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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter May we continue to celebrate Easter. We are still remembering and giving thanks for the resurrection of Christ. For me, the resurrection is the most important thing that has ever happened in human history. The resurrection changed everything and most supremely the resurrection gave God's people access to eternal life. As we draw towards the end of the season of Easter, we come to the final two great festivals which draw the earthly drama of the life of Jesus to an end. We are preparing to celebrate The Ascension of Christ and the coming in power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. These two incredible events mark the last miraculous acts of God in the life of Christ and the beginning of the Church becoming the Body of Christ here on earth.

Just think about those words for a moment. The Church is the Body of Christ here on earth. Despite all its human failings the Church is the Body of Christ and we are empowered by the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost, to live our lives as members of the Body of Christ. That doesn't just mean as members of a church congregation. It means we live as people who share the life and energy of Christ, and we can do this because of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit came in power at Pentecost. There was a strong wind and something like flames appeared to hover over the Apostles and from then they were able to speak boldly and confidently to people about the Gospel. That same Spirit lives in us and at Pentecost we celebrate that fact. We may not perform miracles or speak to large crowds as the first disciples did, but we can be assured that the Holy Spirit lives in us and fills us with joy and hope. Happy Ascension and Pentecost!

Yours in Christ,

Revd Denise

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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.downen@yahoo.co.uk

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Welcome to Saint George's

It's wonderful seeing the number of children attending church increasing.

It doesn't matter if your children wriggle about or move around or make a noise.

It's ok for your child to have a snack in Church, we really don't mind.

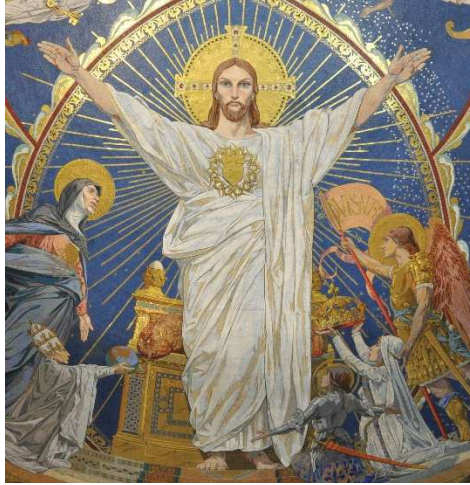
If we can help in any way, please let us know.

You can speak to Revd Denise after the service,
or contact her on:

therevd.downen@yahoo.co.uk
or 0145732193

Or speak to the warden, Val

Ascension Day



Thursday 14th May

7pm

Holy Communion for Ascension Day

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Prayer for Ascension Day

Dear God, our loving, sending and almighty Father, Thank you that because Jesus died, rose and ascended into heaven, You were able to send your Holy Spirit to empower Your disciples then and today. That, equipped by that same Spirit, we can confidently work for Your kingdom to come on earth, as in heaven.

Lord, in these strange, topsy- turvy days, where earthly rulers terrify and destroy and disappoint, we rejoice that You are the Sovereign Lord of all things, and all times, and all places.

You, our God and Father, truly reign. We are Your people. We are secure within Your love and protection. Thank you that at the name of Jesus every knee shall ultimately bow – and we pray, thankfully in His name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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Sun 3rd	5th Sunday of Easter 9.30 Acts 7.55-end; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14
Tues 5 th	10.30 Acts 14.19-end; Psalm 145.10-end; John 14.27-end
Sun 10th	6th Sunday of Easter 9.30 Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-end; 1 Peter 3.13-end; John 14.15-21
Tues 12 th	10.30 Acts 16.22-34; Psalm 138; John 16.5-11
Thurs 14th	Ascension Day 19.00 Daniel 7.9-14; Psalm 47; Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.44-end
Sun 17th	7th Sunday of Easter 9.30 Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10,32-end; 1 Peter 4.12-14,5.6-11; John 17.1-11
Tues 19 th	10.30 Acts 20.17-27; Psalm 68.9-10,18-19; John 17.1-11
Sun 24th	Pentecost - <i>Whit Sunday</i> 9.30 Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 26 th	10.30 1 Peter 1.10-16; Psalm 98.1-5; Mark 10.28-31
Sun 31st	Trinity Sunday 9.30 Isaiah 40.12-17,27-end; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-end; Matthew 28.16-end

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200 Club

April Winners

1st prize £25 no79 Jake Meredith ; 2nd prize £15 no88 Beth MacManus ;
3rd Prize £10 no82 Joan Sykes

Thank you for your continued support of the 200 Club. Subscriptions for 2026 are now due and should be paid to Rose. The cost is £12 for each number you hold for the full year, there are still some numbers available and new members are always welcome. If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good...'"

Some dates for your diary - May 2026

Fri	1st	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	3rd	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Tues	5th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	6th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	7th	7.00 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Polling Day
Sat	9th	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Spring Fair
Sun	10th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	11th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	12th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	13th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m.	Informal Meditation and Prayers, St John's, Roughtown
Thurs	14th	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	15th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	17th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	18th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	19th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	20th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	21st	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	24th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Tues	26th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	28th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
Sun	31st	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns

For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk

Pentecost - not a Ghost but a Gift

We used to call it Whitsun – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. There are no processions nowadays, and we’ve even changed its name. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.



Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover, they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3,000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn't helped by the earlier title 'Holy Ghost'. The spirit is not spiritually a 'ghost' but a precious gift.

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SPRING FAIR

St. George's Church

Saturday 9th May
11 am - 2 pm

CHURCH WALK, STALYBRIDGE

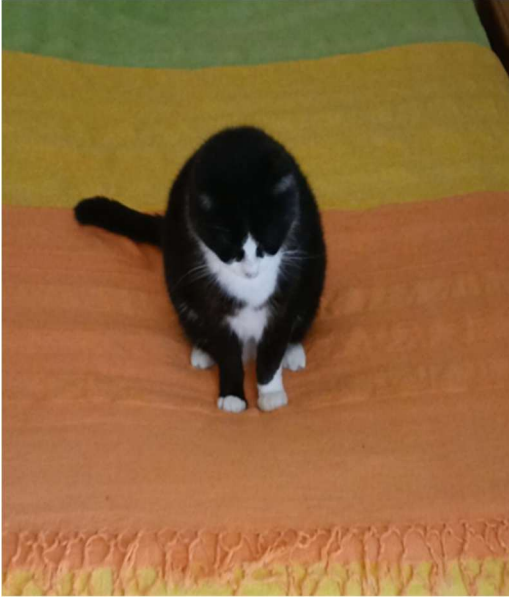
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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

News from Robert T Tuxxie



Dear Everypurr,

Here is another of my favourite places...on top of a bed! It is so comfy and warm. It is also a good place for me to leave my beautiful fur. For some reason my mummy doesn't seem to like it when I leave my fur on the bed clothes and now, she has covered it up with an old quilt. It is still nice and comfy though. Mummy says sometimes we can't have exactly what we want. It's just like when I ask for extra Dreamies and she says, 'No.' It doesn't mean something has gone wrong and that God doesn't love

me, but I have to make do with what I already have. It's not my favourite thing, but I think I know what she means. Although I can't sleep and leave my fur on the colourful bed anymore, it is still a comfy place even with a horrible old quilt. The most important thing is that I know God loves me and wants me and everyone to have a nice, safe place to sleep. Do you have favourite place where you feel safe and can go to sleep?

Your purrfully,

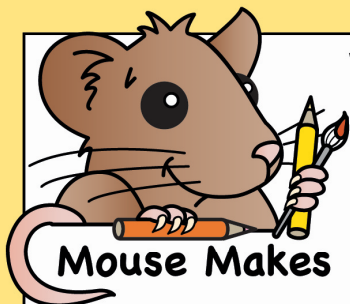
Robert T Tuxxie

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April Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

 Genesis 1:2

The

 of the Father.

Acts 1:4

Mouse Makes

The Spirit of

A _____

Romans 8:15

H _____

John 14:26

The Spirit of

 John 16:13

The Spirit of

 Acts 16:7

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read
 Acts 2:1-41

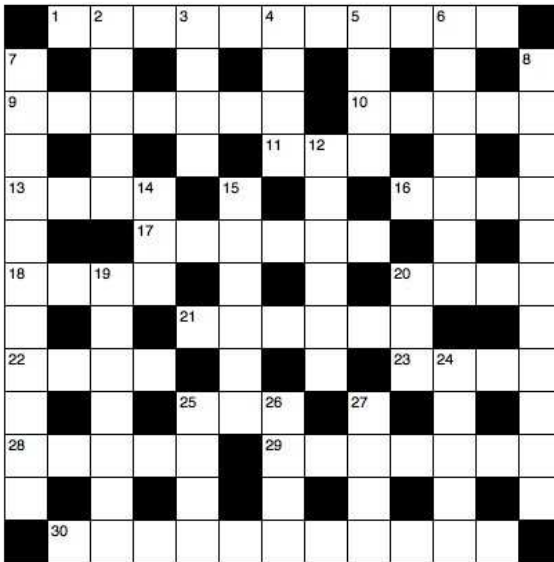
How many believers were baptised that day?

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Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

HOLY • SPIRIT • COUNSELLOR • COMFORTER
 ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE
 GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND

May Crossword



Across

1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11), 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7), 10 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5), 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3), 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4), 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, ins' (James 4:17) (2,2), 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6), 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4), 20 'As far as the east is from the—, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4), 21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6), 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to— his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4), 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4), 25 Has (anag.) (3), 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, —sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5), 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3), 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5), 3 'A bruised — He will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4), 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4), 5 Slip (anag.) (4), 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4), 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11), 8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11), 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6), 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3), 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on— —!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5), 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7), 20 'She began to— his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3), 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5), 25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke 6:30) (4), 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4), 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)



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These donations really mount up and since joining a large amount has been raised JUST by people using easyfundraising when they shop online!!

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- 5th June** **Lunch at THE ARMOURY, ASHTON and a chance to
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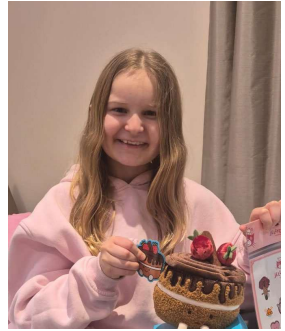
Ring Chris on 07714 235736 to book your place!

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Rose Queen Gracie's News

Annie, Anastasia and I are looking forward to representing St George's, Mossley and St George's, Stalybridge over the coming year.

We are starting our fundraising by having a stall at the spring fair at St George's, Stalybridge on Saturday 9th May. We are having a 'Play your cards right' game and we hope you will come to support us by having a go.



On 24th May we will be blessed by Reverend Denise at St George's, Mossley and we are looking forward to wearing our dresses for the first time. The Whit Friday walks are on the following Friday (29th May) and we will be taking part in the procession.

My crowning is on Saturday 27th June at 2pm at St George's, Mossley and we hope as many of you as possible will come along to join our special afternoon. We will have refreshments, stalls and a raffle.

Gracie

Rose Queen Elect

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Peaceful mind

There is a lot of talk about 'mindfulness' these days, and how to find calm moments in our daily lives. Both the BBC and Classic FM have even got radio stations devoted to 'mindful' and 'calm' music. But as Christians, we have an extra, divine resource to call on.

The Bible tells the story of Jesus and His stressed disciples in a boat in a storm. Like them, we also get hit by storms in life. And like them, we can know that Jesus is also with us. Why not take a moment to ponder these promises:

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken. (Psalm 55:22)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 6-8)

From Our Book of Remembrance

May 1	Stephen Mark Young	2009	May 18	Abel Ollerenshaw	1967
	Kenneth Doggett	2013	May 19	William Dale	1967
May 2	Annie Selby	1975		Clarice Barber	1976
	Derek Kay	2009	May 21	Gladys Lowe	1996
May 4	Harry Wright	1981	May 22	James Geoffrey Brayshaw	1970
	Martha Keatting	1996		George Henry Cope	1970
May 6	Evelyn Parkinson	1902		David Alan Smith	2019
	William Cooper	1970		David Alan Swift	2019
	Martha Kinder	1987	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
May 8	Agnes Winifred Barker	1979		Agnes Waddington	2007
May 9	Alice Day	1966		Myrtle Constance Prescott	2016
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988	May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
	Redeyoff			Albert Hopwood	2012
	Mary Miller(nee Higgins)	2010	May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986	May 26	Ian Peter Blake	2009
	Wendy Rosemary Miles	2016		Christopher Allan Shaw	2022
	Patricia Mitchell (nee Williams)	2024	May 28	Margaret Theodora Roberts	2017
				David John Partington	2022
May 15	May Blease	1999	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
	Mary Woolley	2008		Raymond Herbert Russell	2013
	Charles Swainson	2012	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010
May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979			
	William Hamnett Tonge	2006			
May 17	William Henry Priestley	1950			
	Bessie Travis	1991			
	Richard Barratt	2006			

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens.
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