circuit will be created between the new boiler and a new plate heat exchanger. The existing heating mixing head is to be retained, new pipework installed between the

**Free gifts for festive shoppers**

Families shopping this festive season will receive two great giveaways telling the Christmas story. HOPE Together, Bible Society and Speak Life are working with The Entertainer toy stores to help customers appreciate the reason for the season.

The Entertainer chain is the UK's largest independent toy retailer and each store has a nativity scene in its shop window at Christmas. This year, The Entertainer nativity scenes will feature the popular Happyland characters as Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, the Wise Men and the Shepherds.

To tie in with these nativity scenes, Bible Society is producing a special Entertainer edition of its Christmas booklet. Each family shopping for Christmas in The Entertainer stores will receive a copy. Shoppers will also be given a copy of the *Christmas HOPE* magazine, also featuring a centre-spread with the Happyland characters telling the Christmas story. This 32-page magazine is packed with topical features to inform, challenge and entertain readers. This year's *Christmas HOPE* cover features Tom Hanks, 'the man behind the honours'; the new *Cats* movie; Allison Becker: the world's best goalkeeper and Street Pastors 'keeping party-goers safe this Christmas'. As well as featuring the nativity scene in shop windows and giving away *The Christmas Story* booklets and *Christmas HOPE* magazines, The Entertainer stores will screen a specially-made Happyland nativity animation which is being made by the Speak Life team. The animation will be available on social media and to download for use in schools and churches.

## **Christmas Gift Drive (with Stockport Homes)**

**PLEASE help to brighten the festive season for children in need by donating to our Christmas Gift Drive in partnership with Stockport Homes.**

You can drop off gifts at St Mary's between 10.00am – 3pm on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday as well between 9.30am – 10.00am on Sundays.

**The Gift Service (when gifts are presented to Stockport Homes) will be held on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.** Stockport Homes will be handing out gifts for children and young people between the ages of 0 – 18 years of age.

Please don't wrap your gift(s) but wrapping paper (separately) would be appreciated. Thank You



mixing header and the new plate heat exchanger. The existing shunt pump for the right hand boiler to be re-used to circulate water between the two. *If a third boiler is fitted this pump would need to be replaced with a larger one.* The boiler circuit and the heating circuit is to be kept separate and independent but both will be pressurised from the same existing pressurisation unit. The new boiler however will have its own 35litre expansion vessel and safety valve. The existing Heatmiser control is no longer available and the manufacturer no longer makes a similar control. It is therefore proposed to replace with a simple “programmable room thermostat” - the wiring modified accordingly.

### **What will it cost?**

For all works listed above with the installation of one boiler:  
£7,700 + VAT = £9,240)

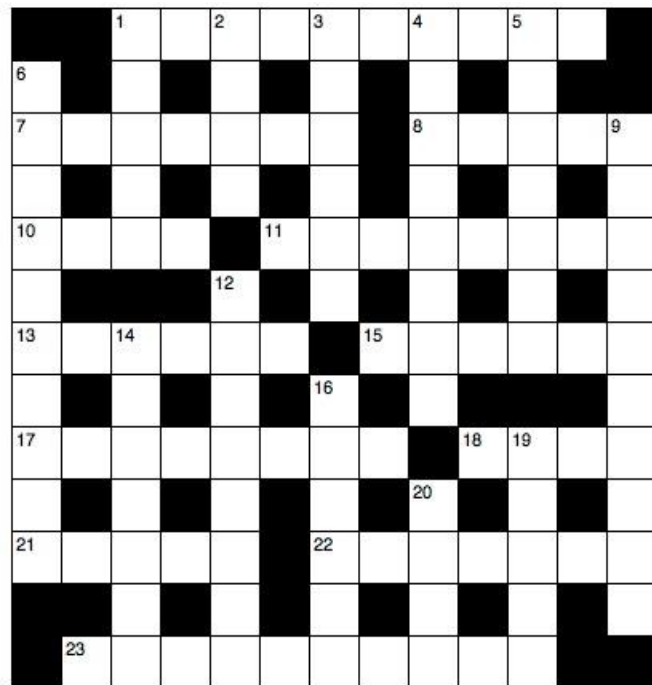
For the supply of a second boiler (advisable):

£3700 + VAT = £4,400

**£11,400 + VAT = £13,640**

Of course if we could afford to replace all three boilers now – all the better – and something to consider if we could raise in the region of £20K

Everything is being done to get this work started at the earliest opportunity, **HOWEVER** we do need to ensure that all DAC approvals are in place **and more importantly that we can secure the funding.** Clearly we would wish to install at least two boilers (if not three) at the same time, and are therefore looking to raise £15K/£20K fairly quickly. In the meantime we will do what we can (although this will be limited) to provide some temporary heating to take off the chill until the problem is resolved. If you could assist us in any way financially, donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank You



## Crossword

### Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)

8 Relieved (5)

10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)

11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)

13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)

15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)

17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)

18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)

21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)

22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)

23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

### Down

1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)

2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)

3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)

4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)

5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)

6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)

9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)

12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)

14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)

16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)

19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)

20 See 18 Across