



Newsletter

(16) Sunday 18 to Saturday 31 October 2015

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



TIME WISDOM and PRAYER

Someone asked St Augustine "What is time?" He answered "Provided no-one asks me that question, I know what it is. If I want to explain it to someone else, I do not know."

There is a geology of time. It has multiple layers. At the deepest level there is cosmic time. Time as determined by the nature of the cosmos in general and the solar system in particular. The calendar of years and seasons, day and night. Cosmic time has been noted, labelled and interpreted in different ways down the years, and so we live in a multiplicity of calendars, both religious and secular. Sometimes these are synchronous, sometimes in tension with one another.

The invention of the clock created another layer of time, time that is measured and apportioned, something we all take for granted and find difficult to live without. Today there is another layer of time - "instant time". Twitter, Facebook, 24 hour news mean no delay between events happening and us learning about, them. This has great advantages but also poses real dangers, because it encourages us to be reactive rather than proactive. We rely on our reflexes *rather than our power to reflect*. The ability to 'reflect' is a key part of prayer - it is, if you like, the 'listening' part of prayer.

Time wisdom requires us to understand the importance of each layer and to be aware of how they interact and impact on each other. That moment of opportunity, the 'right' time, may well be a product of

the way in which these layers interact. There is nothing we can do to hasten or delay that moment, but As Christians we must always be vigilant... so that we recognise it when it occurs.
Submitted by Revd. Lisa.



REGULAR SERVICES

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

Evening bible classes now cancelled see notice overleaf.

Wednesdays: St Paul's 10am
St Andrew's 2pm

Mon and Weds Morning Prayers: St Paul's at 9.05am

Bible Readings

18 October

Proverbs 30:25-28 & Matthew 18:15-20

25 October

Proverbs 30:25-28 & John 5:36b to end.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 18 October 7.30 to 9.30pm
Salford Symphony Orchestra Concert at St. Paul's.
Symphony No.4 in G major by Dvorak.
Finlandia then Karelia Suite by Sibelius.
Violin Concerto in E minor by Mendelssohn
Soloist Sophie Hartley. Tickets - Adults £7
Concs £6. Children free up to age 16.

September up 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.

Friday, 23 October 1.30 to 2.30pm
Prestwich & North Manchester Sling Library at St. Paul's Baby sling borrowing service contact Sian on 07710796023

FUTURE EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Monday, 2 November 6.45pm Espresso Church at Costa Coffee Prestwich. Please note NEW day of the week!

Saturday, 7 November 2-4pm Messy Church at St. Andrew's.

Sunday 8 November 10.30am (main Sunday Service) JOINT Parish Remembrance Service at St. Paul's.

Saturday, 14 November from 11am to 1pm St. Andrew's Autumn Fair.

St. Paul's Christmas Fair is due to take place on **Saturday, 28 November**, which is not too far away now, so please make a note in your diaries. If you have any items you wish to donate or you are willing to help please see Marion as she would be extremely grateful.

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASSES

The weekly Sunday evening bible study in St Paul's parish office is cancelled from now on in anticipation of the poor weather. Discussions are taking place regarding replacing it in the new year with a themed Bible study course.

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Meanwhile.... **New study group** Revd Lisa invites everyone to a NEW weekly study course in evangelism on Thursday evenings from Oct 22nd to Nov 19th in the Rectory, called 'Putting people on the Moon'. Each session will be DVD-led and last 90 minutes, with teaching and discussion. To book in or for more information, please contact Lisa.

'LINK TO HOPE' CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL.

If able, please help towards us sending a lot of shoeboxes to those in need in Eastern Europe including Syrian refugees. You can help by donating items for us to pack in the boxes - donating money towards items and postage - or by making your own box. Please, we need the above by Sunday 15th November. Take a few minutes to look at the photos on the notice boards and the leaflets that tell what items are needed. Many thanks, Eileen

General Synod

The General Synod comprises the Convocations of Canterbury and York, with a House of Bishops, a House of Clergy, and a House of Laity. It meets in February in London and in July in York and sometimes in November. Its role is to consider and approve legislation affecting the whole of the Church of England, to formulate new forms of worship, debate matters of national and international importance, and approve the Church's annual budget.

Revd Lisa was recently elected by her clergy colleagues to serve on General Synod - as a 'Proctor in Convocation'. She will be soon be inducted to the role in a service in Westminster Abbey. She is very conscious that she could not possibly do this without the wonderful support this parish gives her. Please pray for Lisa as she adjusts to the role, and for the LORD to use her in it to bring about His Kingdom in our Church and world.

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