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And the term started again!

It was quite the start to the new academic year! No sooner had everyone returned, ready and raring to go for the new term, than a rather lingering virus swept through our ranks, and we found ourselves sniffing and coughing our way through much of September! But, in the midst of it all, **so much good stuff has been happening.** We kicked things off with a **Quiz & Curry Night** – and never before has St George's



seen such a wonderful spread of beautifully home-cooked South Indian curries, sides and accompaniments. Those of us who were there probably didn't need to eat again for several days! It was a brilliant evening of food, laughter and some healthy(ish) competition, and a lovely way to begin the new term together.

We've also welcomed **Tessa Tang** to the team. Tessa has brought her trademark warmth, energy and professionalism to both **Alty Trebles** and **St George's Choir**, and it has been wonderful to see both groups settling into the new term with her at the helm. Another new face is **Ginny Sherbourne**, who has joined us as a **Parish Assistant**. In short, Ginny will be getting stuck into the life of St George's: taking an active role in our services, as well as supporting some of our groups and the wider work of the church during the week. It's all part of her preparation as she gets ready to begin **ordination training next academic year**, and we're delighted to have her with us along the way. Meanwhile, a small group from St George's have also embarked on the Diocese's **Foundations for Ministry** course, joining people from churches across the Diocese to explore their gifts, deepen their understanding and discover how they might be better equipped to serve God in their churches and communities. So, despite the coughs, colds and slightly depleted supplies of tissues, September has certainly not been dull! There's been plenty of learning, laughing, singing, eating and exploring – and, as we head further into the autumn, there's a great deal more still to come.

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SOON! Harvest Festival Sunday 4th Oct 9.30am

Here at St George's, things are looking a little... **Harvest-y!** 🍂

🌾 Straw bales

🚩 Bunting

🌸 Flower displays

🖼️ A new window design

🌱 And even some bulb planting!

...it must nearly be time for our **Harvest Festival Service!**

Harvest has always been about community: coming together to give thanks for what we have, celebrating the people who grow and produce our food, and sharing with those around us. And that's very much what our Harvest Festival at St George's is all about.

We'll be joined by members of our local Guiding and Scouting groups, and there'll be music, an all-age talk, celebration and plenty of activities and crafts for children. We'll also be collecting donations of non-perishable food for our local Foodbank, so that our celebration of what we have can also help support others in our community.

It's a service for the whole community, not just our regular congregation. Whether Harvest Festival is part of your family tradition, you remember it fondly from school, or you've never been to one before, you'll be very welcome.

Come and celebrate Harvest with us — everyone is invited to be part of it.



Messy Café Returns!

Sunday, 18th Oct, 1-2.30pm

Lots of people asked us over the summer when **Messy Café** would be returning... and we're delighted to say it's back!

Drop in for a relaxed morning of crafts, creativity, conversation and, of course, plenty of cake. Whether you enjoy making, colouring, chatting or simply sharing a cuppa, there's something for everyone.

No need to book—just come along, bring a friend if you'd like, and enjoy the fun! 🍰 🌈



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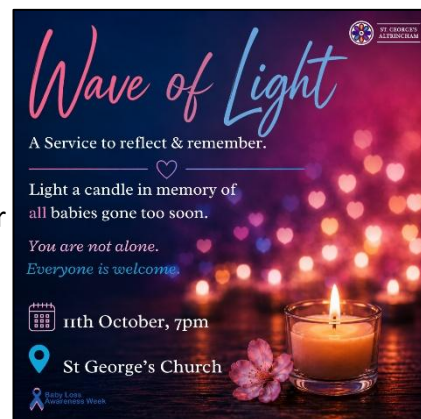
Wave of Light: Baby Loss Service

Remembering Babies Loved and Lost. Sunday, 11th October 7pm.

Each year we gather to remember babies who were loved deeply and died far too soon. It is a quiet, gentle service, offering space to reflect, remember and know that you are not alone.

Whether your loss was recent or many years ago, and whatever the circumstances, you are warmly invited to join us. There will be prayers, moments of reflection, and the opportunity to light a candle in memory of your child.

If you would like your baby's name to be read during the service, you are welcome to add it here, whether or not you are able to attend: <https://forms.gle/f1QWc3oEjhosHAhU7>



Candlelit Memorial Service

Sunday 1st November 7pm

You're warmly invited to join us for a gentle evening of remembrance as we give thanks for those we have loved and lost, no matter how long ago.

Through music, prayer and quiet reflection, we'll remember the people who remain close to our hearts, with the opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

If you would like someone's name to be read aloud during the service and a candle lit for them, you are very welcome to add it here, whether or not you are able to attend:



Remembrance Sunday 8th November 9.30am

You're warmly invited to join us this **Remembrance Sunday** as we pause together to remember all those who have lost their lives in the service of their country, and to pray for peace in our world today.

Our service will be held indoors and will include an Act of Remembrance, a live trumpet performance, and refreshments afterwards. During the service, there will also be activities for children in our Junior Church. Everyone is warmly welcome to be part of it.



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

Heading out for trick-or-treating? Why not stop by for a warm welcome and a chance to recharge?

Together with **Church on the Brow** and **Christians on the Brow**, we're delighted to be hosting **Light Stop** once again.

Drop in for a games, glow sticks, hot dogs, sweets and hot drinks. It's a fun, friendly space for all ages to enjoy before or during your evening out.

The best part? It's completely **free** – we'd love to welcome you!

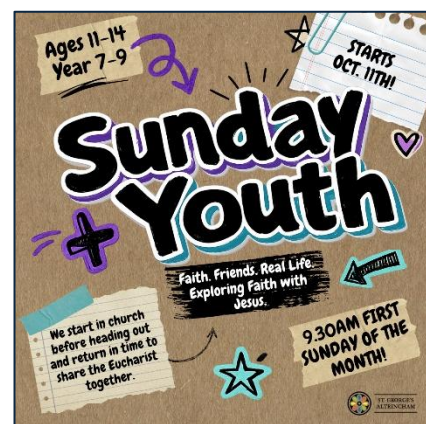


NEW: Sunday Youth! Sundays, 9.30am

We've been delighted to see our Junior Church and Toddler Session grow and flourish over the last year. At the same time, we've become increasingly aware that our older young people haven't had a dedicated space of their own. So we're delighted to be launching **Sunday Youth THIS MONTH!**

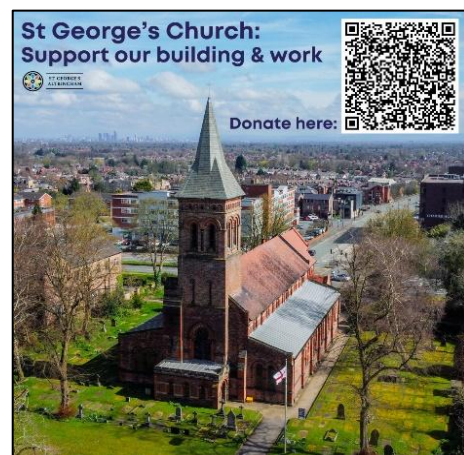
starting as a monthly group, with our first session on **4th October**. Together, we'll explore life's big questions and discover what it means to follow Jesus

in everyday life. Through conversation, activities and reflection, we'll explore the Bible in a relaxed and welcoming environment, building friendships and growing in confidence together. We begin in church before heading out during the service, returning in time to share in the Eucharist with the rest of the congregation.



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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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 wonderful wooden decorations to hang on a tree – simple decorations to share a little Christmas cheer.

Would you be willing to join in by making a few? Keep an eye on our socials for when our décor making sessions begin!



Christmas Fayre! Saturday 28th November 1-5pm

A church filled with twinkling lights, towering Christmas trees, festive music, a bustling market, delicious food, games for all ages, and of course, Santa's Grotto... it can only mean one thing—it's time to start planning our Christmas Fayre with Altrincham CE Primary School PTA!

We're looking for stallholders, local musicians and performers to help make this year's Fayre a wonderful celebration for our whole community.

If you'd like to be involved, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch with **Rev. Claire** or email altrinchampta@gmail.com.



Soup Lunch Restarts! Thurs, Nov. 5th 12.30pm

We're so pleased to be bringing Soup's On back this autumn!

From Thursday 6 November, you're warmly invited to the Vicarage for a bowl of homemade soup, crusty bread and good company. It's a simple way to enjoy a relaxed lunch, meet new people and catch up with old friends.

Come as you are, bring a friend, and share good food together.

If you'd be willing to host one week or make a pot of soup, Mike would be delighted to hear from you!



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Reflection on the season:

Halloween



For many families, the end of October means pumpkins, fancy dress, sweets and children excitedly heading out into the streets. Halloween has become a much-loved part of our culture, bringing opportunities for fun, imagination and community

In all of this, it's easy to forget that Halloween has its roots firmly in the Christian calendar. The word *Halloween* comes from *All Hallows' Eve*—the evening before All Saints' Day on 1st November, when Christians remember the ordinary and extraordinary people whose lives reflected the light of Christ. The following day, All Souls' Day has long been a time to remember those we have loved and lost.

Together, these days remind us that we are part of a much bigger story: connected to generations who have gone before us, shaped by their faith, courage and love, and called to leave our own legacy for those who come after us. They encourage us to remember with gratitude rather than fear, to honour lives well lived, and to hold on to the Christian hope that, through Christ, love is stronger than death and light is stronger than darkness.

Perhaps that is why so many churches have chosen to respond to Halloween by placing the emphasis on light. Light is one of the most enduring images of the Christian faith. Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"* (John 8:12). Light doesn't pretend that darkness doesn't exist; it simply refuses to let darkness have the final word. It offers warmth instead of fear, welcome instead of isolation, and hope instead of despair.

That is the heart of our **Light Stop**, which has been on quite a journey over the years. What began outside the home of one of our congregation has grown into a wonderful partnership with Church on the Brow, and now welcomes hundreds of children, young people and their families over the course of the evening.

Together, we've chosen not to step away from Halloween, but to offer something that reflects the very best of our community: hospitality, generosity and joy. And we'll be doing it all again this year!

There'll be games, food, laughter and a warm welcome for everyone; a chance to pause, meet friends and neighbours, and enjoy an evening where the emphasis is on kindness, fun and being together – why not come and drop in?!



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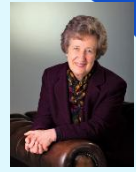
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GOING DEEPER



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.

This year is the 500th anniversary of the publication of William Tyndale's translation of the New Testament into English. He then began working on the Old Testament, but was killed before he could complete it. Wycliffe and his followers had already translated the whole Bible in the fourteenth century, but this and all other translations of parts of the Bible, such as the tenth century translation of the Gospels by the Anglo-Saxons, had used Jerome's Latin Bible, commonly known as the Vulgate. This, translated from the Hebrew of the Old Testament and the Greek of the New, had become the standard Bible in Western Christendom. But the new scholarship of the Renaissance introduced the systematic study of the biblical text itself, alongside its long-standing interpretation in the context of faith. It was an approach spearheaded by Erasmus who, in 1516, published a Greek New Testament based on a careful examination of the earliest Greek texts that he could find. Using his new Greek text, Erasmus also published a fresh translation into Latin, which highlighted issues with the Vulgate – and thus, of course, by implication, with all translations made from it. When Martin Luther took the revolutionary step of translating the Bible into German, he translated the New Testament directly from Greek, using Erasmus's modern edition. Luther's translation was published in 1522. Jacques Lefèvre d'Étaples then did the same for French, in 1524.

Tyndale, born in Gloucestershire c.1494, studied at Oxford and then at Cambridge where, from August 1511 to January 1512, Erasmus had famously taught Greek. Around 1521 Tyndale became chaplain in the household of Sir John Walsh in Little Sodbury, Gloucestershire, and while there he began to translate the New Testament into English, basing his work on Erasmus's scholarly Greek edition and using Luther's translation as a guide. Like others who were inclined to reform, he believed that everyone should be able to read or listen to the Bible in their own language. But there was a problem. Since the early fifteenth century there had been a law in England forbidding the publication of the Bible in English without the permission of a bishop, so Tyndale made application to Cuthbert Tunstall, Bishop of London, evidently anticipating that he might be sympathetic since he was a friend of Erasmus and had helped him with his Greek New Testament. However, Tunstall refused, perhaps anxious about the growing impetus for reform. Without episcopal permission, it would have been illegal to publish his translation in England, so Tyndale went to Germany and continued his work in Wittenberg, where in 1517 Luther had in effect launched the Reformation. He then went to Cologne, hoping for publication there, but difficulties meant that he moved on to Worms, where publication was completed in 1526. Copies were smuggled into England along the trade routes between England and Germany, but there was a concerted campaign to confiscate and burn them and now only three copies of his 1526 edition are known to exist, two of them in England. An improved text was issued in 1534. Tyndale was arrested, strangled and burnt at the stake near Brussels in October 1536.

Tyndale's New Testament was the first to be translated into English from Greek and the first to have been printed. More significantly still, it was heavily used by the translators of the King James Bible in 1611. This means that most of the words and expressions in our everyday speech that come from the New Testament aren't original to the King James Bible, but are those of Tyndale.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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@ ST GEORGE'S CHURCH!



Sat 28th Nov:
Christmas Fayre
2-5 pm



Sun 13th Dec:
Nativity Service
9.30 am



Sun 29th Nov:
Toy Donation Service
9.30 am



Sat 19th Dec:
Carols by Candlelight
7 pm



Sun 6th Dec:
Messy Christmas Crafts
1 pm



Quiet Christmas
7pm



Sun 20th Dec:
Carols in the Park
4.30 pm
(@John Leigh Park, in partnership
with Altrincham Baptist Church)



Sat 12th Dec:
Gift of Christmas Journey
12.30-4pm
(@Stamford Quarter, Town Centre,
in partnership with Altrincham BID)



Thurs 24th Dec:
Christingle
2 pm & 4 pm
Midnight Mass
11.30 pm



Fri 25th Dec:
Christmas Day
10 am



*Hope was
born that night.*

Peace on earth.



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SOCIAL EVENTS

Come & be part of it all!



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Date	Events
Sat 12 th Sept	Quiz & Curry Night
Sat. 13th Sep	Navigation Park Teddy Bear's Picnic
Sat 3rd Oct	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance
Sat 31 st Oct	Halloween Light Stop
Sat 28 th Nov	Christmas Fayre
Sat 6th Feb	Quiz & Pancake Party
Sun 21st Mar	Palm Sunday Lunch
Fri 26 th Mar	Good Friday Children's Crafts
Sun 25th Apr	St George's Day Toast
May TBC	Stamford Park Teddy Bear's Picnic
Sun 6th Jun	John Leigh Park Big Lunch
Sat 27 th Jun	Altrincham Festival
Jul TBC	John Leigh Park Teddy Bear's Picnic

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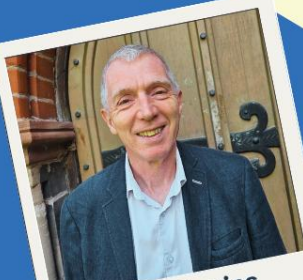
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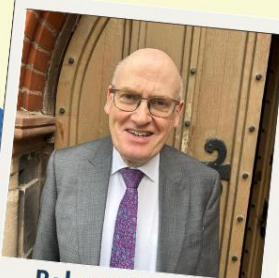
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