



Newsletter

(14) Sunday, 20 Sept. to Saturday, 3 Oct. 2015

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QUIET MOMENTS

Have you had a quiet moment lately, perhaps on your own having a 'cuppa', when your mind wanders and you start to think about the number of friends and family you've lost recently? We do seem to have lost quite a few friends this year and for me particularly. the number of young friends who have passed. Is it at this time, when for just a moment, you question how is it possible for these persons who are dead to come back to life again?

I think about my both my parents and particularly my father, whose name was Thomas, and I think back when they were on this side of life baptized and practicing Christians and I wonder if the next time I see them will they really be risen from the dead, full of energy, full of health, is it really going to be true? If your prayer seems to go unanswered, do you doubt that God exists? You suffer, or a loved one suffers, and you doubt that God is good.

In the Bible Thomas was called "Doubting Thomas" and it is easy living on this side of the life to look down on Thomas as though he is somehow less intelligent, less religious, or less Christian, than you or me. But I don't think that's accurate. Stand in the shoes of Thomas for just one minute and perhaps you and I are more like him than we would like to admit. My father was always a strong man but would sometimes question things he was not too sure about as many of us would.

I'm sure we all struggle sometimes with what we believe and cover it up because we don't want people to look down on us and think we are weak, but Jesus deals with our doubts, he forgives us, and he helps us to live in faith. The fact that we cannot see our loved ones or communicate with them after death is no proof they cease to exist, and it is at this time that I remember the beautiful teaching:

**"Blessed are those who have not seen but yet have believed" (John 20:29)
AMEN**

Norma MacKinnon

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 and Weds Morning Prayers: St Paul's at 9.05am. n.b. no longer on Tuesdays

Bible Readings

20 September

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

27 September

HARVEST SERVICES readings tbd

DIARY DATES

Wednesday, 23 September Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Social Area of St. Paul's from 10.30am. Marion would be grateful for any donations particularly items to raffle, jewellery and especially cakes.

Wednesday, 23 September from 2pm, Afternoon Tea with the Mayor, Consort and Mayoress in their Parlour (first floor Town Hall). Tickets £10 each or £12 with glass of Cava can be obtained from Val Burgoyne on 790-0484 or by e-mailing her on valburgoyne@hotmail.com Proceeds to Mayor's Charities.

Thursday, 24 September 2 to 3pm St. Paul's School Harvest Festival Service.

Welcome to our newest Authorised Lay Minister (ALM); Davina Heyhoe-Hussaine, being licensed today (**Sunday 20th September**) in the Cathedral at 2.30pm, to serve in the area of Art and Engagement. We will be celebrating Davina's licensing in the social areas after our Harvest Services in both St Paul's and St Andrew's next week after the services on **27 September** with Cakes and Pop!

Saturday, 26 September 6 to 8pm Parish Harvest Supper at St. Andrew's.



Hot Pot/corned beef hash supper with desert. Quiz, games for children, raffle and 'stand up' bingo. All ages. Transport available. Tickets from Kath Disley or pay on the door. £4 adults, £2 children. Families £10.

Monday, 28 September 7.30 to 9pm PCC meeting at St. Paul's.

Tuesday, 29 September 11am to 2pm Coffee Morning. Join the Mayor, Consort, and Mayoress for a cup of coffee/tea and slice of cake. All donations go to the Mayor's Charities.

Tuesday 29 September 7 for 7.30pm start 'Transforming your Streets' a prayer event hosted by Neighbourhood Prayer Net and Manchester City Mission at Elmwood Church, Eccles Old Road, Salford M6 8AG.

FUTURE EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Monday 5 October 7 to 8pm Worship Planning meeting at St. Paul's.

Monday, 12 October 7 to 8pm SPACE meeting at St. Paul's.

At Candlemas on **Sunday 31st January next year (2016)** at 3pm in St Paul's there will be a special parish service to celebrate the lives of beloved members who have died in the past few years. Please put this date in your diary and if you have any pictures for use during that service please lend them to Revd Lisa or Rick. There will be opportunity to share memories at the service - if you'd like to say something please let Revd Lisa know.

19th Prestwich Scouts meetings have had to stop for want of a Scout Leader. This is so sad because there is a lot of support for Scouts in the area. If you are interested in the possibility of becoming a scout leader, subject to the usual safety checks, please get in touch with Scout Committee Chair Judith Walsh on 773 4773 or judith.walsh@tiscali.co.uk

Please Pray for the elections to General Synod taking place this month.

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