

Newsletter

For 2 weeks from Sunday 13th Nov 2011

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



Anthea writes...

Today is Remembrance Sunday, the day in which the church remembers and honours those servicemen and women who gave and continue to give their lives in the service of their country in wars and armed conflicts. In our observance of this day we no longer use the language of the past which spoke of 'the glorious dead.' Our memories of pride and gratitude are coloured by a sense of the brokenness of our world, the pity of war and its waste of human lives, and the fears which beset those of us with young relatives and friends serving in our armed forces today.

But it would be wrong for us to be overwhelmed by feelings of despair and hopelessness. Today we remember especially those who are buried or commemorated in the churchyard at St Paul's - 167 men and women who served in two World Wars because of their belief in the cause of freedom. During the past 2 weeks, Roy Darwin has been renewing and refurbishing the crosses which mark their graves and monuments, the surroundings of which he maintains throughout the year in respectful memory of their sacrifice. Each new cross is decorated with a poppy these days - a reminder of the sacrifice of so many young lives in the horror of the First World War, where poppies bloomed in the disturbed soil of trench and grave alike.

It is the juxtaposition of the poppy with the cross, the symbol of Jesus' purposeful suffering when he gave His life for all of us, which gives meaning to the seemingly pointless, avoidable suffering of those who made and continue to make 'the ultimate sacrifice.' Living and dying *purposefully* must be at the heart of our observance today, so that we honour those who gave their lives that we might live in freedom, and follow our risen Master who by His sacrifice has set us free from sin.

REGULAR SERVICES

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

Themes for services at both churches:

Sun 20th Nov, Service

Eze. 34: 11-16, 20-24; Matt. 25: 31-end

Sun 27th Nov, S.P.A.C.E. & Second Coming
(Advent Sunday) Is. 64: 1-9; Mark 13: 24-end

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

Espresso Church meetings are suspended until further notice. This is to give time to set up a leadership team and to consider what the best venue, time and format is for the future. I would be really grateful if you could email alan.saunders@message.org.uk with any messages, offers of help or ideas you may have.

Do you have good news? Something big happening? Or would you just like to share what you do in your everyday life? We want to include your story in our services - if you are willing to share please contact... Lisa or Rick.

Ladies of all ages! If you enjoy singing and would like to try singing with St Paul's Ladies' choir, please see Bronwen or come along after service in St Paul's and join in with a practice.

Lisa is preparing rotas for lesson reading, assisting at communion and leading prayers for 2012. Please let her know if you'd like to come off rota(s) or to offer service on them, a.s.a.p.

Would you like to be in our parish worship group? See Tim or Julius to find out when the next practice is.

SHOEBOX APPEAL Thanks to all who filled shoe boxes, gave items or money. Especial thanks to the ladies of 'Time Out' who sorted and wrapped 47 boxes! At least 103 shoe boxes have been donated. *Eileen B.*

Well done to all who helped and supported the Bonfire party. £213.55 was raised for Church plus £40 for camp on the cake stall. *Hilary S.*

Huge thanks to all who supported & helped at the Destiny African Children's evening. £518.03 was raised for Kampala Children's Centre.

Christmas Markets: M/cr Cathedral will have a wooden hut in Exchange Sq. from 17th Nov - 21st Dec. To volunteer - see Leonie 0782 855 7864.

DIARY DATES November

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

Today Sun 13th, Circuit Praise, 6pm at Prestwich Methodist Church. Guest speaker: Bob Bennison, with a ministry to bikers. All welcome.

Mon 14th, Friends of Kersal Moor, 7.30pm in St Paul's Social Area.

Mon 14th, St Andrew's Committee meeting, 7.30pm at 94 Woodward Road.

Wed 16th, 'Churches Together' AGM, 7.30pm at Our Lady of Dolours.

Thu 17th, St Andrew's Ladies' Circle – Bingo, 8pm at St Andrew's (fortnightly group).

Sat 19th, First Aid Training, enquiries, 792 9960

Sat 19th, Prison Fellowship Rally, 6.45pm for 7pm, St Paul's.

Sun 20th, Informal Service with healing prayer, 7 – 8.30pm at St Paul's.

Tue 22nd, Time Out, 1.30pm at 5 Moorside Rd. (fortnightly craft & social group) All welcome.

Wed 23rd, 4th Wednesday Luncheon Club, 11.30am in the Social Area, St Paul's. NB. After three years Hilary will be stepping down from running this in the New Year. She says the best

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thank you we could give her would be for someone else to take it on. Could that be you?

Thu 24th, Holocaust Study Day, 9.30 – 1.15pm at Menorah Synagogue, 198 Altrincham Rd, Sharston M22 4RZ. For Clergy, students, and lay members of congregations. Free event! More details from Eric Roth (0161 485 6051).

Sat 26th, St Paul's Christmas Fair,
11-2pm. Raffle, cakes, books, chocolate tombola, fancy goods, toys, St Paul's School stall, Creative Chocolate stall by Tracey Collier, refreshments and much much more.
Wanted jewellery, toiletries, cake makers etc. Pls see Marion if you need transport (792 8204).

Sat 26th, Seniors party, 6.30pm at Rainsough Community Centre. Tickets - see Kath 798 4586.

Sun 27th, St Paul's - Advent Sunday and Special service to celebrate the work of SPACE and the special ministry of the Churchyard.

Sun 27th, St Andrew's - Lunch after Church for anyone who can stay on for it.

Sun 27th, Parish Prayers, 7pm at St Paul's.

Mon 28th, PCC meeting, (7pm prayers) 7.30pm

FUTURE EVENTS December

Fri 2nd Dec, 7.30pm, Dick Whittington Panto - Oldham Colliseum. Parish Panto opportunity! Includes coach transport. Pick-up & drop-off points - St Andrew's Church & Tesco, P'wich. Interested? Contact Debs Smith 07776 145187 ASAP. (tickets adults £19 / child/conc £17).

Sun 4th Dec, Salford Symphony Orchestra Concert, 4pm in University of Salford Peel Building. Featuring music from Pirates of the Caribbean, Harry Potter, and lots of carols.

Sun 11th Dec, Parish Christmas Meal, 1pm, St Paul's Social Area. For tickets see Maureen -. St Paul's / Kath D.- St Andrew's (A. £8.50 / Ch. £3).

For details about Homegroups contact Clergy.

Hall Bookings: St Paul's 792 5362; St Andrew's 798 6917

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

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