

Newsletter

For 2 weeks from Sunday 13th March 2011

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

FIRST THINGS FIRST

For reading and meditation
James ch 5 vv 7 ~ 19 NIV

Is anyone sick? – He should call the elders – to pray over him and anoint him with oil. Verse 14

Having been confined to the house for sometime now, with a heart complaint, it has given to me a much needed opportunity to catch up with my spiritual reading which had been sadly neglected due to my illness. So I would like to share with you quotes from the writings of Selwyn Hughes, someone whom I have always had a great admiration for.

He relates to us, that if we become seriously ill, we should invite those we know who have the Holy Spirit residing within them, to lay their hands upon us and ask God to heal us. This does not mean however that we ought to ignore medical opinion, and think that to consult a doctor demonstrates a lack of faith. It is not a denial of God's power or a lack of faith to consult a physician whenever you are ill. God uses physical as well as spiritual means to restore us to health. But let us be careful that in paying attention to the physical remedies that God has built into His creation we do not ignore the spiritual remedies as well.

You Lord are a very gracious and loving Father, and we ask that You will help us whenever we are ill, that we will remind ourselves of all the remedies that You have built into our world, to help us to be well again in Jesus' name. Amen.

Peggy Wheeler

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

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. Deanery Confirmation will be at 6pm, 22nd May, St Luke's, Weaste - corner of Liverpool St / Derby Rd Salford M6 5YD.

Opportunity for Christian service: Can you help by going on a rota for cleaning the Social Area? Please contact Anthea 792 1780

Stuart Lester has moved into his new flat but needs furniture, especially soft furnishings and a dining table and chairs. Can U Help? 07780858619

Fundraising for a new outdoor noticeboard at St Paul's has been an amazing success. Total amount raised was £2014.97. Many thanks to all who supported the Parish socials.

DIARY DATES (March/April)

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

Thursdays 10 – 11.30am, Lent Study group in Youth room, St Paul's, led by Kath Disley. All welcome.

Parish Whole Life Discipleship Course
Monday evenings 7.30 – 9pm led by Lisa
in St Paul's in the Social Area continues...

Mon 14th Mon 21st Mon 28th March

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 in Social Area.

Monday 14th, 1.30pm, 'Time Out', (Fortnightly Craft & Social group), 5 Moorside. All welcome.

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

Thu 17th, 8pm, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle in St Andrew's. Speaker: Revd Catherine Shelley.

Tue 22nd, 7.30pm, PCC meeting at St Paul's to receive reports – 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.

Sat/Sun 26th/27th, Clocks go forward an hour!

Sun 27th, 10.30am, Joint Service with Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Paul's. All are expected to attend if possible. Chick will be preaching; afterwards 'bring and share' lunch.
7pm – 8pm, Parish prayers & prayer for Flourish Weekend, with our Methodist friends.

Wed 30th, 7pm, Short meeting of SPACE (St Paul's Ancient Cemetery Environment Group) in St Paul's. Main agenda will be 'Churchyard charges'.

Thu 31st, 7.30pm, Servite Parish Centre: Jan Graffius, the curator at Stonyhurst College, will give a presentation about her work in El Salvador to conserve the artefacts of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was murdered while saying Mass in March 1980.

Flourish 2011

"enter humbly - boldly go"

Led by **Chick Yuill**,
broadcaster & writer
@ St Paul's Church,



'How to live as true disciples of Jesus'

Friday 1st April

5.30pm food and chat

7.00pm Standing in the presence of God

Saturday 2nd April

10.00am Walking in the company of Jesus

12.00pm soup & roll

1.00pm Sacred space - prayer zones

3.00pm Growing in the power of the Spirit

5.00pm hot meal

7.00pm Living in the midst of the world.

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.

Thu 14th April, starts 6.30pm – 8pm, Espresso Church in Costa Coffee, Longfield Precinct. (2nd Thu in the month) Interesting speaker, coffee & conversation in a relaxed environment.

ADVANCE NOTICES

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

Newsletter items to Rick by Tue 22nd, for Sun 27th Mar
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Emergency prayer chain: ring Maureen (792 4873)
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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 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.

Quote: The life that is too busy for worship is busier than God intended it to be.