



Newsletter

(19) Sunday 29 Nov to Saturday 12 Dec 2015

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



Messengers of the gospel don't have to travel far

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.." Luke 1:30-31

Approximately 50% of the world's population is capable of doing what Mary did. Millions of women (and men when it gets to the parenting bit). We imagine God prefers to work through grand gestures, but we mustn't overlook the ways we can be messengers of the gospel in the things we think of as ordinary. In the home, in workplace relationships, in conversations with our neighbours, a friendly chat with our local Starbucks barista... etc. etc....



In God's extraordinary hands, every 'ordinary' thing we do for him has significance. Of course there will be times when we need to take an uncomfortable step outside our comfort zone or speak up for Him when we'd rather stay quiet. But most of the time God is simply asking us to look around, to see the landscape we're in and the people who are travelling in it near us, and to deliver his gospel message right where we are.

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays:	St Paul's	10am
	St Andrew's	11am
Wednesdays:	St Paul's	10am
	St Andrew's	2pm
Mon and Weds	<u>Morning Prayers:</u> St Paul's at 9.05am	

Bible Readings

29 November Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Luke 21:25-36

6 December Malachi 3:1-4/Luke 3:1-5.

13 December Isaiah 12:2-6/Luke 3:7-18

DIARY DATES

Monday 30 November St. Andrew's Day. Also, the funeral for David Keepe (Ellen Keepe's son) in St Paul's at 1.30pm.

Tuesday, 1 December Advent Course
Taster Session 1.30pm at 5 Moorside Road then Wednesdays 2, 9 and 16 December at 7.30pm in St. Paul's Church. All Welcome.

Friday 4 to 5 December Bishop Graham Dow is holding a Learning Healing Ministry weekend at St. George's, Bury, BL9 855. For details and application form see Lisa. n.b. People trained on this course may be with us to offer Healing Prayer on 6th.

Saturday, 5 December from 2.30 to 4.30 pm Messy Church at St. Andrew's.

Sunday 6 December Sunday services: we welcome our candidates for the Admission of Children to the Eucharist.

Phillipa Collier, Ria Howard, Marcus Quick and Alex Kehoe.

Sunday 6 December at St Andrew's, 11am: MESSY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 6 December at Our Lady of Grace church, Prestwich, 3pm: Churches Together Advent praise service.

Sunday 6 December 4.30pm Salford Symphony Orchestra concert in Swinton Masonic Hall, Swinton.

Espresso Church We would like you to come to our Christmas Meal on **Monday 7th Dec around 19:00** at Croma in Prestwich. Come and start your Christmas off the Espresso way. Call Mark on 07717-648349 or Andy 07496-726669 by Tuesday 1st Dec to book your place.

Friday, 11 December from 7.30pm in St. Paul's Church, organised by Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal a Concert by the United Christian Singers (an 80 member choir). 'A Night of Miracles' - a Contemporary Christmas Cantata. FREE Concert but with a retiring collection for Christian Aid. Enquiries to 0161-773-8966

Saturday 12 December 2pm Carols at St Andrew's with Worldwide Church of God

Sunday, 13 December at 1.30pm. Parish two-course Christmas Turkey lunch with all the trimmings for £10. This is a ticket-only event and the meal must be booked with Maureen Roberts and paid for in advance. For children under 10 the cost is £4.50. These prices include tea, coffee, and soft drinks but if you wish you may bring your own bottle. **LAST DATE TO PAY FOR A PLACE IS WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER.**

Sunday 13 December, 4 to 5pm at St Paul's 'A Festival of Carols'. All welcome.

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Friday 18 December, 2 to 3pm
St. Paul's School Christmas Service in Church. Please support this event.

FUTURE EVENTS AND REMINDERS

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Many, many thanks to all who made individual shoe boxes; gave money; gave bags of goodies; or came to help fill the boxes. You are all wonderful! We sent over 100 boxes on 22nd December. Particular thanks to Debs Smith and the Guides for their contribution of 26 boxes.

19th Prestwich Scouts: There is a desperate need for a Leader for our scout group, which has had to cease until one is found. If interested please contact Judith on 0161-773-4773 as soon as possible.

The Christmas Fair at St. Andrew's raised the sum of £511.67. Thank you to all who donated, attended, bought and helped.

Can you help? Would you be prepared to lead an occasional Tuesday morning St Paul's school assembly on a rota basis? Your help would be much appreciated. Please see Revd Lisa if interested.

Unfortunately, due to lack of enough local advertising, our usual supplier is unable to send us the **2016 church diaries** that we sent instructions for this year. If anyone can suggest advertisers there may still be time to get the diaries if you ring on 01273 454536 or sales@servicepublications.co.uk

This is the last Newsletter until Sunday, 10 January 2016. Look out for the Christmas Magazine and send any items for inclusion to Kathryn Disley.

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

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