



# Newsletter



For 2 weeks from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011

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

## "BEING RICH TOWARDS GOD"

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." This memorable quote was recorded in the diary of American missionary Jim Elliot a few years before he and four colleagues were killed during a missionary trip to Ecuador in 1956. This provides a profound challenge to all of our value systems.

Imagine meeting a poor widow and learning that she intended to put all that she had into the offering bowl. Most of us would have advised her not to – "dear lady, you need to eat, feed yourself and your family". Imagine also meeting a man – clearly a hard worker – who explains his plans for future expansion and later retirement to us. We would probably respond "that's a solid plan, it sounds good, I hope it goes well."

Jesus met both – but how did he respond? Quite the opposite to that which might expect! He commended the sacrificial generosity of the widow, but rebuked the rich man – not because of his lifestyle or lack of synagogue attendance, but rather because he failed to take into account things that had eternal value. Jesus actually called him "a fool", a strong condemnation.

Jesus then added "this is how it will be for anyone who stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God."

What does this mean? Certainly a subject that could keep a good few discussion groups busy! As Christians who are seeking to be involved in God's mission to our communities, it's vital to give this matter proper reflection – but we can be pretty sure that **what** and **how** we give will be central to becoming rich towards God.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." Powerful words with eternal relevance.

**James Emmerson**  
Diocesan Stewardship Officer

## REGULAR SERVICES

**Sundays:** St Paul's 10am: St Andrew's 11am

**St Paul's, 7–8pm: 'Still Hour' of quiet prayer,** and Parish Prayers, 7–7.30pm, last Sun in Nov.

**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

**Sundays: School of Prayer,** 7-7.30pm, St Paul's

## DIARY DATES September

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup>, Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee morning,** 10.30 - 11.30am in St Paul's Social Area. There will be a bring & buy, cake and book stall plus raffle. All welcome, please support.

**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup>, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle -** Cake Stall, 8pm in St Andrew's. (fortnightly meeting)

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>, Back to Church Sunday** – please invite your neighbours to church today.

**SPECIAL MESSAGE TO VISITORS for BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY:** After many years we are currently running a Stewardship Campaign, and displaying posters about giving. They are for our long-term members. Please **DO NOT** feel they are directed at you. We are grateful for all gifts to our work but explicitly **DO NOT** ask you to respond to this particular campaign.

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>, PCC meeting,** 7pm prayers for 7.30pm start, St Paul's.

**Tue 27<sup>th</sup>, 'Time Out',** 1.30pm at 5 Moorside Rd. (fortnightly craft and social meeting).

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Weds Luncheon club,** 11.30am in Social Area, St Paul's.

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup>, Jewish New Year,** L'Shana Tova

## Home Groups – from September 2011

| Leader   | Time and Venue  |
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| Anne Smith - members aged 12 – 70+; studying St Paul.                                | 7.30pm Wednesdays fortnightly @ 5 Moorside Rd, Kersal. Hosts: Eileen & Chris – 792 9960 |
| Sarah Hart - working age, studying the Bible & applying it to (working/family) life. | 7.30pm Wednesdays fortnightly @ 94 Woodward Rd M25. Host: Revd Catherine – 773 9859     |
| John Battye - Parish Men's Group   | 8pm Tuesdays monthly The Rectory, 1 Moorside Rd, Kersal. Host: John Battye – 792 5362   |
| Alan Saunders - mixed age and background   | 7.30pm Tuesdays weekly 63 Cavendish Rd, Salford<br>Host: Alan Saunders – 792 4130       |
| Ruth Saunders (792 4130) - Older Group studying Christian discipleship               | 1.30pm Tuesdays fortnightly @ 9 St Paul's Rd, Kersal.<br>Host: Janet Wood's – 792 4694  |
| Andy Smith - Beginners' group whole-life discipleship                                | 7.30pm Mondays fortnightly 5 Heathlands Rd, Kersal - 792 8878                           |
| Revd Lisa - Alpha Course   | 7.30pm Tuesdays at The Rectory - 792 5362   |
| Revd Catherine - Confirmation Course   | 6.30–8pm Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept to 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct, St Paul's - 773 9859        |

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup>, Evening of flower arranging & tales from Uganda**, 7.30pm at Pendlebury Evangelical Church, 431 Bolton Rd, M27 8TD. Tickets £5 from G. Harrison, tel - 728 3243.

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup>, 'Living Stones' day** to explore all kinds of vocation, 9.45-3.45pm at St James' Woolfold.

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Service**, 3pm, St Paul's.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS October

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup>, Parish Harvest Supper**, 7pm at St Andrew's: Potato hash/red cabbage & beetroot, then apple pie. Tickets from Kath D: £3 A, £1 Ch.

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>, Harvest Festival 'Bring & share' lunch**, 12.15pm in St Paul's. All welcome.

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>, Healing Service**, 7pm, St Paul's.

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>, Come & worship** and welcome the gov't to M'cr, 6.30 – 7.15pm at The Great Hall, M'cr Town Hall. Details from Alan S.- 792 4130.

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup>, Jamboree evening**, 7 – 9pm at Rainsough Community Centre. Raffle, refreshments & film by Tom Torrance. Free.

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup>, Flourish meeting**, 8pm in Prestwich Methodist Church (For lift see Revd Lisa)

**Thu 13<sup>th</sup>, Espresso Church**, 6.30 – 8pm in Costa Coffee, Longfield Precinct, (2<sup>nd</sup> Thu in month) interesting speaker, coffee & chat. After 'Bitter Church' at Church Inn near St Mary's.

**Ugandan Youth Choir**

*Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm*  
*in St Paul's Church Kersal*

Invite friends and family

More details from Alan Saunders 792 4130  
Tickets from St Paul's /St Andrew's Church  
Adult £5 / Child £3

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*All profits go to support*  
*Kampala Children's Centre in Uganda*

### ADVANCE NOTICES

**13-15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012, Men's Weekend** at Abbot Hall, Grange-over-Sands for men in ours and other churches. Cost £108, or £123 en-suite. To book or for info contact Mike Clegg on [miketheclegg@aol.co.uk](mailto:miketheclegg@aol.co.uk) 0161 773 4947.

**Parish Weekend 2012:** For all ages. Rydal Hall, Ambleside, Cumbria ([www.rydalahall.org](http://www.rydalahall.org)) Fri 22 – Sun 24 June. £140.40p inc. all meals. Led by Canon Tony Hardy. For details or to book contact Maureen on 792 4873 or [rober382@talktalk.net](mailto:rober382@talktalk.net)

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