



Newsletter

(15) Sunday 23 Oct to Saturday 5 Nov 2016

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

AFTER THE HARVEST

***Happy Harvest** to our Christian Friends,
Happy Succot to our Jewish Friends,
And Good Luck to our Atheist friends

The woman who stopped to photograph the cheeky Harvest banner* on the noticeboard outside St Paul's last week may well have known what Succot is, but most do not. Its double meaning is that it's a "Feast of Ingathering at the year's end" (Exodus 34:22) *and* commemoration of the Exodus, and the total dependence of the People of Israel on the will of God.

Do read about this (Leviticus 23:33-43) if you would like to know why, at this time of year, our neighbours live in succahs (see the empty one above) – shelters decorated with pictures and fruit, with twigs for rooves - to help them remember that the *cost of freedom* was, for a generation, life in harsh circumstances in a desert place.

This is not usually the kind of treatment we expect from God. For some strange reason nowadays most of us expect our God to make life easier for us: to give us nice food, and warm houses, and comfort us when we are sick. And so we thank God for the Harvest, and bring from our surplus, loading the altar with food for the poor; we sing songs and eat, and are happy, and then we go away.

And where do we go? Back to our homes in Egypt, almost deaf to the call to Freedom, and (if we are honest) also thankful that there is no Moses to disturb us, and to lead us out. After the Harvest, what does God want YOU to do?

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

- 23 Oct.** Romans 15:1-6 & Luke 4:16-24.
26 Oct. Ephesians 6:1-9 & Luke 13:22-30.
30 Oct. Daniel 7|:1-3,15-18 & Luke 6:20-31.
2 Nov. Psalm 23 & John 5:19-25.

DIARY DATES

Mon. 24 Oct. PCC meeting

Thurs. 27 Oct. 7pm Manchester Cathedral
Manchester Theological Society talk: "Are you a Cyborg?" by Dr Scott Mitzen

Sat. 29 Oct. 6-8pm **Saints and Angels' party** at St. Andrew's. Prizes for the best dressed angel and best dressed saint. You can make a mask, bob for apples and carve a pumpkin. Games, competitions and a FREE meal. Lots of fun!

Sat 29 Nov. Set your clocks to go back one hour during the night (at 2am on Sun 30). N.b. *each year someone arrives late to church next day because of this.*

Sat. 5 Nov. from 2.30-4.30pm Messy Church at St. Andrew's.

Sun. 6 Nov. 3.30 – 4.30pm Parish Lay Assistants meeting at St. Paul's.

Mon. 7 Nov. ESPRESSO CHURCH
6.45pm. Costa Coffee, Prestwich Precinct.

Thurs. 10 Nov. 9.30am-1pm. All
Welcome to the annual **Holocaust Study Day** in **Menorah Synagogue**, 198 Altrincham Road, Sharston M22 4RZ

Sat. 12 Nov. 11am-1.00pm **Autumn Fair** at St. Andrew's. Games, raffles, cakes, Tombolas, cards, produce and white elephants!! Bag yourself a bargain!!!!

Fri. 11 & Sat. 12 Nov. Jesus Culture European Conference at Manchester Central Convention Complex, Windmill Street M/Cr. M2 3GX. £65 before Nov.10, then £75. See www.jesusculture.com/eu

Mon. 14 Nov. 7.30-9pm. Greater Manchester **Friends of the Earth** giving a talk on a variety of topics e.g. trees, bees, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the quality of our food and the 'big' topics of Climate Change and Global Warming. Refreshments served. We hope it will be a really pleasant event for all and welcome everyone. A further evening will be held in January, details later. Bronwen Bevin

Sat. 19 Nov. 9am to 4pm "How can we welcome refugees and asylum seekers?" at Conference at Salford University. Cost £10 Book: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcoming-refugees-and-asylum-seekers-conference-registration-27599182899

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Tues. 6 Dec. 7.30pm The annual **Maurice Brunner Memorial Lecture** on "New Challenges in a Changing World" by the Rt Revd John Arnold in Manchester Jewish Museum, 190 Cheetham Hill Rd. Donation of £5 helps. Book on 07791 733 980 or ccjsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

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Recycling of Metals. Salford Council Bereavement Services asked for nominations for charities to receive the proceeds from the sale of cremated artificial limbs and Beryl suggested 'Dementia UK' who have, as a consequence, received £4,337! Congratulations to Beryl - and thanks for supporting our efforts to be a Dementia-friendly parish.

Now here's a happy bunch of bishops:



... 'Our' bishops, gathered outside York Minster on 18th October, after the recent consecration of our new Bishop Mark Ashworth. He joins Bishop Mark Bailey as a suffragan bishop in the Diocese, and he will be the bishop taking care of Salford. In the picture we see all our current bishops, including those who are retired, and two from our link Dioceses abroad.

By way of epilogue...

The **"Five marks of mission"** are well-known guiding principles for the work of the Church (and are reflected in our Parish Mission Action Plan). Our Diocese is clearly catching on.... it has not gone unnoticed that Manchester Diocese can now boast that we have "two Marks of mission".

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