



Newsletter

For 2 weeks from Sunday 10th July 2011



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

Rick T writes...

God's purpose

There are many themes in the bible: trees and fruit is one of them. Scientists say our brains try to make sense of things by making connections. The tree of life appears in Genesis and also at the end of the bible in Revelation. All through the bible the theme of seed planted and harvest reaped is common. Seed is a metaphor for the Word of God and the harvest is a metaphor of people, or the fruit of righteousness.

We are studying John 15 with Lisa and fruit and the vine appears here. Connections can be seen with the Jewish scriptures: the people of that day knew exactly what Jesus was saying. God was looking for fruit- the fruit of righteousness. Israel had been described as a barren vine!

We have majored over the past years on church growth, growing in grace, numbers, maturity etc and our motto says 'to grow in faith' but our motto doesn't stop there: we are 'to show God's love in our community'. This is the fruit God is looking for, I believe.

How do we achieve this one may ask? The Imagine project with Chick Yuill proposes that we make small degree changes to our lifestyles. A small change to the rudder on a ship makes the ship change direction. The direction we are going in is important if we are to reach our destination!

A small degree change in my own lifestyle happened when Lisa said one Sunday morning, "Impossible with a small change becomes I'm possible." I had been saying to myself, 'I can't possibly do the job,' but God knew different. I was doubting God's provision and ability to help

me. I still have the same feelings sometimes that it is impossible, but I seek to live by faith and know this pleases God. In His mercy and grace He comes to our aid.

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, on last Sunday in July & Sept.

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

Weekday Morning Prayers: St Paul's 9.05 - 9.25am. Come & join us - all welcome.

PARISH NOTES

Wanted – Imaginative Prayer Cards to carry round and to give others. Can you design one credit card size? The best will be chosen for our Parish Prayer card. Results announced at our joint service at St Andrew's on Sun 14th Aug. Questions? Talk to Revds Lisa or Catherine.

School of Prayer at St Paul's is now closed for summer break.

St Andrew's ROC Cafe - it is hoped that it will be possible to re-start youth activities at St Andrews 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 contact Revd Catherine - 07711 611201.

You're being watched! It seems Stan Mackenzie won a proper M'cr City football at Broughton House Veterans day. He promptly gave it to two young brothers. Well done Stan, much praise has been given for your actions.



Articles needed for our Summer magazine.
See Rick - contact details at bottom of page.

Free Commode available see Marion (792 8204) or call in at St Paul's church to pick it up.

Total for St Andrew's Gift Day - £709.40 most of which was gift aided. Praise the Lord!

DIARY DATES (July/August)

Sundays, 4.45 - 6.45pm, 'The Base' Christian Youth Group, St Paul's. After Sunday 17th July there will be a Summer break.

Mon 11th, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Committee meeting at Revd Catherine's.

Sun 10th - 17th July, Week of Prayer for Salford.

Daily prayer guides are available.

Wed 13th, 7.30pm, Salford Prayer evening in Salford council chamber, Civic centre hosted by the Mayor & Mayoress with guest speakers. All welcome with special invite to church leaders.

Fri 15th, 7.30pm, Salford Celebration at The LightHouse 12 Centenary Way, Coronet Way, Eccles, M50 1RE.

Tue 12th, 1.30pm, 'Time Out', (Summer party) 5 Moorside Rd. Next meeting will be in September after Summer break.

Tuesdays 12th & 19th, 7.30pm, 'Remain in me' Bible Course in St Paul's Social Area continues exploring John chapter 15 with Lisa.

Espresso Church

Thursday 14th July, 6.30 - 8pm

Costa Coffee, Longfield Precinct

Interesting speaker, coffee and chat

(2nd Thu in the month, Summer break in August)

Mon 18th, 10am, members of church are invited to support the end of term **St Paul's School service** in St Paul's church.

Clergy contact details:

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Tue 19th, 6pm, SPACE meeting, Social Area.
Main topic – future of churchyard maintenance.
Come and share your views.

Thu 21st, 8 pm, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle – Fun Quiz & Buffet. Next meeting will be after the summer break on Thu 8th Sept – Pie & Peas!

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

Wed 27th, 11.30am, 4th Wednesday lunch, St Paul's.

Sun 31st, 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. 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.

Sun 14th, 10 – 10.30am, short service at St Paul's and then **joint parish service** at 11am in St Andrew's with refreshments afterwards.

6.30pm for 7 – 8pm, Charismatic gathering for healing at St Paul's.

Sat 27th, Kersal Moor celebration on the moor.

BH Mon 29th, Ramble – see Judith (St Andrew's) or Rick (St Paul's) for details.

ADVANCE NOTICES

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

Parish Weekend 2012: Rydal Hall, Ambleside, Cumbria (www.rydalahall.org) Fri 22nd – Sun 24th June. £135 inc. all meals. Leader: Canon Tony Hardy, Diocesan Evangelist. All Ages.

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

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