

Newsletter

For 2 weeks from Sunday 27th March 2011

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

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." Eph 3:14

Methodist friend Barbara Donnelly writes:

I have been attending the Discipleship course for some weeks now. It's one of those courses that really "fires you up" and makes you want to stand up and shout "Yes!!" or nod your head vigorously every few minutes!! Last week's talk incorporated a discussion on three of the disciples mentioned in Paul's letters, and how they were encouraged and mentored by those who were spiritually mature enough to do that valuable task. They were all very different people, but their mentoring was done by those who appreciated the fact, and took it into consideration in their dealings with them.

I have found it very valuable, in my walk with the Lord, to have someone to whom I can turn with my concerns about spiritual matters. I also think that it is important that it is someone who I can trust, not only to have understanding and empathy, but to have the courage to speak the truth, in love, to me. In the past, I have always felt it should be a minister, but although that is the ideal, I am discovering that we are all capable of "discipling" each other in our journey. If we ask the Lord for the right words, and the grace to speak them in love, we can be like those early Christians, and build each other up in the faith and the knowledge of God. If we don't know the answer, then we need the courage to say exactly that, and to refer them to someone who can give them more help. It takes real humility to admit to

not knowing...unfortunately, I have known people who think they have all the answers!

I spent the weekend in Chester with a friend of mine...a fellow Street Pastor. We had gone away to chill out, because we both have very busy lives, family and otherwise!! During that time, we mentored each other, and I came back refreshed and renewed in spirit, ready to face the world again!

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
Come & join us - all welcome.

NOTES

Opportunity for Christian service: Can you help by going on a rota for cleaning St Paul's 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

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.

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.

Today Sun 27th, 2.15pm at the rectory: All welcome to join a short visit to Vine Street Synagogue with members of Confirmation class.

Sun 27th, 7 – 8pm, St Paul's: Prayer meeting for Flourish weekend, please come.

Tue 29th, 1.30pm, 'Time Out', (fortnightly craft & social group), 5 Moorside Rd. All welcome.

Tue 29th, 7 - 9pm: Flourish Prayer Evening at St Paul's & ministry team briefing – all welcome.

Wed 30th, 7pm, Meeting of SPACE (St Paul's Ancient Cemetery Environment Group) in St Paul's Parish Office. Main item: 'Churchyard charges'.

Thu 31st, 8pm, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle in St Andrew's - Cake Stall.

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 in March 1980.

Fri 1st & Sat 2nd April – Flourish see opposite >

Sat 2nd, 1pm, bunching of Daffodils for Mothering Sunday at Rectory – help needed.

Tue 5th, 7.30pm, Cluster Group in St Paul's.

Sun 10th, 6pm, Flourish Celebration Service – Testimony and sharing, St Paul's.



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

Wed 20th, Parish Passover Meal, 6.45 for 7pm in Social Area, St Paul's. To book see Maureen (792 4873) by 17th April. Minimum donation £3.

ADVANCE NOTICES

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

Magazine items to Rick by Tue 5th, for Sun 10th Apr Mob: 0753 927 5834 rick51thompson@yahoo.co.uk

Emergency prayer chain: ring Maureen (792 4873) Email requests – rober382@talktalk.net

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.

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.