



Newsletter

(18) Sunday 15 to Saturday 28 November 2015

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



EVANGELISM...

...is probably easier at Christmas than any other time of year.

So why do so few of us use this very special opportunity to invite neighbours and friends to a Christmas service?

Research shows that people love to be invited to things, even if they have to decline, and that if someone knows, deep down, that God is real and longs, even deeper down, to get to know God's friendship in their own life, they *really* appreciate being invited to a Carol Service or a Christingle Service, or a Nativity Service, or a Christmas Concert such as the 'Night of Miracles' on Friday December 11th, or Midnight Communion, or even a Christmas Day Service!

Rick has prepared colourful folded sheets with our Christmas Services, and if you could use a pile of them to invite people to come to worship this Christmas, from your road, your residential block, your workplace, your GP surgery... or included in your Christmas cards... just let us know.

However, there is no substitute for a general, every-day willingness to evangelise. How else is that young child to grow up with faith in Christ? How else is that old person to remember that the faith they had when young is still for them? How shall the people hear about the love of God if no-one ever tells them about the coming of Jesus?

Give them the best gift possible this Christmas – invite them to worship.

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.

Bible Readings

November 22

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Rev 1:4b-8
[St. P: Jn 18:36 during Eucharistic Prayer]

November 29 Jer 33:14-16; Lk 21:25-36

DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 17 November 8-10pm Men's Group, 1 Moorside Road, Kersal

Tuesday 17 November 7.30-9.00pm Children's & Young Peoples' leaders' Bible Study with Revd Lisa, the Rectory

Wednesday, 18 November 4 to 6pm. Salford Interfaith Network in partnership with Salford University Chaplaincy invite you to "Cultural Diversity – trick or treat?" Short lecture, discussion, free buffet. Facilitator is Revd. Omid Molody at the Faith Centre, University House, Salford University M5 4WT.

Thursday, 19 November 7.30 to 9pm Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal meeting at Our Lady of Dolours Priory, Sedgley Park, Bury New Road, for more information contact Rick.

Friday, 20 November at 12 noon, Eva Clarke's ashes will be buried in her family cremation plot at the front of St Paul's.

Saturday, 21 November 2 to 4pm Alex Lowery's Seminar on Autism in St. Paul's Social Area.

Sunday, 22 November 2 to 5 – three 50 min periods for people to use to bring a problem or need in confidence for listening and prayer to Revd Lisa in the Youth Room at the back of St Paul's. If interested just tick time-slot on booking grid on in church lobby or ring Lisa to book.

Monday, 23 November 7.30 to 9pm PCC meeting in St. Paul's Social Area.

Tuesday, 24 November 10.45am Revd Lisa's inauguration as General Synod Proctor in Convocation in Westminster Abbey. Pray she will be a good servant.

Thursday, November 26 10am-7.30pm & **Friday & Saturday 27, 28** 10am-5pm: FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS in the 'Cathedral on the Street', Victoria St, M3 1SX. Gifts galore – cards, toys, jewellery, ornaments, scarves, jams, coffees, teas, chocolates and much more.

Thursday, November 26 - December 4: Pilgrimage to Israel led by Revds Lisa and Mike. Please pray for everyone going.

Saturday, 28 November 11am to 1pm. St. Paul's Christmas Fair. If you have any items for raffle prizes, tombola, £1bags, cakes etc. or can help please see Marion as she would be extremely grateful. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME.**

FUTURE EVENTS AND REMINDERS

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Saturday, 5 December 2.30 to 4.30pm Messy Church at St. Andrew's Church. Come and make your own Christingle.

Sunday, 6 December 10am at St Paul's: Pray for the young people who have done the ACE course with Janet Wood and are being Admitted to the Eucharist today.

Sunday, 6 December 11am Messy Sunday Christingle Service at St Andrew's.

Sunday 6 December 3pm Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal 'Advent Praise' at Our Lady of Grace.

Monday, 7 December 6.45pm Espresso Church Christmas Meal at Croma (Prestwich precinct). Details on Facebook page or from Andy Smith.

Monday, 7 December 12-4.30pm Marion Garrod attending Salford CVS awards ceremony with Revd Lisa in Buile Hill Hall

St Andrew's Wednesday Fellowship:

Do come along on any Wednesday afternoon at 2pm if you would like to join us for a short time of prayer followed by tea and biscuits, and the opportunity to retreat from the hustle and bustle for an hour or so. On **Weds, 16 December** at 2pm Revd Lisa brings **Holy Communion** to the fellowship. It would be lovely to see you then if you have time in the middle of your Christmas preparations. After then we will **close until Weds 3 February.**

Heather Martin

It may seem strange just before Christmas to be talking about **marriage**, but research shows that many couples are doing just that at this time of year. If you know anyone who is doing so please visit www.yourchurchwedding.org/ for great advice and help. *Revd Lisa*

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