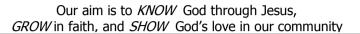


(13) Sunday 6 to Saturday 19 September 2015





### HOLIDAY AT HOME - MON 10 AUGUST

This year it was decided to have just one day rather than two of the 'Holiday at Home' because many of the people who attended last year have sadly died, gone into homes or become that bit more frail. We were gratified to see so many attend – 61 of us and it was lovely to see so many new faces.

After morning coffee it was straight into Gospel Zumba and then a choice of activities before lunch. After lunch Alice gave a great talk on bees in Salford and Manchester and showed us a film about them – we now know where the hives are on the roofs of important buildings in our city centre.

Anne Rockley led us in a sing song – all the songs had a colour in them (have a go yourself at finding songs with a colour theme) Noel gave the epilogue – a mixture of humour and thought provoking words. Then it was tea and cakes and home!

Here's what people said about the day -

I think it was the best one so far, lovely

Absolutely uplifting; brilliant; made me feel good and I loved the Zumba!

Brilliant ... fantastic day.

Absolutely fantastic.
There was so much
to do and lovely
fellowship.

∠verything went well. The food was lovely. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

It was all made possible by the great team of people (at least 20 adults and teenagers) who willingly gave of their time and worked so hard on the day. Our thanks go to them. I heard a few comments which started with.....'I've had an idea for next year'!!



"I ... beg you to lead a life worthy of [your] calling, with all humility and gentleness, ... making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3; NRSV)

Over Summer St Paul's Interfaith group hosted four seminars sponsored by the Near Neighbours fund. They were led by Clive Gilbert, Jewish historian, and Revd Lisa, Christian theologian. Clive introduced them by speaking about the nature of an encounter. He said Martin Buber, a Jewish philosopher, defined a true encounter as a meeting of I and Thou, not I and it... that the person we are encountering is not someone we can use, but a person whose autonomy and integrity must be respected.

The series attracted a group of 25-30 people from both faiths and we did not engage in the discussions in order to challenge or undermine each other's faith, nor pretend there are not real differences. We wanted to see what we could share and learn from each other.

Clive led the first two sessions in Stenecourt Synagogue and Lisa the last two in St Paul's social area. The sessions addressed 1. Sin, Alienation and Redemption, reading Gen 4:1-22 together; 2. the Prophetic Message, reading passages from Amos, Hosea, Micah and Isaiah; 3. 'Our Brother Jesus' – the historical Jesus in a Jewish context; and the parting of the ways, and 4. Israel's Declaration of Independence and contemporary issues of mutual interest.

It was a super lecture series, much appreciated by all who attended.

# **REGULAR SERVICES**

Sundays:St Paul's10amEvening Bible Study7.30 - 8.30pmSt Andrew's11am

**Wednesdays:** St Paul's 10am St Andrew's 2nm

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Mon-Wed Prayers: St Paul's 9.05am

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u> that <u>Monday evening</u> Compline in the rectory will not be restarting (but may re-schedule after discussion with the group).

#### **Bible Readings**

### September 13.

Proverbs 1:20-33 & Mark 8: 27 to end

September 20

Proverbs 31:10 to end & Mark 9: 30-37

# **DIARY DATES**

**Sunday, 6 September** 1 to 4pm Broughton House Founder's Day Service at St. Paul's.

**Monday 7 September** 7.30 to 9pm St Paul's Committee meeting.

Please pray for the people going on the Parish Retreat led by Beryl Proctor **11 to 13 September** in Thornleigh, Grange-over-Sands - a lovely venue.

**Monday 14 September** 7.30 to 9pm St Andrew's Committee meeting.

"The Fight Against Antisemitism: Are We Winning?" Monday 21st September, 7.30pm Come and quiz leading politicians and experts. CCJ local event. Advance booking essential on 07791 733980 or ccjsecretary@yahoo.co.uk £5 donation.

A **Macmillan Coffee Morning** will be held in the Social Area of St. Paul's on Wednesday morning **23rd Sept** from 10.30am. Marion would be grateful for any donations particularly items to raffle, jewellery and especially cakes.

PARISH HARVEST SUPPER Saturday 26 September, 6-8pm St Andrew's. Please book the date now! More news later.

# **FUTURE EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

September 17 to October 22 10am to 12 noon at ARC: 31 Robert St M3 1EX. See parenting@mothersunionmanchester.org.uk or 834-5399 for 'Parentalk: The Primary Years'; a course of six sessions sharing with other parents about the everyday challenges which affect families.

'Thank you to everyone who attended the joint party for Revd Lisa and Anne Mills' 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays and very generously donated £465 to the Borehole Fund.

**Can-u-help?** Is there anyone willing to help out with a toddler group at St Paul's Kersal on a Monday or Friday or both as the number of helpers is really low? If you are good at brewing and washing up please get in touch! No age or gender restrictions. Please speak to Jane Ransley or contact her on Facebook.

**Can-u-help again...?** With Stuart Lester in hospital St Paul's now has no-one to vacuum the Worship Area. Can-u-help?

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