

## News from your Church of England Parish Church

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### June Highlights: A Month of Sunshine, Showers & Celebration



June brought us sunshine, showers, and everything in between — classic British weather! But the unpredictable skies didn't dampen our spirits one bit. It's been a joyful, vibrant month full of life across our church community.

June is always a special time for us, as all our groups are in full flow, and we celebrate the wonderful milestone of *Confirmation*. We were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Chester to lead this meaningful

service, praying with those choosing to affirm their faith after baptism. For many, this follows baptism in infancy, but it can also be a moment of commitment for those baptised later in life — as was beautifully the case this year! We began the day by celebrating the baptism, by full immersion, of three inspiring young people who've recently come to faith. In the afternoon, they were joined by three others for confirmation, making it a full and joyful day we would happily repeat many times over. June also marked the start of our season of reaching out into the wider community. One of the highlights was

*Altrincham Festival*. Last year we hosted a stall, and this year we took it up a notch — joining forces with Altrincham CE Primary School to enter a float in the parade! With "The Environment" as our theme, our beautifully decorated float danced its way through the streets, as we waved, laughed, and shared in a fantastic day of celebration and topped it all off by winning a prize for the best school float!



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## Welcome Carol: Summer BBQ & Games

We're excited to invite everyone to a joyful afternoon as all the different groups of St George's come together for food, fun, and community! Not only will there be a delicious BBQ and classic lawn games for all ages, but we'll also have the special opportunity to **warmly welcome our new curate, Carol**. It's the perfect chance to get to know one another better and celebrate the vibrant life of our church community.

👉 **Please sign up in advance** so we can plan accordingly—and don't forget to let us know about any dietary requirements.

🍹 **Bring along any drinks** you'd like to enjoy!

Come along, bring your family and friends, and be part of it! We look forward to seeing you there!



## Teddy Bear's Picnic

13<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm.



You're Invited to a Teddy Bears' Picnic! 🛒🐻

Bring your favourite teddy bear and join us for a fun filled afternoon of snacks, games, and cuddly fun under the sun! There'll be games, picnic treats, and plenty of bear-y good surprises. Don't forget your picnic blanket, some lunch and your best bear friend!



## Toddler Teddy Bear's Picnic

Yes, we know—another Teddy Bear's Picnic! But when you're little, there's no such thing as *too many* teddy bear picnics or social events, right? We've been so encouraged by how our Toddler Groups have flourished this year, and this picnic is a lovely opportunity to bring everyone together for a relaxed, fun-filled morning. There'll be **games, crafts, and activities** specially designed for our youngest members—all set in the peaceful surroundings of the **Vicarage garden**.

🛒 **What to bring:** A picnic blanket, Sun cream (if it's a sunny day!), Your

favourite teddy bear, And of course, a picnic for you and your little one Come along to reconnect with familiar faces and make some new friends too. We can't wait to see you there! Keep an **eye on our socials** — we'll be choosing dates with lots of sun!



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## Summer Fayre

We're thrilled to announce our **very first Summer Fayre**—a fun-filled afternoon for all ages, packed with traditional games and community spirit! From **Hook-a-Duck** to **potato races**, **Choose-a-Bottle**, and (if the ground allows) even a spot of **worm charming**, there'll be plenty to enjoy across our beautiful church grounds.

This is more than just a great way to spend the afternoon—

it's also a wonderful opportunity to support the ongoing life, mission, and maintenance of our church building.

Come along, bring your friends and family, and be part of something special as we celebrate community and raise funds for the future of St George's!



## Summer Mid-Week Groups:

### What's on, what's pausing?!

As summer approaches, some of our children's groups are taking a well-earned break — but most of our adult groups are still going strong, and we'd love you to be part of them!

Our school-linked groups, *Tea & Tales* and *Pathway*, will be the first to pause, with their final sessions on 8th and 11th July, respectively.

During the week beginning 14th July, *Tots & Tales* will run on Tuesday as usual, but *Twist and Tales* (Wednesday) and *Harbour* will both begin their summer break.

By the week of 21st July, nearly all our children's groups will have paused for summer, with the exception of *Alty Trebles*, which will continue for one last week.

But that's not all — we're planning some *Toddler Picnics* over the summer to keep families connected and enjoying time together outdoors!

And for the grown-ups: all our adult groups will continue through the summer, with the only exception being *Parlez-Vous Français* & the *Women's Group* which will pause in August.

For full details and dates, just scan the QR code.



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## Carol got Ordained!

On **Sunday 29th June**, in the beautiful setting of **Chester Cathedral**, **Carol was ordained** as she begins her curacy with us here at St George's.

People choose to get ordained for many reasons, but at its heart, it's about feeling called to serve—both God and others. It's a desire to make a difference in people's lives, to walk alongside them through life's ups and downs, and to share the hope and love found in faith. It's not about being perfect or having all the answers, but about being open to listen, lead, and grow alongside a church community.

Carol joins us as an **SSM Curate**—a **Self-Supporting Minister**—which means she offers her time and ministry without being paid. It's a generous and deeply committed calling, and we're so thankful she's chosen to serve here.

Carol will be working in the parish **Tuesday to Thursday**, so you may well spot her around the **Vicarage or on the school run**. On **Fridays**, she'll be working from home but will still be back for **Youth Group** in the evening.

We're really looking forward to welcoming her and getting to know her better as she gets to know us. With her **legal background**, we're sure she has some fascinating stories to share!



## Year 6s are on to pastures new!

It's both a time of sadness and celebration as we send our Year 6s onto their new schools. It's been such a privilege getting to know them over the years, and we can't quite believe how quickly time has gone on!

One of the greatest gifts is meeting people who will always see St George's as 'their' church because they went to Altrincham CE Primary School – and we hope that the Year 6s will also feel the very same thing!

We hope to see them on Sundays, special services or Pathway or Alty Trebles, and will continue to pray for them!

**St George's Youth Group**  
**Games | Craft | Tuck**  
**Chill | Chat**

Sign up!  
@GeorgesAlty

Pay!  
Thank you!  
@TYFCteam

**PATHWAY**

**Years 6 upwards**  
**Fridays | 3:30-4:30pm**

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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

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## School Admissions

We know the admissions process can feel a bit overwhelming, so here's your yearly reminder: **if you're planning to request a church reference or signature**, please be aware that **different schools have different criteria**. Primary schools often look for around **six months of regular attendance**, while secondary schools may ask if you're a **'full and active member'**, typically meaning attendance **more than once a month**. It's important to check each school's requirements well in advance. If you're unsure, feel free to speak to **Rev. Claire Corley**—she's always happy to help clarify things.

Please note: aside from Altrincham CE Primary, we don't set the admissions rules, but we are committed to being honest and fair to all—families and schools alike—and will gladly provide a reference where possible.



## Back to Church Sunday!

### A Date for Your Diary!

After a summer full of holidays, adventures, and well-earned rest, **September is the perfect time to come back together** as a church family—and we'd love to mark the occasion with something special!

Join us on **Sunday, 7th September** as we celebrate **Back to Church Sunday**. After the service, we'll enjoy a relaxed time together with **scones, jam, and garden games**—a chance to reconnect, share stories, and simply enjoy one another's company. And of course, if you've not been to church for a while, this is the perfect Sunday to get back into it – we'd love to see you there.



## Retired, or working from home?

In the middle of a busy week, why not take a moment to pause, reflect, and reconnect?

Our **mid-week service** takes place every **Wednesday at 10am**—a short, simple, and peaceful time of worship that lasts just **25 minutes**. It's the perfect way to **reorient yourself**, find a sense of calm, and centre your week in God's presence. Whether you're popping in after the school run, on a break from work, or simply in need of a moment of stillness, you'll be warmly welcomed.



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## Reflection on the season: Ordinary Time

Over the centuries the church has developed a distinct rhythm with the high points being Christmas (including Advent, Christmas itself and Epiphany) and Easter (Lent, Holy Week, Eastertide).

So for most of the year, from Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost) to Christ the King, we enter into a time called Trinity, or Ordinary Time.

We often associate 'ordinary' with boring, but we end up falling into the danger of devaluing where we spend most of our time in our day to day lives - although we have high points and holidays, actually, most of our life is spent doing 'ordinary' things, some of which can feel rather mundane.

These 'ordinary' things really matter to God, and although we are in danger of dismissing them, God most certainly is not! So during Trinity/Ordinary Time we concentrate on how God affects our ordinary, day to day lives. Be that at home, at work, in school or elsewhere, what we do, during the week, matters. Some churches will use this long season to consider how we interact with the environment, and it is also the season when Harvest is celebrated.

It is totally fitting therefore that we end this season with Christ the King, for we are called to make Christ the king in all we do – however exciting, fulfilling, or indeed, simply ordinary it is.



## Hire our Spaces!

Whatever the occasion, we are likely to have a space that is perfect for you!

Do get in touch whether it is for a celebration or you're a small company looking for some affordable spaces to rent – whatever your need, hopefully, we might be able to fill it!

There's lots more information here:



**Hire our Spaces**

St George's Church,  
Parish Centre &  
Old School Building. WA14 4DB.

<https://www.stgeorgesaltrincham.org/hire-our-spaces-here-at-st-georges-church-altrincham/>

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# HOME COMMUNION

For those who cannot get to church

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🌐 <https://www.stgeorgesaltrincham.org/>



**Visiting  
Group**

## Keeping it simple: Keeping people connected.

📞 Phone: 0161 941 4037

✉ Email: [info@stgeorgesaltrincham.org](mailto:info@stgeorgesaltrincham.org)

🌐 Head to: [www.stgeorgesaltrincham.org/visiting-group/](http://www.stgeorgesaltrincham.org/visiting-group/) & click on 'Request a Visit'

📄 Follow: This QR code and someone will be in touch with you soon



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## Can you help support us in our busiest season?

After the summer, we're heading into one of the most special—and busiest—times of the year, with **Harvest Festivals, Remembrance services**, and the joy and anticipation of **Advent and Christmas**.

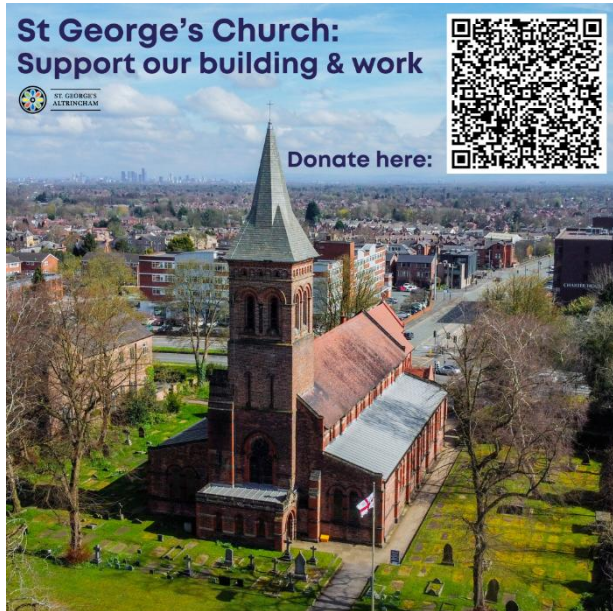
These beautiful moments come alongside all the regular life and ministry of our church, from **Sunday worship to midweek gatherings**.

But as you can imagine, all of this takes resources—and **every little bit helps**. Whether it's covering the cost of heating, candles, or even just a cup of coffee, **no gift is too small**.

If you're able to support us financially this season, we'd be incredibly grateful.


**You can donate here:** <https://givealittle.co/c/7fVCVCly5b1UtGQsw6biyC>

Thank you for being part of all that makes St George's such a special place.



**St George's Church:  
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**Donate here:**



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# Romania: Gifts in a Box!

Christmas, already?!

We're thrilled to invite you to take part in a heartwarming project with real impact — **Gifts in a Box!**

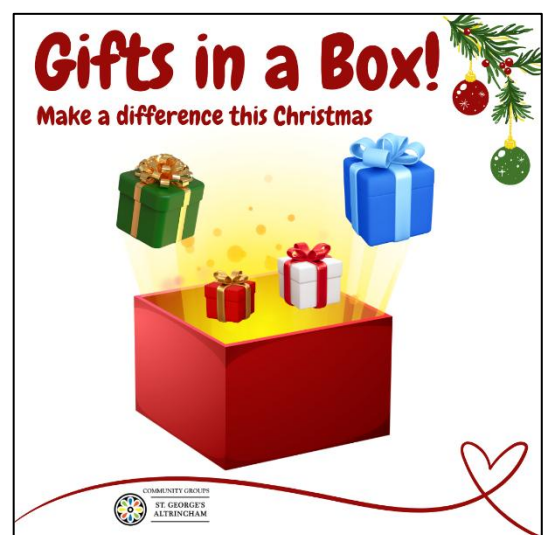
At a time when the news can often feel overwhelming and disheartening, it's easy to feel powerless in the face of global events. Many of us are starting to ask, *"What can I do to help?"* The truth is, that while we may not be able to change the whole world, **we can absolutely make a difference in someone else's.**

That's why we're partnering with **Grassroots UK** to bring joy to children in a community in **Romania**. Together, we'll be sending carefully packed shoeboxes filled with thoughtful gifts — and this isn't just a generic donation. We've received specific details about each child we're sending to, including their ages and interests, so every box can be personal and meaningful.

Our goal is to have the boxes ready by the **end of September**, with delivery planned for **October/November**. We would love for you and any friends or family to be part of this partnership — at the moment, we have 50 boxes being filled; we'd love to send 300!

If you'd like to get involved, simply scan the QR code and let us know. On the following pages, you'll find everything you need: what to include, FAQs, and age-appropriate gift ideas to get you started.

Thank you for helping us share kindness across borders — one box at a time.



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# Gifts in a Box!

Make a difference this Christmas

## The Instructions!

### Let us know

How many boxes you would like to make up.

### We will allocate you a specific child

And give you some information about them that they were happy for Grassroots to Share

### Decorate and fill your box!

Enjoy coming up with some ideas! See the FAQ for what not to include, but other than that, whatever you think they would enjoy! If you are struggling ask; we've got a list of ideas!

### Complete the 'front sheet'

Where you can send a personal message and include a photo if you'd like to

### Drop it off

At the church or the Vicarage!

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## Frequently Asked Questions!

### How much should I spend?

We would suggest around £20. If that is too much, let us know and we can group you together with other people.

### Can I request someone of a specific age or gender?

We're afraid not - it just gets too complicated.

### Who are you partnering with?

We are teaming up with Grassroots Trust UK who have a partnership with a church in Romania. Although Romania is in the EU there are still many challenging hangovers from its communist days. The rural areas are very poor with high unemployment and a very low wage relative to the cost of living. Poverty is a major problem.

### Should I seal the box?

No, keep it open please. We need to navigate customs!

### What sort of paper should I decorate it with?

Ideally Christmas paper, but anything nice. If possible, avoid paper with writing on it.

### Do they speak/read English?

Unless they specify good English, assume not.

### Anything we shouldn't include?

Remember not to include anything anything political, second hand or war related, toothpaste, medicine, aerosol cans, knives, sharp or fragile items.

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## Christmas Fayre, already?!

When is it too early to mention the 'C' word...?!

Well, despite some of the heat that we've had, we're already dreaming of mince pies and mulled wine — because as well as preparing for our Summer Fayre on Saturday 26th July, we're also planning our Christmas Fayre alongside Altrincham CE Primary School on Saturday 29th November!



We're currently looking for raffle prizes AND local makers, crafters, and small businesses to hire a table at the Christmas Fayre.

🔔 Interested?

- ✅ Just £20 per table
- ✅ Keep 100% of your profits
- ✅ A great chance to showcase your goodies and be part of a festive community event!

Tag a friend who might be interested or message us to book your spot or donate a raffle prize. With a footfall of over 600 last year, we can't wait to see what this year brings! 🌟



## Knit & Natter!

Do you like to knit?!

Wonderful, come along!

Do you want to learn how to knit?

Wonderful, come along!

Could you think of nothing worse but would quite like a natter?!

Wonderful!, Come along!



Thursdays at 1.30pm in the Vicarage!

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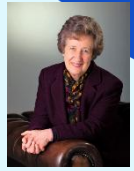
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# GOING DEEPER



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Cardinal Robert Prevost was elected as Pope on 8 May 2025, becoming Pope Leo XIV, a choice of name inspired by Leo XIII, who was Pope 1873-1903. He was a notable social reformer at a time of huge change, when – in a period often called the Second Industrial Revolution (c.1870-1914) — there was rapid scientific discovery and ever-increasing mass production, with standardisation of products and processes. The wealth of developed and developing nations vastly increased, but it brought with it much human suffering. In response to this, Leo's encyclical of 1891 was revolutionary in arguing that workers should receive a fair wage, enjoy safe working conditions, and have a right to belong to a trade union. The encyclical also supported free enterprise and rights to property. Not surprisingly, this Pope Leo became known as 'The Pope of the Workers'.

Pope Leo XIV is the first Pope to be born after the Second World War; the first to have been born in the USA; the second to be a native English speaker, after Hadrian IV (1154-59), the only English pope there has yet been; and the second, after Pope Francis, to be from South America, in the sense that he is a naturalised citizen of Peru. He is also the first pope who is a friar of the Order of Saint Augustine, although six other popes before him have belonged to other Orders which follow the Augustinian Rule.

Orders of friars came into existence in the thirteenth century, the most famous being the Order of St Francis, founded in 1209. The Dominicans — more scholarly in their focus than the Franciscans — followed in 1220, and the Augustinians in 1256, with a constitution modelled closely on that of the Dominicans, with whom they share a strong commitment to learning alongside their pastoral outreach. Martin Luther (1483-1546), who can be said to have launched the Reformation, was an Augustinian friar, although he belonged to one of the reformed branches of the Order that had by then developed. Some of these achieved independent status, and so are counted as separate Orders, although they are still Augustinians.

There is also an Order of Augustinian canons: communities of priests (canons) who live a common life of poverty, celibacy and obedience, although they can undertake parochial responsibilities. When living in community, their life is much like that of monks in monasteries, although all Augustinian canons are priests, unlike monks, some of whom are priested, and some are not. Such communities of priests grew up in northern Italy and southern France in the earlier part of the eleventh century. They received formal approval in the Lateran synods of 1059 and 1063, and their way of life rapidly spread in western Europe in the century that followed.

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430), after whom all these Augustinian Orders are named, was one of Christianity's greatest theologians, hugely influential in the development of the western church in particular, but he did not found an Order or write a community Rule in the same way as, for example, Benedict did for monks, or Francis or Dominic for friars. Rather, the Rule that bears Augustine's name was probably drawn up in the mid-fifth century by one of his followers, drawing on Augustine's writings in various ways. It was little used in the early middle ages, but was revived in the eleventh century by the canons, who were looking for a distinctive Rule of suitable authority, and then redeployed for the Augustinian friars in the thirteenth.

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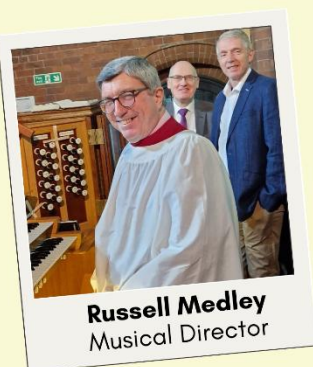
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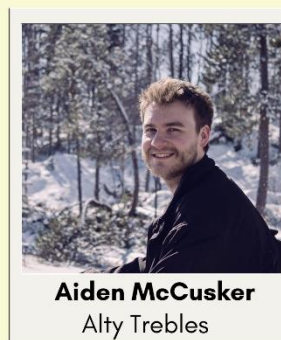
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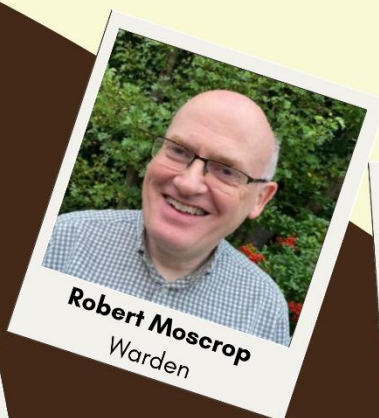
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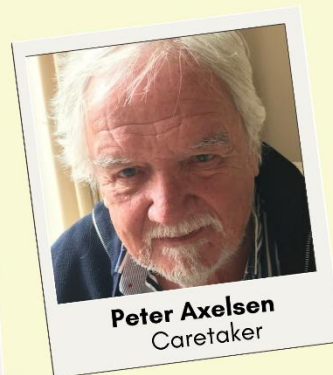
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