

(12) Sunday, 12 to Saturday, 25 July 2015

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



My Role Model

by Noel Proctor

I committed my life to Jesus at the tender age of 17, when my friend Sammy had an accident on his football field which resulted in his death.



Suddenly, I realised if that happened to me, I was not ready. So kneeling at my bedside I experienced St. John 6 verse 37 (look it up)!

My new life led me to join a Male Voice Choir in Belfast led by Billy Johnson who was known as the Hallelujah Postman (because as he rode his bike to deliver his letters, he would greet people with that wonderful word). Billy was a gifted preacher and he organised open-air meetings every Saturday night. These meetings drew great numbers so when I finished delivering my newspapers around the wards at the local Hospital, I rushed off on my bike to share the message.

Billy's ability to counsel, his zeal for Christ, and his encouragement to us young folk, caused me to want to be like him. So in the months that followed, Billy became my role model, I wanted to be with him, to learn from him, and in some ways to imitate him.

One night after the choir practice Billy called me aside and simply told me to get my eyes off him and to get them on Jesus. He said, "Noel, I'll let you down, for I have feet of clay"! Those words made me realise the importance of making Jesus my Role Model and led me to a life of really wonderful spiritual adventure in His Service.

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am Evening Bible Study 7.30 - 8.30pm

St Andrew's 11am

Wednesdays: St Paul's 10am

St Andrew's 2pm

Mon-Wed Prayers: St Paul's 9.05am **Monday** compline: re-starts Mon 7 Sept

Bible Readings

19 Jul 2 Sam7:1-14a/Mk6:30-34,53- end **26 Jul** Gal 1:1-24 & Mat 23:1-12.

DIARY DATES

Monday, 13 July 2 to 3pm St.Paul's School end of year service. All Welcome.

Monday, 13 July 7.30 to 9pm St Andrew's Committee meeting.

Sunday July 19th Swinton Masonic Hall, Hospital Rd, Pendlebury M27 4EY SSO are giving a concert 'Music from Stage & Screen 7.30pm (**change of programme**).

FUTURE EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Monday, 27 July from 7.30 to 9pm PCC meeting at St. Paul's.

Wednesday, 29 July 2pm Holy Communion in St Andrew's with Revd Lisa Do join us if you can. Afterwards the group will not meet until 2 September.

HOLIDAY AT HOME
Monday and Tuesday, 10-11 August
Book the date - Details to follow.

Sundays, 16 & 23 August

PLEASE NOTE start time of 10.30am for JOINT Parish services at St Andrew's

The Parish Weekend away is **11 to 13** September in Thornleigh in Grange-over-Sands - a lovely venue for a shared holiday and retreat led by Beryl Proctor. To come please contact Maureen asap, on 0161 792 4873 or rober382@talktalk.net

Advance notification – Lisa Battye and Anne Mills invite you to their 60th birthday Party in St Paul's Social Area on August 29th with a hot buffet, stand-up comedy and live music. All are welcome - please book this Parish Social in your diary now! Arrive 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

TIME OUT - THANKS

Thank you to all those who supported Time Out's afternoon tea by their presence, gifts of money and interest. Thanks too for all who helped, and Anne for leading the singing. £275 was raised for the Borehole project. Well done everyone. Eileen



Congratulations to Anne Rockley on her Reader licensing on Sunday 5 July

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Where have all the heroes gone?

Where have all the heroes gone? Those men of courage, wealth and fame It seems like only yesterday That neon lights displayed their name. We held in awe their stand for right Applauded when they stood so tall And cheered them as they fought the wrona

Assured that they would never fall But then, as idols often do They disappoint us, let us down And frantically we search to find Another King to wear our crown And then one day, with uneasy heart We turn our gaze to Calvary And there, beholding change our mind Of what a hero ought to be

by Gloria Wilde (submitted by Canon Noel)

Congratulations to our members who were Confirmed on Sunday 28 June at St John's, Pendlebury: Bryan Lockitt; Alison Martin; Sean Mills; Philip Dyson Also to Jane Ransley on the full immersion renewal of her baptismal vows. Captions sought for the following photo taken after the service, with 3 candidates.



Hall Bookings: St Paul's 7923877; St Andrew's 07538547330

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