

News from your Church of England Parish Church

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And the term started again!

And start again it did! It all started with our Quiz Night (let ably by the ever-talented John G-J) with some fiendish questions washed down with some cheese and wine. As is our habit, this was then followed by Cream Teas after the Sunday Service (thank you Janet!), and off we went again!

All our mid-week groups returned in full flow; for our families and children we welcomed people back to Tots & Tales, Tea & Tales and Twist & Tales. For our youth group, we started again with a new intake from Year 6, plus a Youth Alpha for those in secondary school. We had our termly Messy Café too as children explored the creation story along with lots of cake and drinks. Our adult groups are also flourishing; from Parlez Vous Francais, to Knit & Natter, Women's Group and the ever-present Coffee Break after the mid-Week Service.

On Sundays, Junior Church & Toddler Session returned, and Dee and Claire were once again heading off to school for our weekly worship, and Dee's Worship Warriors. A SIAMS (church) inspection also snuck itself in, so we were all fully occupied!

Carol, who is serving her curacy here, had the summer to find her feet, which was good news as there was lots for her to be involved in too! Home Communion with Josie, Sunday preaching plus mid-week services, some weddings and a Saturday being trained on Trauma Informed ministry. Her dog Ike has made himself well and truly at home and is becoming a firm favourite of the Knit & Natter group! So, as we head into our season of Remembrance, do come and be part of all that is going on – the more is always the merrier!



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SOON! Harvest Supper & Barn Dance!

Saturday 4th October 6pm

THIS SATURDAY: The social event of the year, or at least the season! An evening filled with laughter **and**—new this year—a lively barn dance!

Picture a hall decked out with bunting and straw bales, buzzing with joy as we share a hearty meal and enjoy some dancing together.

Not a dancer? No worries! You can happily sit back and watch—it's just as

much fun! Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children. If the cost is a concern, please do get in touch—we really want you to be there!

Tickets are here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-georges-church-altrincham



SOON! Harvest Festival Sunday 5th Oct 9.30am

Come along! Hopefully, with full tummies from the night before, we'll come together on the 5th for our Annual Harvest Festival. We may not be farmers ourselves, but we depend entirely on the hard work of farmers and the bounty of their harvest!

We've got the bales and plans for decorations—and now all we need is you!

This is an all-age service, and we're excited to welcome our Guiding and Scouting groups as we celebrate the season of Harvest. For those who are able, we'll also be collecting food donations for our local Food Bank.

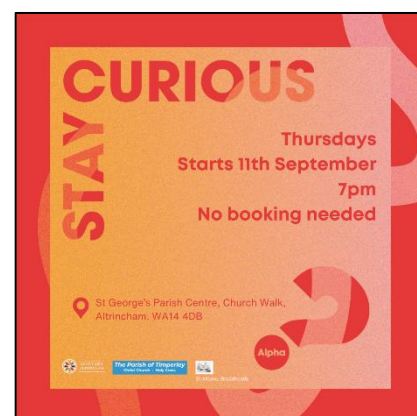


Alpha *It's started, but it's not too late!* Thursday,

Parish Centre, 7pm

Many of us have found faith later in life or returned to it after childhood experiences in church. At **St George's**, we believe it's important to have space to ask questions, explore beliefs, and talk openly about life and meaning. That's why, in partnership with **St Alban's** and **Timperley Parish**, we're running an **Alpha Course** – a relaxed, welcoming series of sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith.

The course is on **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm**, held right here in our **Parish Centre**. You're very welcome to **just come along**, or **get in touch** for more information.



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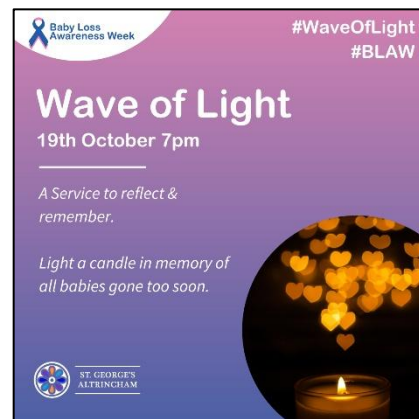
Wave of Light: Baby Loss Service

Remembering Babies Loved and Lost. Sunday, 19th October 7pm.

Each year we come together to remember babies who were loved and lost far too soon. It was an incredibly special and meaningful time that stayed with us throughout the year. This year, we warmly invite anyone who would find comfort in gathering again to join us.

Please know that it doesn't matter how long ago or why your loss happened — if creating space to remember your child, reflecting quietly, and hearing prayers offered in their memory would be helpful, we would love for you to be with us. If you would like your baby's name to be read out during the service, there is absolutely no pressure, but you can add their name here, whether or not you feel able to attend:

<https://forms.gle/f1QWc3oEjhosHAhU7>



Memorial Service Sunday 2nd November 7pm

Join us as we come together to remember those we have loved and lost, no matter how long ago. Through music, prayers, and quiet reflection, we will create a space to honour their memory by lighting candles for each loved one who has passed.

If you would like a name to be read aloud and a candle lit in their memory, please let us know here:

<https://forms.gle/GejPWQRMa27byp2BA>



Remembrance Sunday 9th November 9.30am

Another poignant year, given everything happening in the world, when we are invited to pause to remember those who have lost their lives in the service of their country.

Our service will be held indoors and will feature a live trumpet performance, followed by refreshments. For our younger attendees, there will be suitable activities during the Junior Church session.

Everyone is warmly welcome to be part of it.



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Light Stop! *October 31st, @ Church on the Brow*

With a night full of trick-or-treating ahead, why not drop in and take a moment to be refreshed?

In partnership with **Church on the Brow** and **Christians on the Brow**, we're delighted to offer the **Light Stop** once again!

Enjoy a bouncy castle, fun games, glowing glo-sticks, hot dogs, sweets, and hot drinks – there's something for everyone to make this a night to remember. Best of all, it's completely free!



Christmas Fayre! *Saturday 29th November 1-5pm*

A Church full of fairy lights and huge trees! A Santa's grotto with festive food, joyful choir performances, a bustling market, and fun games for all ages. It must be time to plan our wonderful **Christmas Fayre** in partnership with **Altrincham CE PTA**! It's the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit and support our community!

So if you know of anyone who wants to have a stall, or provide some music do get in touch with either Rev. Claire or altrinchampta@gmail.com



Craft for Advent!

Over the past few years, a small but dedicated group has been busy in the run-up to Advent, knitting beautiful little gifts to hide around the Parish for people to discover, take home, and hang on their Christmas trees.

This year, we'd love to try something a little different. Instead of knitting, we'll be turning our hands to crafting, making delightful heart baskets that can be hung on trees or placed by the hearth – simple decorations to share a little Christmas cheer.

Would you be willing to join in by making a few? It's a wonderful way to spread joy through our Parish this Christmas. If you'd like to take part, we'd be delighted to hear from you!



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Soup Lunch Restarts! *Thurs, Nov. 6th 12.30pm*

Soup's On – Come and Share a Bowl with Us!

Oh, how we've missed this! There's something special about sharing food that brings people closer together. So, starting **Thursday 6th November**, why not pop along to the **Vicarage** for a bowl of **hot soup and crusty bread**? A warm welcome (and a warm lunch!) awaits.

If you'd be happy to help host one week—or fancy making a pot of soup—**Mike would be very, very grateful!**

Come as you are, bring a friend, and let's enjoy good food and good company.



Mettle : A Bible Study Group for teenagers

Over the years, several young people approached us with a genuine interest in exploring their faith more deeply. While our Youth Group, *Pathway*, is a brilliant space to relax and connect, we also want to create room for **honest conversation and meaningful questions**—the kind that young people often wrestle with as they grow.

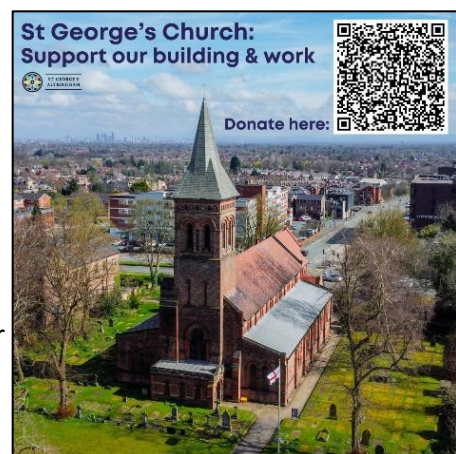
We're excited to be partnering with **Bowdon Church** to offer a new study group, held at their **Parish Centre**, where young people can

explore faith in an open, supportive environment. If you know someone who might be interested, please do encourage them to come along—we'd love to welcome them.



Would you help support the life and work of the church?

Supporting the life and work of the church helps us continue to be a place of welcome, worship, and witness in our community. Whether it's through maintaining our building, running youth and community programmes, offering pastoral care, or supporting those in need, every gift—large or small—makes a real difference. If you're able to give regularly or make a one-off donation, we would be deeply grateful. Your generosity helps ensure the church can keep growing, serving, and sharing hope with those around us.



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Reflection on the season:

Autumn is a season of reflection—when the days grow shorter, the leaves begin to fall, and we naturally find ourselves looking back. Within the life of the church, the end of this month and the beginning of the next becomes a sacred time of **Remembrance**, as we hold space to honour and remember those we have loved and lost.



In October, we gather for the **Wave of Light**, standing with all those who have experienced the heartbreak of baby loss. It is a quiet, powerful evening, filled with candles, silence, and names spoken aloud with tenderness and care. It reminded us that grief does not fade with time, and that even the briefest of lives are deeply loved and never forgotten.



As we move into November, we approach **Remembrance Sunday**, when we honour those who gave their lives in the service of their country. This year, as conflict and war continue to cast long shadows across our world, the act of remembrance feels especially weighty. We hold before God the cost of war—and we pray for peace.



Later in the month, we gather again for our **Memorial Service**, remembering all those we have lost—regardless of how long ago or under what circumstances. It is a time to grieve, to give thanks, and to find comfort in one another's company and in God's presence.



In all of this, we're reminded of the tender words from **Psalms 34:18**: **"The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."** These words are not just a comfort—they are a promise. A reminder that in moments of grief, when words fail and hearts ache, God is near. He doesn't stand at a distance but draws close, with compassion and gentleness. As a church, we don't pretend to have all the answers. We can't take away the pain or explain every "why." But what we *can* do is offer space—space to sit, to remember, to cry, to ask questions, and to hold on to hope, even if it feels fragile. And we do that together, side by side.

Because even in our deepest losses, we are not alone. We are held—by one another, and by the God who promises to be close.



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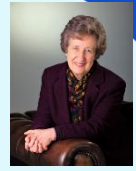
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GOING DEEPER



Joyce Hill is an Emeritus Professor of Leeds University. She is a Christian who specialises in Anglo-Saxon Benedictine Reform and its impact on ecclesiastical and cultural life, and regularly delivers lectures.

Edward the Confessor, one of our royal saints, is celebrated on 13 October, his title of 'confessor' being the designation given by the church to those who are not martyred but whose sanctity is considered to be evident in the way they live their life. Edward died on 5 January 1066. He had had a new abbey church built at Westminster (a precursor to the abbey we know), and that had been consecrated on 28 December 1065, but the king was already too ill to attend the ceremony. He was buried in the abbey on 6 January, and Harold Godwinsson, Edward's brother-in-law, was crowned king on the same day.

Edward was the son of the Anglo-Saxon king Ethelred the Unready and his wife, Emma of Normandy. During Ethelred's reign, England faced renewed attacks from Scandinavia and, not long after his death in 1016, became part of the Danish empire, ruled by Cnut. Emma married Cnut, but Edward took refuge in Normandy. Cnut died in 1035 and was succeeded by his two sons: Harold Harefoot (1037-40) and Harthacnute (1040-42). Edward returned from Normandy in 1041 and was recognised as heir to Harthacnute, succeeding him in 1042 when Harthacnut died.

Edward married Edith, daughter of Godwin, one of the most powerful men in the kingdom, but their marriage was childless, and the resulting uncertainties about the succession became a factor in the jostling for power that plagued Edward's reign, with Earl Godwin and his son Harold often at the forefront. In 1051 Edward engineered Godwin's exile, and it was perhaps then that he offered the succession to his kinsman William of Normandy (William the Conqueror, as he became known to the English). But such was Godwin's power that he forced the king to reinstate him in 1052. His son Harold succeeded to the earldom in 1053, and on his deathbed Edward named Harold as his heir, William notwithstanding.

The turbulent politics of Edward's reign don't sound very saintly — and they weren't! But the key to the king's subsequent saintly reputation was his building of Westminster Abbey. Understandably, the Westminster monks continued to commemorate him after his death, although this was discouraged by the new Norman abbots. However, by the early twelfth century the cult of Anglo-Saxon saints had again become politically acceptable. The Prior of Westminster took full advantage of this: by 1138 he had converted the Life commissioned by Edward's widow into a conventional saint's life, in which he presented the king's childless marriage as 'evidence' of saintly celibacy. Then, in 1139, he went to Rome to petition for Edward's canonisation. The Pope was doubtful, and the decision was postponed. But a new opportunity arose in the aftermath of the hotly disputed papal election of 1159, when the then king of England, Henry II, helped secure the election of Alexander III. The new Abbot of Westminster, with Henry's strong support, quickly seized the chance, renewing the petition in 1160. Hardly surprisingly, Pope Alexander granted it, and so Edward was formally canonised. Medieval hagiographies represent him as being very pious, and maybe he was. But there is nothing that stands out in the contemporary record, except for the building of the abbey.

Edward's October feast-day commemorates the date on which his body was translated (moved) in 1269 to a chapel east of the sanctuary of the present Abbey, this being a more convenient date in the liturgical calendar than that of his death-day, which is the Vigil of Epiphany.

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Date	Events
Sat 6 th Sept	Quiz Night
Sat. 7th Sep	Back to Church Sun Cream Tea & Garden Games
Sun. 4th Oct	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance
Fri 31 st Oct	Halloween Light Stop
Sat 29 th Nov	Christmas Fayre
Sun 15th Feb	Pancake Party
Sun 29th Mar	Palm Sunday Lunch
3rd April	Good Friday Children's Crafts
Sun 26th April	St George's Day Toast
Sun 7th June	John Leigh Park Big Lunch
Sat 27th June	Altrincham Festival
TBC July	Teddy Bear's Picnic @ John Leigh Park
Sun 12 th July	Summer Fayre

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Come & be part of it
@ St George's Church!**

Dec-early Jan:

Advent Trails

(@Stamford Park & John Leigh Park, in partnership
with Altrincham Baptist Church)

Sun 14th Dec:

Pop-Up Nativity

4 pm

Sat 29th Nov:

Christmas Fayre
2-5 pm

Sat 20th Dec:

**Carols
by Candlelight**
7 pm

Sun 30th Nov:

**Toy Donation
Service**
9.30 am

Sun 21st Dec:

Carols in the Park
4.30 pm

(@John Leigh Park, in partnership with
Altrincham Baptist Church)

Sun 7th Dec:

**Children's
Christmas Party**
1 pm
Quiet Christmas
7pm

Weds 24th Dec:

Christingle
2 pm & 4 pm
Midnight Mass
11.30 pm

Sat 13th Dec:

Nativity Journey
12.30-4pm

(@Stamford Quarter, Town Centre, in partnership
with Altrincham BID)

Thurs 25th Dec:

Christmas Day
10 am

Sun 4th Jan:

**Epiphany
Chalking the Doors**
9.30 am

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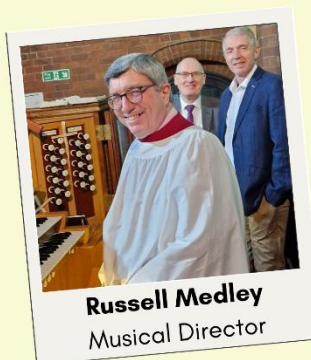
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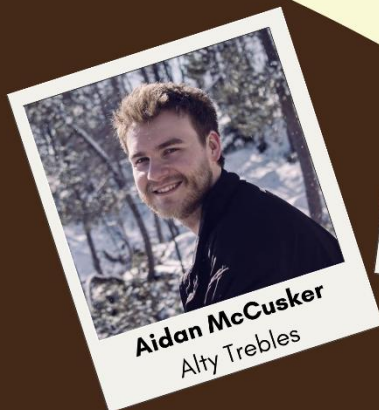
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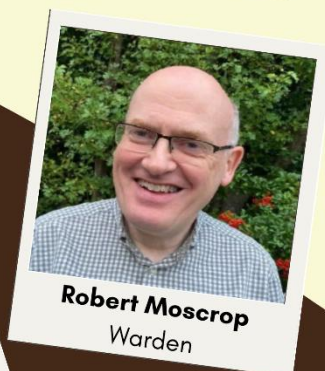
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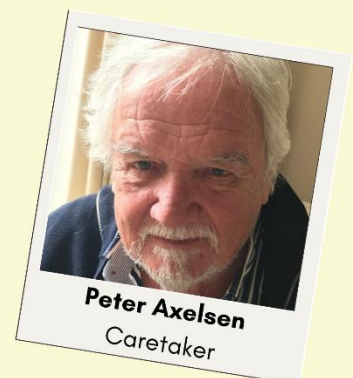
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