

Newsletter

For 2 weeks from Sunday 27th February 2011

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

Revd Lisa writes...

'Whole-Life Discipleship' is set to become a phrase that, with a bit of luck, we will all get fed up of before too long. Provided we focus *properly* on this matter which God has brought to our attention through the Imagine Project. By all kinds of means we must know what it means to be 'a whole-life Christian disciple' in 2011, in line with our parish aim to 'grow in depth and numbers and grace'. 'Numbers' are at the forefront this year, just as growth in depth was the first dimension we addressed, and growth in grace became our emphasis in 2009/10.

But why, you may ask, is a parish that wants to grow in numbers teaching about 'whole-life discipleship'? Why not evangelism? Or maybe you wouldn't ask, because the whole idea feels vaguely uncomfortable. If so please don't dismiss this 'discipleship stuff' as irrelevant to you. It is crucial for our integrity in any witnessing, and vital for the fulfilment of our vision. Without our accepting that uncomfortable feeling – and 'working with it' - we won't grow this year, in numbers or in spirit, individually or corporately.

So let's submit to God's lead on this, and take in the simple concepts involved. Let's allow God to transform our parish into a 'whole-life discipleship making parish'. And let's remember - this isn't about us learning something with our minds; it is about changing the way we live.

We start by attacking the 'sacred-secular divide' and choosing to live as 'full time Christian workers' in daily life, knowing that everything we do is important to God. And *how* we do it, and *how* we live. And whom we *talk to*, and *what* we say, in the roughly 110 waking hours per week of our usual occupation, as well as the 10 or less in church-related things. This is about *everything*.

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 Mar, May & Jul.

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

Weekday Morning Prayers: St Paul's 9.05am

NOTES

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.

A parish break... Fancy a short prayerful summer break? A chance to share fellowship and fun with your Church Family...Join us at Holyrood House, Thirsk, Yorkshire from 15th to 19th August 2011 Cost: £150 for 5 days bed, breakfast, lunch and evening meal, prayer, art, pastoral & spiritual care. Thirsk is 5 minutes walk away. See Revd Catherine if interested or 'phone her on 07711 611201 or 0161 773 9859

If you are interested in being Confirmed in May then please talk to Revd Lisa (1 Moorside Rd, 792 5362 lisabattye@stpaulsparish.org.uk) 6 classes at the rectory; March 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th, May 1st, 8th. The Confirmation Service will be 6pm, 22nd May, Emmanuel Ch, Salford.

Our **Four Publicity Committee Parish socials** whose aim was raising funds for a new outdoor noticeboard at St Paul's have been an amazing success. Total amount raised: £1968.50p +. Many thanks to all who supported them.

For Sale: A Portable Electric Sewing Machine.
Offers of a donation to Marion 0161 792 8204.

Opportunity for Christian service and fun!

From September I am praying for and looking for the right individual or couple to lead or co-lead either St Paul's Sunday Pathfinders (11s-15s) or a new over 16s group. Subject to CRB clearance. If interested please let me know. *Revd Lisa*

DIARY DATES (March)

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

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

Tue 1st, 7.30pm, St Paul's Committee & 8pm St Paul's AGM in St Paul's.

Thu 3rd, 8pm, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle in St Andrew's – Derek Hartley (Leprosy Mission).

Fri 4th, 10.15 – 10.45am, Introductory session of a **Parenting Survival course** during Toddlers group in St Paul's Social Area. Just drop in.

Fri 4th, 1.30pm, Women's World Day of Prayer in St Andrew's. Subject 'How many loaves have you'? Prepared by the Christian women of Chile. (All welcome, including men)

Sat 5th, Flourish weekend 'Fast and Pray' day

Sun 6th, 3pm, Memorial Service in St Paul's.

Parish Whole Life Discipleship Course

Monday evenings 7.30 – 9pm led by Lisa in St Paul's in the Social Area continues...

Mon 7th March

Mon 21st March

Mon 14th March

Mon 28th March

Tue 8th, 7.30pm, Presentation & Extraordinary PCC meeting on the consecration of women bishops, St Paul's. (*non PCC members welcome*)

Wed 9th, Ash Wednesday,
2pm Prayers with Ashing, St Andrew's.
8.30pm Short Communion with Ashing, St Paul's.

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

Sun 13th, St Andrew's AGM in church service.

Sun 13th, 6pm, Circuit Praise in Prestwich Methodist Church – Speaker; Chick Yuill.

Mon 14th, 7.30pm, Friends of Kersal Moor, St Paul's.

Tue 15th, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Committee

Tue 22nd, 7.30pm, PCC meeting at St Paul's to receive Annual Report – Chick Yuill will be speaking. (*non PCC members welcome*).

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

Sun 27th, 10.30am, Joint Service with Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All are expected to attend if possible. Chick will be preaching.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Flourish 2011: "enter humbly - boldly go"

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd April

Led by Chick Yuill, broadcaster & writer @ St Paul's Church, Moor Lane, M7 3QH



'How to live as true disciples of Jesus'

See posters or prcircuit.org.uk/flourish for further details. This is a joint venture between Prestwich & Radcliffe Methodist Circuit and the Parish. Admission free: an offering will be taken.

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

Newsletter items to Rick by Tue 8th, for Sun 13th Mar
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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** for 2011 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 less that we are.