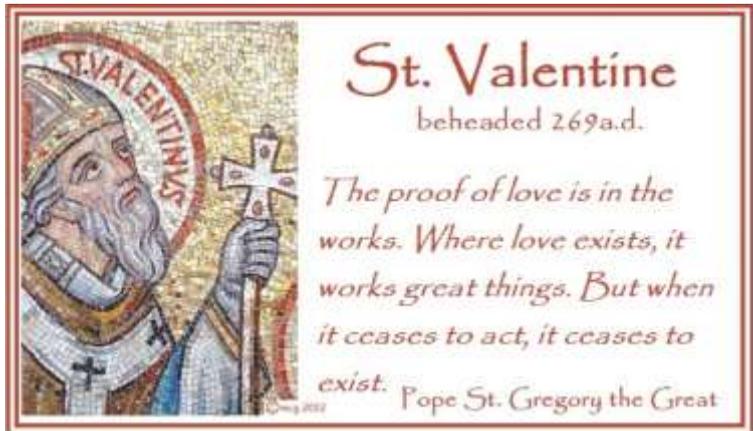


# Keep in Touch With St Alban's Church



**February 2019**  
**Suggested Price 60p**

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You can find lots of information about the church and its activities on our Parish Website:

[www.stalbanofferton.org.uk](http://www.stalbanofferton.org.uk)

find us on Facebook – f - at St. Alban Offerton.

### Wives Club February

6<sup>th</sup> Opening night  
13<sup>th</sup> Whist cum Bingo  
20<sup>th</sup> General Knowledge Quiz  
27<sup>th</sup> Anagrams

Happy New Year to all our friends and look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 8pm in the church hall.

If any ladies would care to join us, we would love to welcome you.

## Junior Pew News.

We have had a great start to 2019 with our children's and youth ministry. We ran a Saturday evening youth group for young people of senior school age, which was well attended. We played games, had snacks and did some crafts together and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Despite the fact that the young people asked for the group to happen more often, we are going to try to make the youth club a regular thing, with a view to running it once a month. We are hoping to be able to run the sessions on the second Saturday of each month and really need lots of helpers to make this happen successfully. Please consider whether you'd be able to commit to a couple of hours once a month to contribute to this important part of our church life.

Thanks to everyone who helped make Christingles for our Christingle service on Christmas Eve. It is always a joy and great privilege to welcome so many families to Christingle and to see the church so packed.

Our January Messy church was lively. The theme was Epiphany and we had lots of crafts and activities for families to enjoy. The most popular was "galaxy slime" making. January Messy Church was particularly messy!



We are looking forward to welcoming our local schools to St. Alban's during the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March for an Easter Experience. A number of different story stations will be set up around church that focus on a different aspect of the Easter story and children will have the opportunity to explore parts of the story in an interactive and fun way. We will look at what happened on Palm Sunday, the last supper, in the garden of Gethsemane, at the cross and at the tomb. What better way to think about what happened at the garden of Gethsemane than actually sitting in a garden to hear the story? Castle Hill and Dial Park school have already said that they would like to come, and Banks Lane Juniors (who haven't visited us at St Alban's before) have also expressed an interest. It would be great to have lots of helpers for the school visits so we can give the pupils and staff a really good welcome, and to help share the Easter story with them. Please let me know if you'd like to come and help that week. No preparation is required as a script is provided and the school teachers will be present. When we have done a similar thing at Christmas time with local schools in the past, those who came and helped had a really good time. So did the children! Every blessing!  
Marie.





Christingle making





Christmas decorations

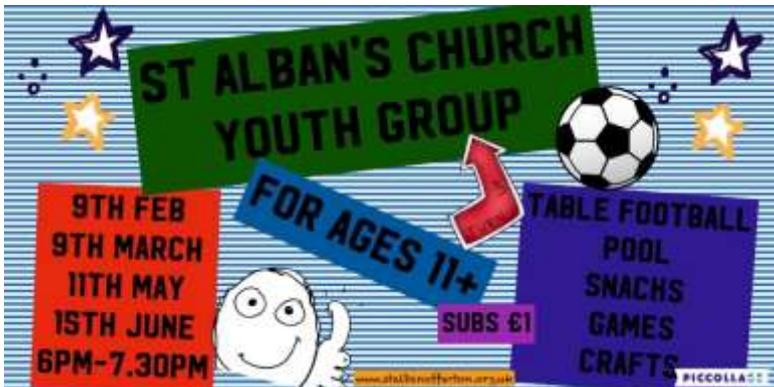


The last draw of 2018 of the 100 club took place at the beginning of December and the results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	No. 50	Mrs. Colledge
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	No. 59	Miss A. Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	No. 4	Mr. A. Bohen

There is still time to join the club for 2019 and if you wish to do so, please see Joan Cooper, who will gladly take your money and issue you with a number.

May we offer our grateful thanks to Joan who instigated the club and has run it seamlessly since its inception.



## The celebration we do not celebrate

The 6<sup>th</sup> February is a momentous landmark for the Queen, as the monarch will mark the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her accession to the throne. However, the date is not celebrated by the royal as it is also the anniversary of her beloved father's death. King George VI passed away in 1952 aged just 56, leaving his daughter, Elizabeth, to ascend to the throne aged 25. As such, the Queen doesn't hold any public celebration, but instead spends the day in private without any official engagements.

The King, who ascended to the throne himself following the abdication of his elder brother Edward, passed away from a coronary thrombosis in his sleep, while the young Princess Elizabeth was on tour in Kenya with her husband, Philip Mountatten and he was the one who broke the sad news to her. Comander Michael Parker, who was with the couple at the time, recalled "Philip looked as if you'd dropped half the world on him. He took his wife up to the garden and they walked up and down the lawn while he talked and talked to her. She was sitting erect, fully accepting her destiny. I asked her what name she would take". "My own, of course".

The Queen arrived home and addressed privy councillors and representatives from the City of London, and the Commonwealth at an Ascension council in St. Jame's Palace. In her speech she said, "My heart is too full for me to say more to you today other than I shall always work as my father did throughout his reign, to advance the happiness and prosperity of my people, spread as they are all the world over".

The Queen opened up about her father in a BBC documentary about the crown jewels. Speaking to Royal commentator Alistair Bruce about her ascension to the throne and the subsequent coronation, at the age of 25, she explained, "I have seen one coronation, and been the recipient of the other, which is pretty remarkable". She also spoke about the Imperial State Crown which was made for her father's coronation in 1937, and explained, "Fortunately my father and I have the same sort of shaped head. But once you put it on, it stays. I mean, it just remains on".





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The Parish of St Alban

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SATURDAY NIGHT OUT  
With the world famous  
JIMMY CRICKET  
An evening of entertainment, raffle etc.  
With a 4 course meal.  
(Bring your own glass and wine)  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
7pm prompt – 11pm  
Tickets £25

MENU

Prawn cocktail or pate, toast and salad

Chicken breast in cream sauce or  
Salmon in Parsley Sauce  
New potatoes, peas, carrots, cauliflower and broccoli

Assorted sweets from the trolley  
Cheese Biscuits and mints.

Tickets on sale from 1.12.18 and places are limited to  
100 so first come first served.  
Please contact Pam Hinks 285 0982  
Profit for refurbishment of Parish Hall toilets.

# **St Albans Church is a vibrant and active Church of England Parish Church in Stockport**

We welcome visitors of all faiths and of no faith. Our services are as inclusive as possible and all are welcome to join the church family for services and events.

## **Regular Services at St Alban's**

### **Sunday**

**8.00am** Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday only)  
**10.30am** Sung Eucharist  
**6.00pm** Storytime Service

### **Monday**

**9.15am** Morning prayer

### **Wednesday**

**10.30am** Said Eucharist  
*(At St Johns Church, Marple Road)*

### **Thursday**

**10.30am** Babies and Toddlers Praise and Play

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 3.30pm – 5.30pm - Messy Church**