



Newsletter

(12) Sunday 11 to Saturday 24 September 2016

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



Summer's end... new work to do

As Summer drew to an end St Paul's left our 'Holy-Spirit-filled life' sermon series with a wonderful service on 28th August in which Canon Noel preached about how the Holy Spirit has 'power to change the world'. It was illustrative that we were also celebrating Alf and Marion Garrod's 60 years' of Christian marriage, which has most definitely changed the world locally, and has blessed us over and over, in ways that bear the mark of the work of the Holy Spirit for all to see.

That same evening saw the second 'C-cubed' BBQ and Fresh Expression service at St Andrew's – with St Andrew's yet again living up to its founders' vision for it to be a 'mission church' within the Carr Clough Estate, through which the Holy Spirit might change the world for its many residents. It was encouraging that four local teenagers crept in and took part, one saying that it was only the second time in her life that she had ever been in a church.

Now, as Autumn approaches, please pray for your parish. In our sermons we will be learning about Jeremiah (a very perceptive and, at times, very unhappy prophet) and we will be reviewing the working of the ambitious 'cross-parish' way of organizing our communal life that PCC embarked upon this time last year.

Please pray for parish leaders, wrestling with the need to discern both how to be faithful and how to be fresh. How to proclaim the gospel, and how to run the parish collaboratively – in short, how God is leading us to KNOW God through Jesus, GROW in faith and SHOW God's love in our community.

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays:	St Paul's	10am
	St Andrew's	11am
Wednesdays:	St Paul's	9.15am
	St Paul's	10am
	St Andrew's	2pm
Mon.Tues.Thurs:	St Paul's,	9.05am

Bible Readings

11 Sept. Jer 4:11-12,22-28 & Luke 15:1-10

14 Sept. Num 2:4-9 & John 3:13-17

18 Sept. Jer 8:18-9:1 & Luke 16:1-3

21 Sept. Ps 119:65-72 & Matt. 9:9-13

DIARY DATES

Wed. 14 Sept. GROW group meeting 7.30 to 9pm

Sun.18 Sept. 2.30 to 4.00pm
Commissioning of Davina as our ALM (Creative Worship) at Manchester Cathedral. All welcome.

Mon.19 Sept. 7.30 to 9pm SHOW Group.

Tues. 20 Sept. 7.30pm **ONE OFF STUDY**
If you are interested in looking at the Bible stories about Mary and Martha through modern art then come to an open evening at 5 Moorside Road. Let Eileen know – she will give or send you a set of pictures.

Tues. 20 Sept. TIME OUT 1.30 to 3pm at 5 Moorside Road from 1.30pm. 792-9960

Parish Retreat 16-18 SEPTEMBER, in the lovely Thornleigh Christian Hotel, Grange-over-Sands: good teaching, food and fellowship. FB £140.00. En suite/lifts. For all ages. Contact Maureen 792 4873

Mon.26 Sept. 7.30 to 9pm KNOW Group

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Would you like to join in a Deanery day out to York on Tues Oct 18th, 8am to 7.30pm for £10 – the day will include welcoming the new bishop of Bolton at his consecration in York Minster. Book with Revd Daniel Burton, 0161 745 7608 QUICKLY (before 15th September).

HOLIDAY AT HOME Thanks to all who helped and attended this two-day event and made it a happy and successful event.

Christine Buckley thanks her church family for their loving concern when she moved house recently. Thank you especially to Revd. Lisa, Hilary Brown, Judith Walsh and Kath Watters.

Heaton Park Methodist Church Night Shelter commences soon for the winter months and the clients will need: Boxer shorts (s/m/l), Socks (not thick - all sizes), hats, gloves, scarves, thermal vests, long johns (any colour except white), shoes (in good condition) coats, jars of olives, gherkins, cartons of fruit juice (long life) and naan bread (long shelf life). Male clothing only. Anything and everything appreciated – please give to Jean Dyson. Thank you and blessings.

Breaking News about the successful completion of phase one of the **Parish 'Water for Life' Borehole project** to drill a borehole in a remote farm in Bondo in Kenya so that our ex- Careforce worker Nicholas and his family can move back 'home' from where he and his family currently live in the Kibera slum in Nairobi to work the farm. This will lift the family out of poverty and 'give them a future and a hope'. N.B. If **you** would like to **visit** their farm on January 18th please tell Lisa.



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Thank you. Marion and Alf Garrod "would like to thank Lisa and Noel for the wonderful service on the occasion of the renewal of our wedding vows. Thank you to all who attended the services on Sunday and Wednesday, and to all those who helped in any way. Thank you Tracey and the girls for the great buffet. A very big thank you to St Paul's and St Andrew's for the beautiful card and generous gift, and thank you to all who sent cards, gifts and messages. A special thank you to Her Majesty the Queen for her lovely card. We have both enjoyed our week of celebration for our 60th Wedding Anniversary. May God bless you all for the support you have given us. Love from Marion and Alf XX

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Please **pray for Jane Ransley** Samuel and James following the funeral of her mother who died in the Summer.

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