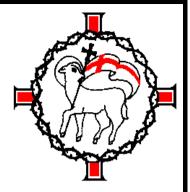
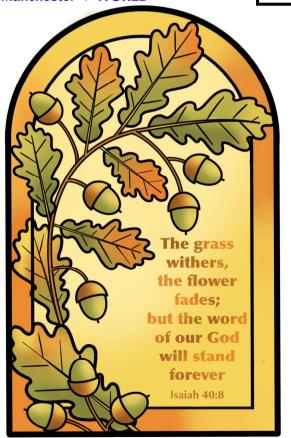
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CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

50p



October 2025

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For baptisms, marriages or funerals or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact the Vicar on 07741 269102 or Therevd.dowen@yahoo.co.uk

Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, please contact the Vicar on 07741 269102 or Therevd.dowen@yaho.co.uk







Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Do you have a favourite verse or story from the Bible? I may have asked you this before, so apologies if I'm repeating myself. I particularly love the story of the woman who had a haemorrhage for many years. She had spent a great deal of money on

doctors but didn't get better. In her desperation she touches the fringe of Jesus' cloak and is instantly healed. I love how humble this unnamed woman is. Humble, or perhaps, fearful. She may feel ashamed of her illness; she may not want to speak openly about it, and yet she summons up the courage to fight her way through the crowd and touch Jesu's cloak. He, of course, knows what has happened and asked who touched him. In their conversation he calls her 'daughter' and I think those few words as well as her healing must have brought such joy to her. She knows she is healed, but she also knows she is loved and valued.

I turn to this story when I feel that I need an extra bit of comfort and reassurance. I hope I'm not alone is sometimes thinking, 'Does God know? Does God care?' This story of the woman tells me that the answer to those questions is a very big 'YES'. God knows. God cares. God longs for us and many others to reach out and touch Him. God longs for us to seek hope and life in Him. God knew that the woman in the story was in great need, desperate for help. God knows when we are in need and looking for help. We may not be instantly healed as she was, but we will find God's presence and compassion. That's what I take from that beautiful story.

Do you have a story or verse that you turn to in your sorrow or in your joy?

Yours in Christ,

Denise

Service Details

Sundays

9.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns - every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday in the month.

9.30am Worship for All - a simple Sunday service for everyone of all ages, including Holy Communion, every 4th Sunday in the month

Tuesdays

10.30am Holy Communion

For baptisms, weddings, funerals and all other enquiries please contact the Vicar on 07741 269102 or Therevd.dowen@yahoo.co.uk

Dear Lord,

In this autumn season, when the harvest is gathered, we thank You for Your provision for us. We have so much, and yet we see terrible images of starving children on our televisions and smartphones and in our newspapers. Lord, prompt us to do what we can to change things, whether that is by writing a letter or email to someone with influence, or by contributing in some way to aid agencies.

Lord, we ask You to touch the hearts of those leaders of nations whose decisions cause such hunger and suffering. Soften those hard hearts, Lord. Fill them with Your compassion. May there be a new harvest of love – and a kinder world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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St George's Dementía Cafe, Church Walk, Stalybrídge, SK15 1DL

11.30am – 2.00pm – Lunch provided.

3rd October Ten Pin Bowling with Lunch at Tameside

Wellness Centre, Denton.

17th October Sounds Familiar come to entertain us once

again!

7th November Molkky, The Scandinavian skittle game!

21st November Christmas Crafts - what will we be making?

5th December Musical entertainment TBA

19th December Christmas Party time - time to get your

gladrags on!!

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Readings and Psalms for October 2025

Sun 5 th	16th Sun 9.30	nday after Trinity Habakkuk 1.1-4;2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9;2 Timothy 1.1- 14; Luke 17.5-10				
Tues 7 th	10.30	Jonah 3; Psalm 130; Luke 10.38-end				
Sun 12 th	17th Sun 9.30	nday after Trinity 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19				
Tues 14 ^h	10.30	Romans 1.16-25; Psalm 19.1-4; Luke 11.37-41				
		Sunday after Trinity Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8				
Sun 19 th	18th Sun 9.30	Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5;				
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	9.30	Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8 Romans5.12,15,17-end; Psalm 40.7-12; Luke 12.35-38				

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200 Club

September Winners

1st prize £25 No 1 Ted Longden ; 2nd prize £15 No 12 David Macmanus; 3rd Prize £10 No 31 Andrew Watkins

Thank you for your continued support of the 200 Club. There are still some numbers available so if you would like to join the club please speak to Rose. The cost is £12 per number you hold for the full year.

Upcoming events and services at St George's

Special Services in November



All Souls

A service to give thanks for and commemorate the Faithful Departed

Sunday 2nd November at 6.30pm

There will be a list in church for you to write the names of those you have lost and wish to be named during this service.

Remembrance Sunday

Our annual service to remember those who have died serving this country and pray for peace and justice to prevail in the world.

Sunday 9th November at 10.30am

Please note the change of start time.

Special Events in November

Christmas Fair - 22nd November 11-2pm Toy service – 23rd November 9.30am Advent Carol service - 30th November 6.30pm

Special services and events in December

Brunch with Santa -6th December 10-12am and 1-3pm
Mince pies and Christmas songs 13th December 3-5pm
Carol service 21st December 6.30pm
Christingle and Blessing of the crib - Christmas Eve at 2pm
Bethlehem mass — Christmas Eve at 9pm
Christmas Morning - Holy Communion at 9.30am

Some dates for your diary - October 2025

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Wed	1st	6.30 p.m.	Brownies				
		7.30 p.m.	Guides				
Thurs 2nd		9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots				
		1.00 p.m 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities				
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice				
Fri	3rd	11.30 a.m 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736				
Sun	5th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns				
Mon	6th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots				
Tues	7th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion				
Wed	8th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies				
		7.30 p.m.	Guides				
		7.30 p.m.	Informal Meditation and Prayers, St John's, Roughtown				
Thurs	9th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots				
		1.00 p.m 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities				
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice				
Sun	12th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns				
Mon	13th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots				
Tues		10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion				
Wed	15th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies				
		7.30 p.m.	Guides				
Thurs	16th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots				
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Fri	17th	11.30 a.m 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736				
Sun	19th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns				
Mon	20th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots				
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		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice				
Sun	26th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns				
Tues	28th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion				
Thurs	30th	1.00 p.m 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities				
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Post Communion Prayer for The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the prayer we are currently praying after everyone has received Holy Communion or a blessing and before we say the Prayer after Communion together. These prayers and the Collects are used for the whole week beginning at Evening Prayer on Saturday evening, so this prayer will be said every day when Holy Communion is celebrated in the week of the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity. The Collect for the week will also be used at Morning and Evening Prayer in that week.

I find this Post Communion prayer particularly beautiful. The words are based on Acts 2.42 where we're told those first followers of Christ 'devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.' In these few words, I find a summary of much of how we wish our lives to be as Christians. I hope we want to be faithful to the apostles teaching, which means being faithful to the teaching of Christ which has been handed down to us. I hope we seek fellowship with our brothers and sisters in our own

churches and beyond and I hope we can be united in prayer; value receiving Holy Communion and find joy in Christ. These are, if you like, the basics of what we do as Christians. There may be times when being faithful in these religious practices can be difficult, but if we return to them and keep them at the centre of what we do, then we will be continuing the long tradition of discipleship which those first Christians began two thousand years ago.



I am going to continue to use this prayer, will you join me?

Fonts in Churches



This is a photo of the original font at St George's in Mossley. It's not a great photo, I know, but I thought I'd write a little about the placement of fonts in churches. I often mention this when I am officiating at a baptism. I'm sure you'll have noticed that in many old churches the font was originally placed at the back, or more accurately, near the main entrance of the church. In more recent times, and often because of the reordering of a church, the font has been moved to a more central and prominent place.

There is a great deal of symbolism in the font being by the entrance of the church. At baptism the person being baptised is joining or entering the community of the universal Church. The baptised person is entering a new life, the life of Christ and God's people.

The symbolism of this is clear. As we enter the church by the door, we are entering a special place where we will spend time worshipping and praying with our Christian sisters and brothers who are the community of the Church. This is the prayer and hope we have for all who are baptised, that they too will enter the church building regularly, just as they are entering the Church as disciples at baptism. I imagine that very few of us remember our own baptism as we would have been very young, but the meaning and hope of the sacrament remains the same. I hope that seeing the font as you enter the church building, reminds you that we belong to the community of the faithful, a community that we 'entered' when we were baptised.

News from Robert T Tuxxie



Dear Everypurr,

Here I am making a lovely, neat cat loaf with my paws tucked underneath. You'd think I was a very happy Robert... But no! I am a very dissatisfied Robert. My mummy has bought 48 sachets of my favourite food, or they were my favourite food until last week. Now I prefer another kind of food. As any self-respecting kitty would do, I turn my nose up and look at my mummy with a great deal of sadness and dismay. Why doesn't she know what I want?

Why does she assume just because I ate it the day before, I'll eat it again? Mummy says she is in a battle of wills with me. I don't know what that means, but if she thinks I'm going to eat a sachet of tuna, salmon, or trout flavoured food she has another thing coming! Mummy is always telling me to be grateful. I think I've mentioned this saying 'Thank you' thing before. She says I'm being too choosy, and the food won't do me any harm. She keeps saying there are lots of human kitties, and kitty kitties who are very hungry and don't have enough to eat. I think she should give them this fishy food. Mummy says there is such a thing as a 'Foodbank'. This is a place where people who need help can go and find some food for themselves and their families. She says we should try to help and support them. Well, I've made a start by providing 48 sachets of unacceptable fish flavoured kitty food. Could you help as well?

Yours purfully, Robert T Tuxxie

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September Crossword Solution

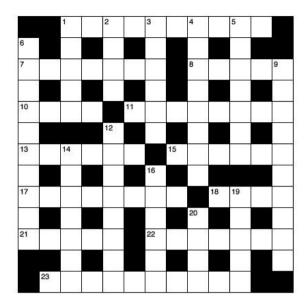
ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

Children's Page



October 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, 2:14) (5), 20 See 18 Across





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Yes we know it's only just October but Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Fair (22nd November)

We are planning to have various church stalls, with an emphasis on increasing the number of stalls for children. Below is a list of proposed stall ideas. Additional suggestions are welcome.

Ideas for stalls and games:

Where's Santa (put your name in a square on the map)

Secret Santa (select a wrapped gift)

Hoopla (equipment available)

Toss a beanbag (equipment available)

Safety darts (equipment available)

Bowls (equipment available)

Play your cards right (equipment available)

Guess how many sweets in the jar

If you are interested in managing a church stall that you will organise, set up, and supervise on the day, please contact Val or Chris. For those who do not wish to organise a stall but can help on the day, please also speak to Val or Chris.

In addition to requiring help on the day, prizes are needed for the 'secret Santa.' These may include any new items such as a soft toy, game, trolley coin, candle, cosmetics, or similar goods. If you are able to wrap the prizes, please indicate whether they are intended for a baby under 3, a child over 3, or an adult. If you are unable to wrap them, that is not a problem, I will wrap them.

We also need prizes for the bottle stall (please give to Michael), raffle (either individual prizes or items to be put in hampers – please give to Val). Also items for the bargain basement (please give to Julia).

If you have any other ideas, please let us know. Thanks

Val



BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

14th September

Lyra Rey Daisy Freeman Arwen Kay Violet Stenton



Funerals
9th September
Patricia Anne Stanley

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RidgeHill Together is the new charity formed as community legacy following the closure of Big Local on Ambleside.

The charity, based in the Baptist church will continue to offer a range of activities and support for the local community.

We have a community garden with allotments, beehives producing honey for sale, Bike Kitchen on Saturdays helping with repairs and bike loans at reasonable cost.

The Knit and Natter club continues Tuesday afternoons, Bread and Butter Thing every Thursday, Art & Craft groups, Kids activities in the school holidays, Be Well Tameside offering health support and advice.

The charity will be run by a team of volunteer trustees who hope to build on the great work of the Big Local and offer more opportunities and services.

Please feel free to call in and find out more or visit our Facebook page

RIDGEHILL TOGETHER HUB

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Oct	William Reynolds	1951	16 Oct	William Parkinson	1899
	Walter Meadowcroft	1980		Gillian Checkley	2007
2 Oct	Joseph Parkinson	1966		Mary Podmore	2020
	Minnie Duffin	2004	17 Oct	Albert Wood	1972
3 Oct	Harry Shaw	1986		Eveline Travis	2013
	Paul Thomas Sykes	1992	19 Oct	Harry Hamilton	1982
	Gladys Spencer	2018		Dorothy Turner	2006
4 Oct	Harry Lees	1984	20 Oct	Joan Brooker	1990
	Barbara Robinson	2007	21 Oct	Joan Vickers	2016
	Vera Redfern	2008		Katie Marie Mellor	2017
5 Oct	Gladys Worsnip	2002	22 Oct	Stuart Priestley	1968
6 Oct	Esther Wheal	1983	23 Oct	Sidney Moorcroft	1989
	James William Bailey	2014	25 Oct	Myfanwy Spencer	1985
8 Oct	Olivia Haigh	1988		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
	Rev Eddie Fallows	2021		Wendy Jane Brooker	1990
9 Oct	Ethel Stokes	1981		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
	Alfred Benjamin Street	2007	26 Oct	Dennis Selby	1981
10 Oct	George Harry Garnett	1993		Alice Kershaw Wood	1983
	Paulette Davenport	2009	27 Oct	Paul Quarmby	2004
11 Oct	Margaret Bates	1980		Norrie Stewart	2007
12 Oct	Alice Brierley	1985	28 Oct	Ethel May Nuttall	2007
	Ellen Ridgway	2001		Lily Burgess	2010
	Joan Pilling	2012	29 Oct	John McKee	1986
13 Oct	Doreen Kay	2004		Kyle Richard Turner	1987
14 Oct	George Alan Wilson	2010		Eric Lister Jones	1995
15 Oct	Kenneth Stevenson	1994		Edna Smyth	2004
	Herbert Battersby	2009			

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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