

Message from Rev Daniel (abridged)

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. I write to share news which I know will be received with a mixture of joy and sadness.

Following sustained prayer and careful discernment, I have accepted an appointment as The Incumbent of St George with St Gabriel, Stockport, in the Diocese of Chester.

I want you to hear this directly from me: this decision has not been made quickly or lightly.

Over time, through prayer, conversation, and testing, there has come a quiet but steady clarity that God is calling me back into parish ministry — into the settled, sacramental, pastoral, and missionary life of a priest among a particular people in a particular place. I trust that the Lord, who is faithful, is leading both this deanery and the parish I go to serve into His good purposes.

At the same time, I want to say plainly that leaving Oldham and Ashton will not be easy.

These six years have been a profound gift. It has been a privilege to serve as your Full-Time Strategic Area Dean: to walk alongside clergy and lay leaders, to share in the life of our churches and schools, and to witness the faithfulness of God in communities of great complexity and hope. I thank God for you — for your courage, resilience, generosity, and steadfast witness.

I give thanks to my clergy colleagues, our churchwardens, PCC members, lay leaders, to those serving in schools, to our safeguarding officers and teams, to our civic community, and ecumenical partners. I carry deep gratitude for all that we have shared together: the strengthening of mission communities, the careful work of appointments and transitions, the embedding of safeguarding culture, and the shared commitment to justice, inclusion, and faithful presence.

I warmly invite you to:

Sunday 17 May at 3.00pm - Farewell Service on at St Mary's, Haughton Green.

Tuesday 21st July 2026, 7.00 pm - Licensing Service in Stockport, led by Bishop Mark Tanner

Be assured of my continued prayers for you all. It has been a deep privilege to serve Christ among you.

*Please forward any items to be included in the pew sheets by Wednesday to Barbara Ballantyne
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St John the Baptist Hey



Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday

Sunday 19th April 2026

The Third Sunday after Easter

8.00am - Holy Communion

9.15 am - Holy Communion

Readings & Hymns

Processional	223	Glorious things of thee are spoken
First Reading		1 Peter 1.17–23
Second		Acts 2.14a , 36–41
Gradual	798	We have a gospel to proclaim
Intercession		<i>O Lord hear my prayer</i>
Gospel Reading		Luke 24.13–35
Offertory	213	Gather around, for the table is spread
Communion	638	Rejoice, the Lord is King
Communion	430	Let there be love
Anthem		Christ the Lord is risen again!
Final	99	Christ is the King!

What do I do at Communion?

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. If not, please come forward to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden and Communion will be brought to you.

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*Please take this pew sheet home to guide you
in your bible study, aid your prayers
and remind you of forthcoming events.*

Services This Week

Wednesday 22nd April

10am - Holy Communion



Our Prayers are asked for:

The World

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the violence in Israel, Gaza, Iran, Sudan. Yemen & the Middle East.

The Church

Our Bishops David, Mark & Matthew. Archdeacon Karen and visiting clergy. All those who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church here at St John's. We pray for our Area Dean Daniel, his wife Judith and Benedict their dog as they move on to St George with St Gabriel, Stockport

The Community of the Parish

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & Junior School. The staff and pupils at Laugh'n'Learn Nursery. The staff & residents of Oakdene and Millfield Care Homes. The street of our Parish – the residents of Stamford Road.

Day by Day

19th April

Norma & Bill's Wedding anniversary

The Sick

Angie Reed, Jean Stonall, Hazel Gee, Freda and Terence Davies and anyone close to our own hearts.

Anniversary of Death

Frank Rigby, Alan Scott, Thomas O'Brien, Emily Waller, Annie Bennett, Kevin Morris and the recently departed Gordon Lawton.

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Polite Notice

Can we please ask everyone to give your feet an extra long wipe as you come in on wet days.

Psalm 116.1-7

- 1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.
- 7 For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

Notices

Funeral Gordon Lawton

Friday April 24th

10.30am - Hollywood Crematorium

Fund Raising

As you will have noticed the urgent work to repair the dry rot has started. This may lead to a few temporary changes over the next few weeks but we will keep you all informed.

Please take some time to have a look at the fundraising totaliser at the back of church and follow our journey to the **£20,000** needed to fund the work.

Our total is currently **£3287.50**

This is from fundraising, generous personal donations and claiming back tax through the Gift Aid scheme.

As you can see we have a bit more to do!

Please consider what you could do to help.

From completing the Gift Aid form; to maximise the donations you already make; to organising or helping with some extra events. The Laugh'n'Learn nursery raised an amazing £500 doing bunny hops.

If you are interested in making a donation or organising a coffee morning; Fashion Show; Race night or something similar; please speak to Kirsten, Steve Reed or a member of the PCC.

Thank you for your support.