

# Newsletter

For 2 weeks from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011

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

## A Running Commentary on our Politics

from Lisa Battye

What did you feel when you heard Bin Laden had been killed?

I felt very uneasy... murder cannot be the right way to bring justice.



In fact I feel increasingly uneasy at the casual way all governments, including our own, seem to be treating human beings. For example: I am appalled by the refusal of our government to accord basic human rights to thousands of failed asylum seekers. These people receive *absolutely nothing*, no benefits, no vouchers, and no permission to work. Some of them commit crimes *hoping* to be taken into prison, to be fed!

When did we assume the right to decide that someone's crime was so gross that they may not eat? We feed mass murderers, but not someone who can't prove persecution. We decide they probably 'only came here looking for a better life' and then deny them the means of any life.

Jesus has some very negative words for people in power who neglect the weightier matters of God's law: justice, mercy & faith (Matthew 23:23).

I wonder what words He will have for people who neglect to care about the basic needs of the stranger in their midst?

Overheard during the long clear-up after St Paul's Fair: "That 110:10 hours thing is correct – we spend 110 in church and 10 elsewhere!"

## 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 May, July & Sept.

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

**Weekday Morning Prayers:** St Paul's 9.05am  
Come & join us - all welcome.

## NOTES

**Archdeacon's visitation services in May:**  
Please will our Churchwardens & sidespersons go to be sworn in, Thu 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm at St Thomas Pendleton, supported by all PCC members. If not then St Mary, Eccles, Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm is an alternative. Please see wardens to arrange lifts.

**The St Andrew's Sunday School banner** is still missing. PLEASE HELP US FIND IT.

**Check out** [www.anchormediacityuk.org/events](http://www.anchormediacityuk.org/events) by **Churches Together at Mediacity UK** - and add your own event if you like!

**Big thanks to all Spring Fair volunteers.** £584 was raised + £500 - Marion's Wednesday stall.

**Mellor Country House,** M'cr Cathedral Country Home, 299 Longhurst Lane, Mellor, Stockport Sk6 5PP, provides low-cost, subsidised holidays for people from the inner cities of M'cr, Salford and Stockport – if interested let Lisa know.

## DIARY DATES (May- June)

**Sundays, 7 – 7.30pm, School of Prayer,** in St Paul's Youth Room.

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>, St Paul's Gift day & 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Christian Aid Week**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Committee**

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> – Sat 21<sup>st</sup>, "Oliver!" at Radcliffe Civic Suite**, Thomas St. Megan, Maddie & Debs Smith are in the show. See noticeboard for more information / box office 01204 578216. for tickets.

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup>, 1.30pm, 'Time Out'**, (fortnightly craft & social group), 5 Moorside Rd. All welcome.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>, Short meeting** after communion to review **St Paul's Fair** in Worship area.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>, Everyone is invited to a Public Meeting at Butterstile school** to learn more about Credit Unions and how they could benefit this area. Details from Revd Catherine: 773 9859, mob. 07711611201, email [cjts08@email.com](mailto:cjts08@email.com)

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm**, Please support Judy and Daniel **at our Deanery Confirmation** at **St Luke's**, Weaste - corner of L'pool St/Derby Rd M6 5YD.

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm prayers for 7.30pm, PCC.**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am, Luncheon club**, St Paul's.

**Thu 26<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle – Quiz night.**

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Parish prayers**, St Paul's

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.45pm, Ascension Day.** Short Communion service in St Paul's Chancel area.

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3.30pm, 'Strawberry Tea'** at St Andrew's + raffle & children's games. Volunteers needed to make scones – see Val (798 0027).

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm, Deanery Still Hour of Prayer** at St Paul's.

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm – 8pm, Espresso Church** in Costa Coffee, Longfield Precinct. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thu in the month) Interesting speaker, coffee & chat.

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm, Pentecost Praise** in St Margaret's Gardens, Bury Old Rd, Prestwich.

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**Newsletter items** to Rick by Tue 24<sup>th</sup>, for Sun 29<sup>th</sup> May  
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**For more information** and past newsletters visit our website: [www.stpaulsparish.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsparish.org.uk)

Our aim is to **KNOW** God through Jesus, to **GROW** in faith, and to **SHOW** God's love in our community

**Ordination and after...** On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm in Manchester Cathedral Revd Catherine will be ordained priest. On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10am Catherine will preside at Communion for the first time in a joint service at St Paul's; the preacher will be Revd Andrew, Vicar of Kemp Town and Rural Dean of Brighton. It is hoped that as many as possible can be present to celebrate and to welcome visitors. There will be light refreshments and music afterwards and there will still be time, for those who want, to attend Prestwich Carnival.

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June, Salford Deanery Walk:** note changed date. Depart St Thomas, Ford La, 9am. 15 churches, an 18 mile walk. Details to follow

**'Who's got talent? You've got talent...** A repeat of last summer's successful Talent Show. Come & show us what you or your friends can do ON Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30pm @ St Paul's. The entrance fee... £1 but free for those with an act. More info or to enter see Lauren 07966305941/ [laurensvain1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:laurensvain1@hotmail.co.uk)

We also need people to bake, bring and serve cakes and drinks to raise funds for Camp. For offers of help see Rev Catherine 07711611201/[cjts08@email.com](mailto:cjts08@email.com)

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**Barry Woodward evening** in St Paul's, Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. For more details visit [www.salfordstories.com](http://www.salfordstories.com)

**Parish Weekend 2012:** Rydal Hall, Ambleside, Cumbria ([www.rydalahall.org](http://www.rydalahall.org)) Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June. £135 inc. all meals. Leader will be Canon Tony Hardy, Diocesan Evangelist, who will be creating an All Age experience for us.

### Prayer for Those in Work

May God bless your work,  
may your labours not be in vain;  
may you rejoice to find today  
your creator working with you;  
and see your work in heaven  
restored to the glory in the new creation.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the  
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
rest on you and the people working with you,  
this week and all your life together.

(written by John Lovatt, Salesman)

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\*...N.B. the **110:10** challenge is to be **whole-life disciples** in the 110 waking hrs in each week that we are not in church, as well as the 10 or less that we are.