

The Parish of St Paul, Kersal Moor  
and St Andrew, Carr Clough

# Summer 2011



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

## **Kersal Moor Celebration**

**Saturday 27 August 1-4 p.m.**

The Friends of Kersal Moor are holding a celebratory event on the Moor on Bank Holiday weekend,  
including the following:

cafe;

heritage and media display;

organic gardening, honey and craft stalls;

bird/bat box making;

fair trade raffle and lucky dip;

campaigning stalls (Amnesty International, Friends of the Earth).

### **Come dressed as a character from local history**

#### **Can *you* help?**

We need cake makers to make some cakes for this event. The cakes can be brought to Bronwen's house, 44 Moor Lane, by 11am on the day. These cakes will be sold. If cakes could have a label to say what they are and what ingredients are included, this would be helpful.

***St Paul's Church will also be open during the event. There will be church tours, prayer opportunities and refreshments available.***

**Come and join us!!**

### **14<sup>th</sup> August - a joint service at St Andrew's.**

There will be a short, Wednesday-style service (***not followed by refreshments***) at St Paul's at 10am. Participants will be asked to come on afterwards to the main service of the day which will be a joint one at St Andrew's at 11am and **will** be followed by refreshments.

Those who would like to, assuming fine weather, will meet at St Paul's at 10.30am after the service to walk down together to St Andrew's ready for the joint service there at 11am.

There will also be transport for anyone needing a lift.

#### ***Kids Club at St Andrew's***

Weekdays from 1st to 12th Aug – 10am to 3pm.

Children welcome from ages 5 to 11 - Max 40, so come early

£2.50/day or £10/week.

Adults welcome to help - please see Revd Catherine soon, for CRB check (07711 611201).

Loans of games, jigsaws etc, and gifts of recycled paper, craft things etc, also welcome.



Revd Lisa writes: ***What have we learnt from our School of Discipleship since last September?***

It is much harder to answer this than the question 'What have we received teaching on?' Teaching and learning are by no means the same thing.

Since last September we have received teaching on each of the following aspects of discipleship. It should make good Summertime reflecting to read the following very slowly, asking to what extent I can see this or that aspect present in my life.

In our first Sermon series we learnt that a disciple **DOES NOT SIN**, is **GOD'S SERVANT**, and seeks always to **LIVE IN PEACE WITH ALL**. They are **HOLY**, and **SALT THE WORLD**, through **OBEDIENCE** to God. A disciple **LOVES THEIR NEIGHBOUR**, **DOES NOT WORRY**, **HEEDS THE GOSPEL** and will **FAST AND PRAY** when appropriate. The 'Frontline' disciple is **FAITHFUL AND BELIEVES GOD**, ready and able to **WITNESS AND PERSUADE OTHERS**, and quick to **FORGIVE**. They are **DEAD TO SIN AND ALIVE TO CHRIST**, **HUMBLE** and **JOYFUL**.

From our second series we are better equipped to **RECOGNISE THE MAKER**, **REPENT**, **LISTEN AND LEARN**, **KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS**, **FINISH THINGS WELL** and **BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**. Finally, we learned that God wants us to **FOCUS ON THE BIG PICTURE** and **BE WELCOMING**.

**BE WELCOMING** might seem a strange theme to end on and yet the art of being welcoming is key to all of it – welcoming the teaching of Scripture is absolutely essential for learning from Scripture; welcoming the Holy Spirit into our lives is the foundation of our faith; welcoming others into the family is the basis of our being the body of Christ in this place.

Copies of all the sermons in both Sermon Series are available in the Parish office. Copies of particular sermons can be provided on request.

In September we will be examining a whole new level of whole-life discipleship. Following two weeks on the question of 'How do we love?' we will learn about Stewardship, with teaching sermons over a number of weeks broken by celebrations of Back to Church Sunday (Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – please bring people 'home' to what will be a 'normal', fairly formal Sunday service) and our Harvest Festival services (Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>).

This will lead into a series of special services in the Church's Calendar in the run-up to Christmas: Healing; All Saints' Day; Remembrance Sunday; Christ the King; Advent Sunday. In these we will address themes of particular relevance (healing; sainthood; suffering; service; second coming salvation) and get ourselves ready to take a long, hard look at various controversial issues in the Spring Term.



**On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm *Salford Stories* will be coming to St Paul's**

This is an exciting opportunity to hear the inspirational story of Barry Woodward who grew up in a non-Christian home in Salford. At sixteen he left school with no qualifications and became drawn into the Manchester drugs scene, taking cannabis, amphetamines and LSD. This led to a life of heroin addiction and drug dealing.

After being dependent on heroin for fourteen years and spending a number of terms in prison, Barry had what he describes a 'religious experience', which resulted in his life being totally transformed. This led to a desire to be an evangelist. Since then, he has worked with a number of Christian organizations and studied full time at Cliff College, where he was awarded a Diploma in Biblical Studies and Evangelistic Ministry from Sheffield University.

Barry is a superb communicator who is humorous, passionate and inspirational. Each year he speaks at approximately 130 events, and also contributes to discussions on the BBC, Channel 4 and Sky TV.

This will be the third ***Salford Stories*** mission of 2011 which has reached over a thousand people in the city. The line-up for the evening will include music from local artists Joe Doogan and Emma Mould and an opportunity to hear and respond to Barry's story. Make the most of this opportunity!

***Reserve the date in your diary – invite friends and family – get praying for a fantastic response.***

And for more info visit [www.salfordstories.com](http://www.salfordstories.com) or speak to Alan Saunders on 792 4130. There are invitations and prayer cards available at both churches.

SALFORD STORIES IS A SERIES OF FOUR EVENTS  
THROUGHOUT 2011 THAT CELEBRATE  
**THE GREAT, THE INSPIRING,**  
THE UPLIFTING AND EXCITING STORIES  
OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AND CALL SALFORD HOME.

## **Faith in Maintenance: - St Paul's is acclaimed 'the best'.**



On a mild evening in June, about 30 people gathered in St Paul's for an evening addressing the extremely important matter of how to keep our inheritance fit for service. I am speaking about our churches, old and new, across the Diocese.

The reason the meeting had been called in St Paul's was, for once, not because of its facilities or its proximity to the centre of Manchester. It was because the work of St Paul's fabric committee so impressed the Diocese at its last Quinquennial inspection that it was being used as a visual aid for the evening. In particular, the way in which the building is being maintained was being offered as an example of 'best practice'.

What had especially caught the eye of Diocesan representatives was the detailed work schedule prepared by St Paul's Churchwarden, Anthea Darlington to address the necessary repairs and improvements.

Participants in the evening were invited to walk round the building and then a précis of St Paul's schedule of works was handed out to all present. Sadly the 'award' for being 'best in the Diocese' was marked only by a round of applause, but it was certainly with a great pride that those present from our parish were clapping!



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## **DIARY DATES (July/August)**

### **July**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm prayers for 7.30pm start, PCC meeting,** St Paul's with Chick Yuill.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday lunch,** St Paul's.

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>, 7pm, Parish Prayers,** St Paul's.

## August

**Kids Club at St Andrew's-** Weekdays from 1st to 12th Aug - 10 to 3pm. Children welcome from ages 5 to 11 - Max 40, so come early - £2.50/day or £10/week.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 11.00am, joint service at St Andrew's** – see article on page 3

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm for a 7pm start, Charismatic gathering for worship and healing prayer** in St Paul's. (There will be no 'Still Hour' that evening).

**BH Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Aug, Ramble (see Rick or Judith for details)**

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2.30pm, Broughton House service**

**Thu 8th Sept, 8 pm, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle** - Pie & Peas!

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Sept, 6.30pm at Manchester Cathedral**, Commissioning of Authorized Lay Ministers by the Bishop of Bolton. Anthea and Eileen will be two of those commissioned and everyone is invited to this special occasion.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7pm**, special Parish Prayers for Salford Stories (see below)

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, Barry Woodward evening** in St Paul's. For details see article or 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: Canon Tony Hardy, Diocesan Evangelist. All Ages.

Joan Rogers would like to thank her church family for their prayers, cards, kind thoughts and good wishes during her recent bout of ill health.

Rev Chris Brown writes:

## Ascension Island



In 1998 a small advertisement in the Church Times read: *“Anglican priest needed on Ascension Island”*. Knowing nothing at all about the island I applied for the post! Weeks turned into months; there was no reply. Then, out of the blue, I was called for interview in London. By this time, I’d looked up Ascension Island: a volcanic island in the South Atlantic just below the Equator. On learning that the island is a military base with a lunar-like landscape dotted about with military equipment; lacking fresh water and an indigenous population, I lost all interest in going there.

God had other plans!! Why was it that I attended the interview, travelling all the way from Swansea to London? What point could there be in going all that way just to tell the interviewing panel I wouldn’t go to Ascension? The Bishop listened, smiled, and informed me that the Ascension post was already filled and promptly despatched me to an island two days sailing to the south of Ascension named St Helena. There I spent just over two very happy years at Longwood where Napoleon had lived during his time of exile on the island.

Then, on my return to the UK in 2001, the ship called in at ..... Ascension! There I spent a week in Georgetown, the main settlement; I explored green Mountain (getting to the dew Pond), sunbathed on superb beaches where turtles lay their eggs and discovered the wild life of the island. It was not, I thought, such a bad place to be after all.

Little did I realize then that ten years later I would return as the island pastor. Now at the time of writing, I am hopeful that my duties will commence in July/August this year; all being well I should be off in a matter of weeks.

Since coming to know the warmth and kindness of the Christian fellowship at St Paul’s and St Andrew’s I have truly valued all your friendly support. Michael Teo joins me in wanting me to say thank you to for all that too.

Over the next two years, please remember the small number of faithful believers who meet each Sunday at St Mary’s, Ascension Island. The challenge for my ministry will be great: reaching out to

almost a thousand island workers many of whom are American personnel with a sprinkling of British scientists and RAF, and about 700 workers from St Helena. Unlike Tristan and St Helena, at least Ascension Island has an airport (the fifth longest runway in the world) which means I can get back for holidays.



So at the end, it seems God’s going to get me to Ascension after all!! God willing I hope to see you all again, later in 2012. Until then, God bless you all and keep you safe under of the shadow of His wing.

Au revoir! Chris.



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The 19<sup>th</sup> Prestwich Scout Group has met in Rainsough Community Centre continuously since 1949 when the group was formed. Scouting is as popular as it has ever been and there is no lack of recruits. The real problem is a national shortage of adult leaders.

The group comprises Scouts, ages 11-14; Cubs, ages 8-10 and Beavers, 6-8 years. The boys and girls enjoy an exciting programme of adventurous activities and in doing so acquire new skills. There are many weekend optional activities also. Scout groups are expected to do their own fundraising and during 2010 we held a variety of special activities to meet the cost of one of our Scouts to attend the international jamboree in Sweden. This year's challenge is to raise money for a trip to the International Scout Centre in Switzerland in 2012.

We have a wonderful team of leaders who volunteer their time unstintingly. Additional help is always welcome and we do have a vacancy for a group secretary.

Judith Walsh (Chairman)



## **Advance Notice of courses at Katherine House**

### **September 2011**

- Tues 6** Film and Reflection - "Coach Carter" - Phil Doyle, 7.00 - 9.30pm  
**Wed 21** Quiet Retreat Day - Sr Mary Shepherd FCJ, 10.30am-3.30pm  
**Thurs 22** Richard Rohr's book "The Naked Now" - DVD recording followed by discussion - Phil Doyle and team, 1.30-3.30  
**Sat 24** The Beauty and Power of Icons - Rev. David Sutton, 10.30am - 3.30pm  
**Tues 27** Christian Meditation - Raylia Chadwick, 10.30am-12 noon

### **October 2011**

- Sat 1** Spirituality of Ageing - Rev. Dr. Albert Jewell, 10.30am - 3.30pm  
**Tues 4** Film and Reflection - "Tunes of Glory" - Phil Doyle, 1.30-4.00pm  
**Wed 5** Richard Rohr's book "The Naked Now" - DVD recording followed by discussion - Phil Doyle and team, 7.00-9.00pm  
**Thurs 6** An evening about Buddhism – Munisha, 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
**Thurs 13** An evening about Islam - Talat Zeria, 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
**Sat 15** Enjoying the Wisdom of Meister Eckhart - David Mahon, 10.30am - 3.30pm 'The man from whom God hid nothing'

**Wed 19** Quiet Retreat Day - Sr Mary Shepherd FCJ, 10.30am-3.30pm

**Tues 25** Christian Meditation - Raylia Chadwick, 10.30am-12 noon

*For further information, or to book a place, please contact*

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St Andrew's ROC Cafe - it is hoped that it will be possible to re-start youth activities at St Andrew's this Autumn. More volunteers welcome, particularly with musical and technical gifts. It will run on alternate Thursday evenings from late September onwards. For more details and information about volunteering contact Revd Catherine - 07711 611201.

## **THERE IS NO OTHER WAY**

Whilst some on Sundays wait for fish to bite  
I've better things to do. To church I go  
Because the fellowship brings me more delight  
Than if alone. I want my faith to show,  
And so it is with an unfaltering voice  
I celebrate in song our Saviour's deeds.  
I know of no known dish or delicacy as choice  
As the shared supper which satisfies all our needs.  
My sins, those self-inflicted wounds, shall be  
Forgotten: and the forgiveness that I seek  
Erase the scars; and of remorse be free  
The cause of which I'm too ashamed to speak.  
Yet with God's blessing I'll change my sinful suit  
To taste of the Tree of Life, eternity's fruit.

# Service Details & Useful Contacts

## **Weekly Sunday Services:**

St Paul's – 10am, St Andrew's - 11am

Crèche, Children's Groups and Sunday School run alongside the main Sunday morning services in both churches.

## **Wednesday Services:**

St Paul's - 10am & Coffee Morning, St Andrew's - 2pm

## **Staff:**

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