

Newsletter

For 2 weeks from Sunday 30th January 2011

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

WORLD LEPROSY DAY 2011 Justice And Dignity

'Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.'
Isaiah 1: 17b

World Leprosy day is celebrated around the world in over 100 countries on the last Sunday in January. In the countries where leprosy exists it is a time to lobby governments for rights and services and raise awareness that leprosy is curable and not highly contagious. In places like the UK it is an opportunity to offer prayer and support for people affected by leprosy, people who are often forgotten or ignored by society.

For many the burden of social exclusion, through loss of home, work, spouse or marriage prospects, is a daily reality, and a situation that The Leprosy Mission sees time and again in its work and projects. The Lord calls us to defend the cause of those who are excluded and marginalized, so, as well as medical care, the Mission's work strives to bring the justice and dignity that many people affected by leprosy have given up hope of attaining.

We are proud of giving The Leprosy Mission regular support through our Parish Tithes, and Ladies' Circle collections. We are also aware that this year they are specially aiming to raise funds and prayer support for staff, services and patients at Naini hospital in northern India. Naini is close to a main station, so patients come from far and wide to receive treatment.

The hospital offers counselling to help people deal with the psychological effects of leprosy and establishes community-based rehabilitation projects to help people escape poverty and thereby raising their standing in their local communities. Anyone wishing to make a one-off

special gift for Naini hospital can find out more from our parish Leprosy Mission representative Vera Mackenzie or www.worldleprosyday.org.uk

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.

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)

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.

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

For Sale: Electric Sewing Machine - donation will go to church funds see Marion 792 8204.

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.

DIARY DATES (February)

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

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



Tonight Sun 30th Jan, Parish prayers at 7pm, and **Prayer for Flourish Weekend 8 – 8.30pm,** with our Methodist friends at St Paul's.

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

Parish Whole Life Discipleship Course

Monday evenings 7.30 – 9pm
St Paul's in the Harrison room

Mon 31 st January	Mon 14 th March
Mon 7 th February	Mon 21 st March
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Mon 7 th March	

Tue 1st, 1.30pm, 'Time Out', (Fortnightly Craft & Social group), 5 Moorside Rd. All welcome.

Tue 1st, 7.30pm, PCC meeting.

Wed 2nd, 10.30 – 11.30am, Coffee Morning, St Paul's Social Area to support World Leprosy Day.

Wed 2nd, 8pm, Flourish Planning meeting at St Paul's. All interested welcome.

Thu 3rd, 8pm, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle in St Andrew's – Quiz. (Thu 17th - Bring and Buy)

Sat 5th, 7.30pm, Parish Social (Games & Film night with much fun!) in St Paul's Social Area. Adults £4, Child £2. Refreshments provided.

Sun 6th, 7 – 8pm, Deanery Still Hour, St Paul's.

Tue 8th, 7.30 - 9pm, Parish 'Cluster' group in St Paul's Social Area. Open to all, this meeting takes place approx every two months. It's a place to explore what part you can play in parish life, an opportunity to air your ideas, and to check out what's going on. The aim is to get together over refreshments and talk about the 'bigger picture' of parish life. There is a keen focus on mission and a chance to hear how things are going across the home groups and parish courses. Alan S.

Wed 9th, 11am, Prayer Ministry Team meeting in St Paul's.

Thu 10th, starts 6.30 – 8pm, Espresso Church in Costa Coffee, Longfield Precinct. (2nd Thu in the month) Interesting speaker, coffee and conversation in a relaxed environment.

Wed 16th, 7.30pm, 'Churches Together' meeting at Heaton Park Methodist.

Thu 17th, 7.30 – 9pm, special Deanery Ministry Development meeting at St Paul's Kersal. Jayne Prestwood, Diocese Local Ministry Officer will give details of all the lay ministry training opportunities available from the diocese. Please respond to confirm your attendance to Alan S. (792 4130, mob.07767 643444). All interested welcome. Refreshments provided.

Sat 19th, 7.30pm, Parish Social, (Auction of Promises & much more!) in St Paul's Social Area. Adults £4, children £2. Refreshments provided.

Wed 23rd, 11.30am, (4th Wed in the month) **Luncheon Club** in St Paul's Social Area.

Fri 25th, Barry Woodward evening 'Salford Stories' in Eccles. Free tickets available – apply Lisa or Catherine.

Advance notice: Barry Woodward evening in St Paul's, Sat 17th Sept. For more details visit www.salfordstories.com

Sat 26th, 10.30–3.30pm, Katherine House main annual event at Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall. Guest speaker Fr. Gerald O'Mahony SJ. For info & registration contact Katherine House 708 9744.

Newsletter items to Rick by Tue 8th for Sun 13th Feb
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For more information and past newsletters visit our website: www.stpaulsparish.org.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.*