

# Newsletter

For 2 weeks from Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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

Not everyone may realise that we welcome articles from anyone for the Newsletter so if you have a message to share please do send it in to sub-editor Rick. One article recently received deals with the hard reality of sexual abuse through the eyes of its author, who has experienced God's healing, over many years, from the trauma of rape. It is a really good article but because our newsletter is published on the internet I've decided to make it available instead to everyone who requests a copy. The author would like to share, so please don't hold back from asking for a copy. Just drop me a line or email (Lisa 0161 792 5362 or [lisabattye@stpaulsparish.org.uk](mailto:lisabattye@stpaulsparish.org.uk)).

Together with articles we are also actively seeking to create a file of our stories or 'mini-testimonies' that tell of God at work in our lives. Writing your real life story is a way of saying Thank you to God, and God gets precious few thanks (!) so, again, please don't hold back. Each story that you write down and pass to our appointed 'story-catcher' Eileen (0161 792 9960 or [reidbooth@aol.com](mailto:reidbooth@aol.com)) will be treasured and kept to encourage the rest of us. This initiative is part of the Imagine Project in which we are seeking to develop our 'Whole Life Discipleship' and live a Christian life in our everyday environment. We already have a few stories on file. This is particularly appropriate for National Storytelling Week, which starts on January 29<sup>th</sup>!

Meanwhile, please could you make a special effort to come to the Whole Parish 'Imagine' meeting with Chick Yuill next Saturday morning (22<sup>nd</sup>) 10.30-12.30 followed by soup and roll lunch for those who stay. Chick's teaching gifts shine through his presentations and I know you will go away uplifted and strengthened to be a 'whole life' disciple. *Revd Lisa*

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**Tear Fund are asking us** if we can send them details of someone in our fellowship who would act as a Parish rep - as Tearfund's main point of contact with us. Please let me know if you would be willing to serve God and your Church in this way. (Lisa 792 5362)

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

**St Paul's Bookstall Highlights:** 'Best Taizé Album Ever' - an ideal introduction to the music of Taizé spread over 3 CDs. We have 'The Lion Guide to the Bible', 'The Shack', 'Outlive Your Life' - Max Lucado, 'Imitation of Christ' and much more plus a selection of Bibles always in stock. Please note that all profits from bookstall sales go to church funds.

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.

**Could you be a 'spotter'?** We need someone to notice when people are either new or absent for Sunday services in St Paul's to help us be both welcoming and also alert if people go sick.

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup>, 1.30pm, Funeral of Dorothy Lovell** at St Paul's; ex churchwarden of the parish.  
PLEASE NOTE – time changed from 12.30. The **4<sup>th</sup> Wed Luncheon club** has been cancelled.

## DIARY DATES (January)

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

**Tue 18<sup>th</sup>, 1.30pm, 'Time Out'**, (Fortnightly Craft & Social group), 5 Moorside Rd. All welcome.

**Tue 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Committee.**

**Tue 18<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, Men's group**, the Rectory. All men welcome.

**Thu 20<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle** in St Andrew's – AGM.

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

### Principal Service

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm, St. Mary's Prestwich**  
Preacher: Rev Leslie Dawson, Supernumerary Minister, Prestwich & Radcliffe Methodist Circuit.

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>, 6.30pm, St. Gabriel's Sedgley Park  
Tue 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Servites Sedgley Park

## Come & Explore Life, Meaning and The Christian Faith... in an Alpha Course!

6 Sundays from 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2.30 – 4pm at St Paul's Church & final session Sat 5<sup>th</sup> March, families welcome, crèche provided. More info from Revd Lisa 792 5362 or Revd Catherine 07711 611201.



**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 – 9pm, Spring Term Parish Discipleship Course:** Introductory session at St Paul's.

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Film and reflection 1<sup>st</sup> Tue of the month Alt: after/even  
Quiet retreat day 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month 10.30–3.30pm  
Evening bible study 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu of the month 7 – 9pm  
Christian meditation 4<sup>th</sup> Tue of the month 10.30-12pm  
Card making 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month 1.30 –4pm  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: Living with loss – Mary Galvin FCJ 10.30-3.30pm. A day for the bereaved.

## FUTURE EVENTS (February)

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

- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, Quiz Night
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, Games & Film Night
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, Auction of Promises

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

**Don't Miss!**

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8pm, Flourish Planning meeting** at St Paul's. All interested welcome.

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8pm, Deanery Still Hour**, St Paul's.

**Tue 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, Cluster meeting**, St Paul's.

**Newsletter items** to Rick by Tue 25<sup>th</sup> for Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jan  
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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.