St George's Link November 2026

News from your Church of England Parish Church

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October: Harvest & Happy Gatherings!

And just like that, the beautiful season of autumn is upon us once again! It's been a lovely month here at St George's, with our regular groups continuing to flourish, alongside some wonderful special services and events. We began with our **Harvest celebrations**, giving thanks for the gifts of creation and the generosity of our community. Our choir, Alty Trebles and Worship Warriors helped make it a particularly joyful occasion, bringing together different generations in a real celebration of community and thanksgiving. It was wonderful to see so many people joining us, and we're especially grateful for the generous donations of food which have now made their way to the **Hope Centre in Partington**, supporting those who need a little extra help.

Our **Messy Café** was buzzing with creativity, crafts, stories and laughter, as children and grown-ups got stuck in together (and perhaps made just a little mess along the way!). A huge thank you to everyone who baked cakes, served refreshments, prepared activities and helped create such a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. It really was a fantastic team effort!

Meanwhile, our **children's groups continue to thrive**, full of energy, enthusiasm and new friendships. Our **youth group is steadily growing too**, providing a relaxed and welcoming space where young people can have fun, explore questions, build friendships and simply enjoy being themselves. And it's certainly not just the younger generations keeping busy! Our **adult groups** have been bustling with conversation, laughter, shared interests and, of course, plenty of cups of tea.

Behind all of this are our **wonderful volunteers**, whose time, kindness and generosity make so much of what we do possible. From the visible roles to all those little jobs that happen quietly behind the scenes, every contribution makes a difference.



As we head into November, we're enormously grateful to everyone who helps make St George's such a lively, welcoming and caring place, where friendships are formed, faith is explored and community continues to grow.

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Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 8th November, 9.30am, Church



This Remembrance Sunday, we invite you to join us as we pause together to remember those who gave their lives in service, and to pray for peace in our communities and across the world.

Our service will be held indoors and will include the traditional Act of Remembrance, live trumpet music, and opportunities for quiet reflection. Afterwards, do stay for refreshments and conversation.

Children are very welcome, with Junior Church running alongside the service and age-appropriate activities for our younger members.



Soup Lunch Restarts!

Thursdays in term time, 12.30pm, Vicarage



We've really missed this! There's something wonderfully simple about sharing a meal together, and we'd love you to join us.

From **Thursday 5th November**, come along to the Vicarage for a bowl of homemade soup, crusty bread and good conversation. Whether you're catching up with friends or meeting someone new, there's always a warm welcome waiting.

If you'd be happy to organise one week or make a pot of soup, Mike would be delighted to hear from you even if you're unable to stay for the lunch.

A Gift From Us to You



Can you help us bless our community?

In past years our crafty crew has hidden little knitted gifts around the Parish for people to find and take home – a sweet surprise to hang on their Christmas trees. This Christmas, we're shaking things up! We'll be making wooden Christmas Decorations instead – perfect for a tree, a mantlepiece, or anywhere that could use a sprinkle of festive cheer. Fancy joining in? Look out for them after coffee and perhaps help us print a few?!!



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Reflection on the season:



November: A Season of Remembrance

Remembering isn't always easy. It can bring back painful moments we'd rather leave in the past. It can also rekindle memories of joyful times that make us smile—or remind us of someone we have loved deeply and now miss dearly.

Yet there is something profoundly powerful about remembrance. In a society where loneliness is increasingly common and many people feel disconnected, remembrance quietly reminds us that none of us stands alone. We are part of a story much bigger than ourselves. We are connected to those who have gone before us, shaped by their love, sacrifice and example, and entrusted with leaving something of ourselves for those who come after us.

As a nation, we remember those who gave their lives in war and all who have worked and sacrificed for the peace and freedoms we so often take for granted. Their stories have become part of our shared national identity, reminding us that the privileges we enjoy today have often come at great cost.

Closer to home, we remember those who have shaped our local communities; the people who built our towns and villages, established our churches and schools, volunteered quietly behind the scenes, and invested in places where others could flourish. Their faithfulness continues to shape the places we call home.

And then there is the most personal kind of remembrance. We remember parents and grandparents, neighbours and friends, teachers, colleagues and mentors - people whose words, kindness, love and example have quietly moulded the people we have become. Their influence lives on, not only in our memories, but in the choices we make, the values we hold, and the way we treat others each day.

Remembering helps us recognise that our lives are deeply connected. We inherit the gifts of those who came before us, we share the present with one another, and together we have the opportunity to leave something good for those who will come after us.

The Bible reminds us, *"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good"* (Romans 12:21). Those words are both a comfort and a challenge. We honour the past not simply by looking back, but by choosing to live lives marked by peace, generosity and compassion.

This November, may we take time to remember with gratitude, grieve with honesty, and give thanks for those whose lives have touched our own. And may we ask ourselves one simple question: *What legacy am I leaving for those who come after me?* In answering it, we become part of the same story of hope that has been passed from generation to generation.

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Alty Trebles: Learn to sing & earn some badges

Wednesdays, 3.20pm, Parish Centre

FREE SINGING LESSONS! COME & SING AT CHRISTMAS!

🎶 Does your child like to sing?

🆓 Would you like them to benefit from some FREE quality singing lessons?

🎄 Would they like to take part in some of our iconic Christmas Carol Services?

🏅 Would they like to gain some badges & medals to reward their progress?

Come and be part of our children's choir which meets on a Wednesday from 3.20pm at the Parish Centre.



Festival Choir

Thursdays, 7.30pm

Struggle to make choir a weekly commitment? But would love the idea of singing all the classic carols in a Christmas Choir? Then we'd love you to be part of our Festival Choir! Join us for our rehearsals in November and December (just make as many as you can) and come and add in your harmonies ready for our Carols by Candlelight Service on Sat 19th December!



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November, 2-5pm, Church

After the huge success last year, once again we are teaming up with Altrincham CE Primary School to put on a Christmas Fair—stalls, games, live music, food—all within the church complete with Christmas trees and candles—the perfect way to start the festive season. We're on the lookout for **raffle prizes, Teddies, tombola prizes and volunteers**—so if you can provide a prize or some time, please do let us know! We're also **hiring out tables at £20 each**, so again, with a 2025 footfall of over 700, spread the word and get in touch if you'd like one!



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Toy Donation Service

Sunday, 29th November, 9.30am, St George's

Share the Joy this Christmas!

For many children, Christmas is filled with excitement and the joy of receiving gifts. But for some it can be a time of stress and disappointment. This year we're partnering with *The Little Green Sock Project* to help bring a little light to those who might otherwise go without.

We're collecting new, unwrapped gifts for children and young people aged 0–18. You're warmly invited to bring a gift along to our all-age, joyful service — or to drop one off beforehand.



Advent Trail @Stamford Park!

It was such a joy to gather with our friends from Stamford Park and dream together about how we might share a little Christmas cheer with everyone this season. Out of those conversations, we're delighted to bring you our Christmas Trail! It's simple and fun for all ages: follow the clues around the park, discover the next stop, and piece together the secret message. Trails are just £1 each (available from the park café), and there's a festive prize for everyone who completes it!



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

At this time of year, as we celebrate love and hope, we wonder if you might consider supporting St George's regularly. As you'll see from this festive newsletter, we're busy serving our congregation, school and wider community — all made possible by the generosity of people like you. It costs £3,406 each week to keep everything running, from welcoming services to outreach. Could you be part of that story this Christmas? Every gift, big or small, helps us share the light of Christ this season.



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TOY DONATION SERVICE

0-3 yrs: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles

3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles

5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords

9-12: games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats

13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS TOGETHER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Come & be part of it

@ St George's Church!

Sat 28th Nov:
Christmas Fayre
2-5 pm

Sun 29th Nov:
Toy Donation Service
9.30 am

Sun 6th Dec:
Messy Christmas Crafts
1 pm

Quiet Christmas
7 pm

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

Sun 13th Dec:
Nativity Service
9.30 am

Sat 19th Dec:
Carols by Candlelight
7 pm

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

Thurs 24th Dec:
Christingle
2 pm & 4 pm

Midnight Mass
11.30 pm

Fri 25th Dec:
Christmas Day
10 am

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS



Hope was born that night.

Peace on earth.

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Interested in exploring faith?

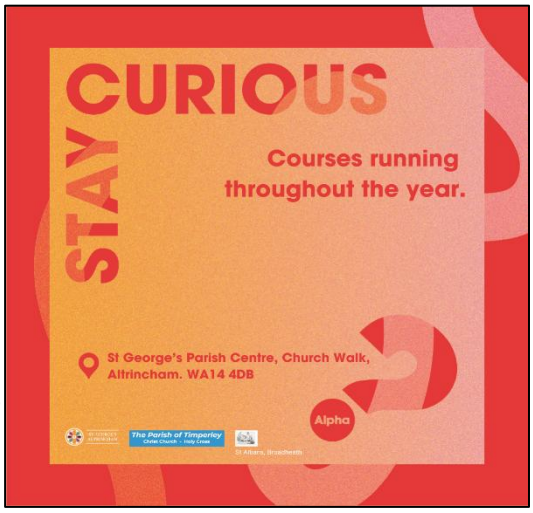
✨ **Curious about life, faith, or what really matters?** ✨

Alpha is a relaxed and welcoming space where you can have honest conversations about life's big questions with no pressure and no jargon.

Here at St George's we run Alpha **throughout the year**, so if you're interested, just let us know and we'll find a time that works for you.

Everyone's welcome — whether you've been to church before or not.

💬 Interested? Drop us a message or chat to one of us and we can find a time that works for you…..



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FESTIVAL SERVICES 2026-2027

Gathering together through every season of life and faith



Harvest Festival
Sunday 4th Oct, **9.30am**

Baby Loss Service 'Wave of Light'
Sunday 11th Oct, **7pm**

All Saints
Sunday 1st Nov, **9.30am**

Memorial Service
Sunday 1st Nov, **7pm**

Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 8th Nov, **9.30am**

Toy Donation Service
Sunday 29th Nov, **9.30am**

Quiet Christmas
Sunday 13th Dec, 7pm

Nativity Service
Sunday 13th Dec, **9.30am**

Carols by Candlelight
Saturday 19th Dec, **7pm**

Christingle (x2)
Thursday 24th Dec, **2pm & 4pm**

Midnight Mass
Thursday 24th Dec, **11.30pm**

Christmas Day
Friday 25th Dec, **10am**

Epiphany Blessing & Chalking the Doors
Sunday 3rd Jan, **9.30am**

Candlemas
Sunday 31st Jan, **9.30am**

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 10th Feb, **10am & 7pm**

Mothering Sunday
Sunday 7th March, **9.30am**

Palm Sunday
Sunday 21st March, **11am**

Maundy Thursday
Thursday 25th March, **7pm**

Good Friday – 3 hours
Friday 26th March, **12 Noon**

Easter Eve at the High Altar
Saturday 27th March, **7.30pm**

Easter Day
Sunday 28th March, **10am**

Patronal Festival: St. George's Day
Sunday 25th April, **9.30am**

Ascension Service
Sunday 9th May, 9.30am

Pentecost
Sunday 16th May, **9.30am**

Confirmation
Sunday 27th June, **9.30am**

All are welcome
COME & BE PART OF IT ALL.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

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

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GOING DEEPER



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Last month I wrote about William Tyndale who, in 1526, published the first ever translation of the New Testament into English directly from Greek, the language in which it was written, rather than from the Latin of St Jerome's Vulgate (Latin) translation, as previous translators had done. Tyndale's intention was to produce an English translation of the whole Bible, (working of course from Hebrew for the Old Testament). But his project was cut short in 1535 when he was arrested in exile and then, in 1536, burnt at the stake. His legacy was his New Testament and published translations of the books of the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy), and Jonah, with a small amount of further work in manuscript. Eventually, in 1611, King James sponsored the production of an English Bible that became the definitive English Bible until modern times, a Bible often known as the Authorised Version. Scholars were organised into groups to undertake this work, and although, like Tyndale, they went back to the Hebrew (OT) and the Greek (NT), they made extensive use of Tyndale's work. But they also used other translations that had been published in the intervening years, resources to which Miles Coverdale had made a major contribution.

Coverdale, born 1488, began life as a priest and Augustinian friar in Cambridge, where he quickly came under the influence of his prior, the outspoken early reformer Robert Barnes. As a committed reformer himself, Coverdale was forced to go abroad. There he worked with Tyndale and, in 1535, the year of Tyndale's arrest, he published a complete Bible in English. Coverdale used Tyndale's translations where available; for the rest, since he did not know Hebrew, he worked from the reformist translations into German by Luther and Zwingli. The following year a revised English Bible was published which bore the authorisation of Henry VIII — the first English Bible to do so. It was inscribed to 'Thomas Matthew' and so is known as the Matthew Bible, although its real editor was John Rogers, who had edited and adapted the preceding Tyndale/Coverdale translation.

Further revisions of the whole Bible followed: the 'Great Bible' of 1539, issued under the patronage of Thomas Cromwell; and a 1540 revision issued with a preface by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. Both versions were actually by Coverdale, although neither bears his name. It was the 'Great Bible' that was set up in all churches, by order of the King.

In 1551 Coverdale became Bishop of Exeter, but he had to go into exile again in Mary's reign (1553-58), when she reimposed Catholicism. He returned in 1559, but he was not reinstated to Exeter partly because, by now an extreme reformer, he had radical views about church vestments. He held livings in London until 1566, when he resigned, probably because of his advanced age. He became popular in early Puritan circles because of his firm stance against church ceremonial and elaborate robes but died in poverty on 20 January 1569.

Coverdale deserves to be better known as an important figure in the history of the Church of England, not least because it is his translation of the Psalms that is in the Book of Common Prayer. This is a survival from Cranmer's original BCP. When the BCP was revised in 1662, giving us the version we use today, the translation of the Psalms was not replaced by that found in the more recent and authorised King James Bible, so the wording of the two sets of Psalms is not identical.