



Newsletter

(11) Sunday 10 to Saturday 23 July 2016

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



Anne Rockley writes.....

Changes

I once heard that the Chinese word for 'change' can be translated into two words – 'death' and 'opportunity'. Sometimes these emotions can be mixed together, other times more separate, depending on the circumstances. Some changes are welcome, others less so. New jobs, new houses, new relationships promise new opportunities. Some changes bring an overwhelming sense of finality, loss, the ending of something precious we did not want to lose. Yet in every change there are always both dimensions – death and opportunity.

I was powerfully reminded of this recently. Following the referendum result and the ongoing political and economic fall-out from it, we find ourselves as a nation facing change. And with that change comes many endings and opportunities. Some of us feel dismayed at the endings, while others feel positive about the opportunities. We're unsure exactly what will change, when, and how much we will be affected. None of us knows the future, and we never did, but there is so much insecurity and speculation around. What next?

I think it is helpful to prayerfully look for and identify the endings and opportunities in this new, uncharted territory. It helps to prayerfully appreciate that we are, and are meant to be, different. We are directed to pray for our nation and government. I'd also like to offer another outlook, using the words of Alexander McCall Smith in his No 1 Ladies' Detective

Agency series, when the fictional Bishop of Botswana says-

'There is always plenty of work for Love to do.'

I like the idea that love is work. I like the idea that love is always appropriate, and if we commit to doing the work of God's love, we will never be out of work. As we face whatever changes are ahead, there will be plenty of work for love to do- the work of prayer, patience, kindness and grace. Let's do it.

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays:	St Paul's	10am
	St Andrew's	11am
Wednesdays:	St Paul's	10am
	St Andrew's	2pm
Mon. & Wed:	Prayers, St Paul's, 9.05am	

Bible Readings

10 July Joel 2:28-32 & John 14:25-31

13 July Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16 & Matt 11:25-27

17 July Acts 16:11-15 & John 7:37-39

20 July Psalm 70 & Matthew 13:1-9

DIARY DATES

Sun 10 July, 5-6pm at St Andrew's:
Free Bar-b-que, *open to all*.

6-7pm 'C-cubed' church in St Andrew's
What is C-cubed? (also being called C3). It stands for 'Carr Clough Church', and will happen on Sun 10 July & Sun 28 Aug from 5pm, at St. Andrew's Church. It is for people who do not usually attend church or are 'working' during Sunday morning

services. Starts with a barbeque, then alternative service and activities, for all ages. Can you help? Everyone welcome (but children must be accompanied).

Tue 12 July, 1.30 to 3.30pm TIME OUT at 5 Moorside Road.

Tue 12th July, at 7pm the wonderful, vibrant, exciting, iconic Ugandan **AYF Choir** [Anglican Youth Fellowship] will be visiting Bury Church High School on Haslam Brow, Bury BL9 0TS all welcome to attend. Lorraine Quinn and I agree this event is nearer and therefore easier to attend for most of us than similar events in Bolton. We hope that all who can will take advantage of this opportunity.

Wed 13 July, 7.30pm GROW meeting in the Rectory.

Wed 13 July, 2 to 3pm Fellowship Service at St. Andrew's.

Thur 14 July, 2 to 3pm St. Paul's School Service.

Sat 16 July, from 2pm World Wide Church of God Service at St. Andrew's.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Mon 25 July, 7.30 to 9.30pm PCC meeting at St. Paul's.

Tue 26 July, 1.30 to 3.30pm TIME OUT at 5 Moorside Road.

NOTE: Maureen Roberts has changed her e-mail address to rober382@sky.com. Please check to ensure that the prayer chain notifications go to the right address.

HOLIDAY AT HOME

A Holiday Club will be held for retired people on the 1-2nd August at St Paul's Church 10am-3pm Zumba, activities, singing, epilogue and more!
Cost £5 per day includes lunch and drinks. Book with Eileen 792 9960.
If anyone has unwanted bottles of nail varnish please pass them to Eileen to use at Holiday at Home.

ROTA – The new rota for taking a short service at Holt House (Salvation Army Care Home off Scholes Lane) is being drawn up. Is anyone willing to go along as a helper please? You would be involved only once every four months for half an hour. Let Eileen know.

Balfour Centenary Israel Tour from the 19 Oct to 1 Nov 2017. Cost £1,993 in twin room. Single room supplement £789. Subject to Foreign Exchange changes and fuel surcharges. See Lisa for information

BORE HOLE – Revd. Lisa has heard from Nicholas that the geological survey has been done. A drilling permit has been applied for and Nicholas has been vetted. He now awaits approval by the Environmental Dept. Once he receives this drilling can start though quotations from a new contractor may have to be obtained. However, it seems as though things are finally happening.

This is the last Newsletter until 10 September so be sure to pass all notices to Kathryn Disley on kathryndis@yahoo.co.uk

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