



# Newsletter

(01) Sunday 10 to Saturday 23 January 2016

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



## New Year HOPE

The earliest recording of a New Year celebration dates back to Mesopotamia c. 2000 BC and various peoples; Egyptians, Phoenicians, Persians and Greeks celebrated it, some with the autumn equinox and other on the winter solstice. So although the Church sometimes tries to link it to the feast of the Epiphany on 6<sup>th</sup> January, it really has a life of its own. And in our culture it seems to provide a lot of people with an opportunity to reflect on the past year, as well as party.

This year we heard in our churches the words of Hebrews 6:18b,19 (CEV): *We have run to God for safety. Now his promises should greatly encourage us to take hold of the hope that is right in front of us. This hope is like a firm and steady anchor for our souls. In fact, hope reaches behind the curtain and into the most holy place...*

We were challenged to hope for the very best for 2016, for our loved ones, in our church, in our nation, in the nations of the world, and even in our own lives. To take hold of the anchor of God's promises, and hang on with determination.

I do not for one moment believe that 2016 is going to be easy. I do, however, expect it to be hope-full, because God's words are truer than anything the world says, and God's promises are always being fulfilled in the lives of those who follow Christ Jesus.

Revd Lisa



## REGULAR SERVICES

<b>Sundays:</b>	St Paul's	10am
	St Andrew's	11am
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	St Paul's	10am
	*St Andrew's	2pm*

**Mondays:** Prayers, St Paul's, 9.05am†  
\* *The Weds 2pm Service of Prayers at St Andrew's will not re-start until Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>*  
† *We are no longer meeting for prayers at 9.05am on Wednesdays.*

### **Bible Readings**

#### **17 January**

Isaiah 62:1-5 & John 2:1-11

#### **24 January**

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 & Luke 4:14-21

## DIARY DATES

**Sunday, 10 January** at 6pm  
Conversational Hebrew class re-starts.

**Tuesday, 12 January** 1.30 to 3.30. **Time Out** re-starts at 5 Moorside Rd. Kersal. For more information ring 792-9960.

**Wednesday, 13 January**, the first meeting of the new year for the Salford Clean-up Group will take place. It will be at Brotherton House, The Broadwalk, Salford at 6.30pm. This meeting is very important as it will decide what cleaning materials are needed and where to obtain them from. This clean-up is going to be different following the serious flooding which has taken place recently.

**Thursday, 14 January** for 4 weeks from 7.30 to 9pm in the Rectory **RESONATE**: a new short course in practical evangelism. Beginners welcome.

**Sunday, 17 January** at 3pm. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity main Service in Heaton Park Methodist Church, with Jonny Wilson of the Boaz Trust speaking about 'Salt of the Earth'. Jonny is passionate about helping refugees.

**Friday & Saturday, 22 & 23 January** at 7pm at St. Paul's Church, Egerton Rd. Monton M30 9LR: the Mother's Union are presenting a specially written full pantomime 'Cinderella and the Centenary Ball' suitable for all ages. Tickets £3 Adults £1 Children from [chrissharplym@gmail.com](mailto:chrissharplym@gmail.com)

**Friday 22 January** 1.30 to 2.30pm at St. Paul's: Prestwich and North Manchester Sling Library. Baby sling borrowing service. Sian Crosby 07710796023.

**Sunday, 31 January** 3 to 4pm at St. Paul's: Special Service to remember long-term church-members who have passed away or moved away in recent years.

**Monday, 1 February** from 6.45 to 8pm. Espresso Church at Costa Coffee, P'wich

**Saturday, 6 February** 2 to 4.30pm Messy Church at St. Andrew's.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

Would you like to start the New Year by (re-) considering the beliefs of the Christian faith? Please let Revd Lisa know if you'd like to join an **ALPHA** course in 2016 ([lisabattye@gmail.com](mailto:lisabattye@gmail.com) 792 5362)



Revd Lisa says a big **thank you** for the Christmas gifts she received from people in the parish this year. It took most of Christmas week to open them!

### CONTACT INFORMATION

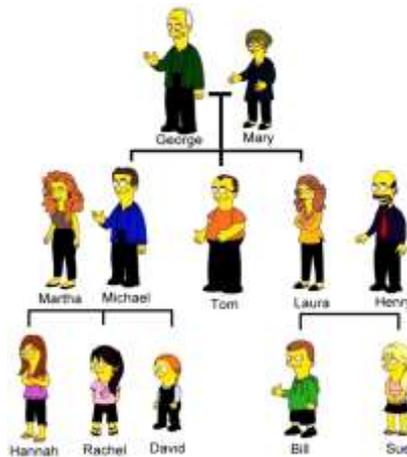
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### Do you speak Spanish? Can you help?

A young woman with three children (one disabled) but no English friends, has been asked to bring someone with her to her Benefits Office interview because she cannot speak enough English. Revd Lisa



**Interested in your Family Tree?** But don't know how to start researching, or think it will cost too much? Church members are welcome to contact Rick

Thompson who would love to help: phone/text 0753 927 5834. The only costs are for photocopying and certificates. WW1 UK info and at least as far back as 1800.



Scene from St Paul's Nativity Service 2015

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

**Emergency prayer chain:** ring Maureen 792 4873 or email [rober382@talktalk.net](mailto:rober382@talktalk.net)

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