



# Newsletter

(03) Sunday 7 to Saturday 20 February 2016

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



It was **Candlemas** last week on the last Sunday of Christmastide, and we heard about that lovely story in Luke 2 vv 22-38 called 'The Presentation in the Temple'. It is a very readable story - well worth looking up again, especially for those of us who are approaching old age.

Reader Anne Rockley drew out attention to the fact that Candlemas introduces us to new people in the Christmas story - two very godly, very old people, present at the baby Jesus' first ever public appearance.

Simeon (whose name means 'listener') is described as a 'good, God-fearing man who 'was waiting for Israel to be saved. The Holy Spirit was with him and had assured him that he would not die before seeing the Messiah.' He took the baby in his arms, and astonished Mary and Joseph with his joyful outburst of praise (now known as the Nunc Dimittis).

Anna, (whose name means 'grace'), was a widow, aged 84, who lived in the Temple, fasting and praying. She arrived 'that hour' and 'spoke about the child to all who were waiting for God to set Jerusalem free'.

May we be guided by the story: as we age may we be sure to practice listening to the Holy Spirit and speaking graciously about Jesus to all who are waiting to be set free.

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*Other church calendar dates in the diary:*

- Tuesday, 9 February** Shrove Tuesday
- Weds, 10 February** Ash Wednesday
- Sunday, 14 February** St. Valentine's Day
- Sunday, 21 February** St. David's Day
- Sunday, 6 March** Mothering Sunday
- Thursday, 17 March** St. Patrick's Day

## REGULAR SERVICES

<b>Sundays:</b>	St Paul's	10am
	St Andrew's	11am
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	St Paul's	10am
	St Andrew's	2pm
<b>Mondays:</b>	Prayers, St Paul's, 9.05am	

## Bible Readings

- 14 Feb** Deut 26:1-11 & Luke 4:1-13.
- 21 Feb** Gen 28:10-19 & Luke 13:31-end.

## DIARY DATES

**Wednesday, 10 February** 7 to 8pm St Paul's, Ash Weds Communion with Ashing.

**Friday, 12 February** 10am-12 (coffee from 9.30am) at Oasis Academy Hub, Media City. If you are concerned about the 'radicalisation' of young people can you attend the launch of INSPIRE; "*a peace-making initiative to support young people in finding a positive narrative for their lives; a sense of identity, worth, direction and belonging which will enable them to live peacefully*" More information from Stuart Nixon on [07557 076 649](tel:07557076649).

**Tuesday, 23 February** 1.30-3.30pm TIME OUT, Moorside Rd. Details 792-9960.

**Saturday, 27 February** 10 to 5pm. 'Living Stones Day' to discern vocations at Church of the Resurrection, 1a Albert Street M11 3AS. To book ring 708-9366.

On **Saturday, 5 March** 5.30-6.30pm in St Paul's, Vera and Stan Mackenzie celebrate their **60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** with a Service of Thanksgiving. This will be a wonderful celebration - not to be missed!

# KNOW, GROW & SHOW

## Our Parish Mission

Have you seen the displays reminding us of our Mission Statement? We are now working as one Church in three buildings, with mission as our focus, and our new management structure reflects this. Our three new cross-parish groups, KNOW, GROW and SHOW, are now meeting and getting to grips with their responsibilities.

So, what exactly is each group doing?

The KNOW group is working to help us know God through Jesus, by managing the buildings where we gather to worship, pray and witness to the world, and through which we reach out to our community by providing a meeting-place for local groups and organisations. The group manages the finances which underpin all that we do, including our physical presence in the community and our mission to the wider world through tithes and appeals.

The GROW group helps us all to grow in faith through praying, serving, learning, and caring for each other. Its role is to ensure that all members, whatever their age, nature and experience, are offered the opportunities, support and encouragement they need to grow in faith in a safe and secure environment. The group has an overview of study courses and homegroups, encourages people to serve in different ways and promotes the role of prayer as central to all we do.

The SHOW group helps us show God's love in our community, through church-based

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outreaches like Messy Church, toddler groups and fairs and events at both churches. Community-based outreach includes Espresso Church in Prestwich Precinct and Churches Together, and supporting the work of our smallest building: Rainsough Community Centre. Publicity Committee ensures that we reach out in all possible ways, including our website and facebook page.

If you want to learn more, look out for our new Plan for Growth board displays in both churches showing what we did in 2015 and our priorities for 2016; or ask a group convenor (see church noticeboards for names).

Anthea Darlington

## **FUTURE DATES and notices**

### **Parish Retreat** led by Rev Lisa **Friday to Sunday, 16-18 SEPTEMBER**

Join us in the lovely Thornleigh Christian Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, for worship and praise, Biblical teaching, good food and fellowship, in pleasant surroundings. Full board from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch £140.00. All rooms en suite. Lift to all floors. Part payments accepted. Contact Maureen 792.4873 [rober382@talktalk.net](mailto:rober382@talktalk.net)

Ordinand Hilary Shedlock invites you to join her at her home on Tuesday evenings for **Night Prayers** (Compline). Please ring 798 6917 before your first attendance.

**Stuart Lester** is now in Ward 3 at Trafford General Hospital, Moorside Rd, Davyhulme M41 5SL. It is the best Intermediate Rehabilitation ward in Manchester around. During Revd Mike's recent visit Stuart was eating a proper roast chicken dinner. He still can't hold a fork and has to be hand fed by a nurse, but was relatively bright. Please visit or send a 'Get Well' card.

**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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