

Happy New Year

Newsletter for 2 weeks from Sunday 2nd January 2011

Seeking to become a whole-life disciple-making parish*

The King James Bible



A familiar children's chorus says: "Read your bible... pray every day... if you want to grow"

2011 is the 400th year since the King James' Bible was published. It resulted from a conference at Hampton Court in 1604, presided over by King James (who followed Elizabeth 1). He had become King of Scotland aged one when his mother, Mary Queen of Scots was forced to abdicate. He was raised as a Scottish Presbyterian Calvinist and by eight was translating Biblical passages from Latin into French, then English; he retained a life-long interest in theology.

The Puritans hoped a Scottish Presbyterian king would purify the English Church of Papist traditions. They did not change the Church but succeeded in obtaining a new translation of the Bible.

The Puritans preferred Calvin's anti-royalist Geneva Bible with explanatory notes over the official Elizabethan 'Bishops' Bible'. James appointed Puritan translators to ensure inclusion and consensus but insisted that marginal notes should only explain Hebrew or Greek words. New Archbishop of Canterbury Richard Bancroft selected 48 translators, scholarly Biblical theologians fluent in Latin, Greek, Hebrew,

Aramaic, Arabic and Ethiopic. Each scholar worked on allocated chapters then met in groups to agree the text, agreeing the final text at a general meeting.

Their guidelines stated the work was to be careful, detailed; reflecting inherited Christian tradition and translations from Tyndale's Bible, easily understood, graceful and rhythmical. This was a State project; the translation is dedicated to "Prince James...", the principal mover and author of the work."

Collating manuscripts took a year from 1608 then the Bible was reviewed orally as its main function was to be read aloud in Church. It has been loved ever since for its meaning and mastery of English prose. It has been said of it "Other translations may engage the mind, but the King James Version is the Bible of the heart."

Nowadays our modern translations make it easy to read the Word of God. Treat yourself.
We need to read the Bible every day!

SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am: St Andrew's 11am

St Paul's, 7-8pm: 'Still Hour' of quiet prayer, but Parish Prayers, 7 - 7.30pm, last Sunday in the month in Jan, Mar, May & Jul.

N.B. Sun 30th Jan, 8 - 8.30pm, Prayer for Flourish Weekend with our Methodist friends.

Wednesdays: St Paul's 10am: St Andrew's 2pm

Weekday Morning Prayers: St Paul's 9.05am

NOTES

Today at St Paul's we welcome Bishop Chris.

Has God met you in some way in your daily life? Please will you let us know? Such times are precious; they should be recorded and shared to encourage the rest of us. We are putting together a compilation of some of 'our stories' as part of our **Imagine** project. Your story, however simple or 'obvious' to you, will bless others. Please tell or send to Eileen (792 9960) reidbooth@aol.com

Revd Lisa is planning **Confirmation Classes**. Please tell her if you are interested in being confirmed.

Did you know? St Paul's has a library of about 600 books and there is a free lending scheme - see Jack G for more information.

PCC and St Andrew's Committee have discussed the lack of activities for young people in Carr Clough and Rainsough. A working group is being set up to develop mission with young people in the wider community. If you can help please contact Catherine 0161 773 9859.

DIARY DATES (January)

Sundays, 7 – 7.30pm, School of Prayer, in the Youth Room, St Paul's, to enrich and broaden your prayer life.

Mon 3rd, 10am from Rainsough Community Centre, **ramble planned from Jumbles Country Park**. Cost £2, contact Judith or Rick (0753 927 5834) re transport. Refreshments provided.

Wed 5th, 7.30pm, Evening with Chick Yuill for preachers and leaders, the Rectory.

Thu 6th, 8pm, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle starts again in St Andrew's – Soup & Rolls. (20th AGM)

Mon 10th, 7.30pm, Friends of Kersal Moor meeting in the Harrison room, St Paul's.

**PARISH SOCIALS at 7.30pm
Saturdays in St Paul's,**

- Jan 8th, Hotpot Supper & Bingo
- Jan 22nd, Quiz Night
- Feb 5th, Games & Film Night
- Feb 19th, Auction of Promises

Don't Miss!

Entrance: Adult £4, Child £2, inc. refreshments.

Tue 11th, 7.30pm, St Paul's Committee.

Tue , 1.30pm, 'Time Out', (Fortnightly Craft & Social group), 5 Moorside Rd. All welcome. See Eileen (792 9960) for date of next meeting.

Wed 12th, 7.30pm, Worship Planning meeting in Parish office. Everyone welcome.

New Time Thu 13th, 6.30 – 8pm, Espresso Church in Costa Coffee, Longfield Precinct. Interesting speaker, coffee and conversation in a relaxed environment.

Tue 18th, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Committee.

Sat 22nd, 10.30 – 12.30pm, Whole-Parish meeting with Chick Yuill, our 'Imagine' consultant

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together in P'wich & Kersal Events

- Tue 18th, 12noon, St. Margaret's Prestwich
- Wed 19th, 7pm, Heaton Park Methodist Church
- Thu 20th, 3pm, Our Lady of Grace Prestwich
- Fri 21st, 7.30pm, St. Paul's Kersal Moor
- Sat 22nd, 10am, St. George's Simister

Principal Service

- Sun 23rd, 4pm, St. Mary's Prestwich**
Preacher: Rev Leslie Dawson, Supernumerary Minister, Prestwich & Radcliffe Methodist Circuit.
- Mon 24th, 6.30pm, St. Gabriel's Sedgley Park
- Tue 25th, 7pm, Servites Sedgley Park

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Newsletter items to Rick by Tue 11th for Sun 16th Jan (Mob: 0753 927 5834 rick51thompson@yahoo.co.uk)

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Our aim is to *KNOW* God through Jesus, to *GROW* in faith, and to *SHOW* God's love in our community

*...N.B. the **110:10 challenge** in our New Year is to be **whole-life disciples** in the 110 waking hours in each week that we are not in church, as well as the 10 or so that we are.