



Newsletter

(02) Sunday 22 Jan to Saturday 4 Feb 2017

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



Have you got a "Limited Belief System" in your life?

Romans Chapter 8 verse 28

Researchers conducted an experiment in which frogs were placed in separate glass jars covered with lids to prevent them escaping. At first the frogs kept jumping trying to get out, but each time they hit their heads on the lid. After 30 days of doing this, an amazing thing happened. When the lids were removed the frogs never jumped out, even though there was nothing to stop them. Why? Because they had formed a belief system that the top of the jar was as high as they could get, limiting their belief system kept them trapped in the jar.

This reminded me of an experience I had. After serving in the Church Army as an Evangelist for 7 years, the Bishop of Durham offered to send me to Theological College for 2 years training for ordination. I wrote and told my mother in Belfast. When she wrote back she reminded me that I had left school at the age of 14 with little education and that I was aiming too high for a lad from the back streets of Belfast. To crown her letter, she said, "Your Dad says Don't forget the hole from which you were dug". Like the frog story she didn't want me to get hurt by hitting my head against the lid. That was her "Limited Belief System".

How I thank God for the other frog story "Two frogs fell into a churn of milk. As the milk was so thick, one frog sank to the bottom, but the other frog struggled to

swim. Round and round until the milk turned to butter and then he hopped off". So get rid of your "Limited Belief System" for not only will God give you success, he will give you the skill and strength to handle it.

Canon Noel Proctor

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC: 22 Jan)
St Andrew's 11am (HC: 29 Jan)

7.30-8.30pm Christian Meditation at 15
Moorside Road, M7 3PJ

Wednesdays: St Paul's HC 10am
St Andrew's prayers 2pm

Mon, Tues, Weds: Prayers, St Paul's 9am

Bible Readings

22 Jan: Exod. 25:31-40. Acts 9:1-9

25 Jan: Psalm 67 & Matt. 19: 27 to end.

29 Jan: Micah 6:1-8 & Matt 5:1-12.

1 Feb: Heb.12: 4-7, 11-15 & Mark 6: 1-6a.

DIARY DATES

Sun. 22 Jan. 3pm at St Mary's Parish Church, Church Lane, Prestwich M25 1AN: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service. The theme of the service is "Crossing Barriers" – about reconciliation across divides. Speaker Revd Fayaz Adman, Team Vicar of West Bolton, an Anglican priest originally from Pakistan.

Mon. 23 Jan. at 12.45am. The funeral of Edna Shedlock at St Andrew's Church followed at 2pm by cremation at Blackley Crematorium. Please come if you can, to pay respects and help comfort her family.

Tue. 24th Jan. Worship Planning Group meeting 7.30 pm St Paul's Social Area. Main topic: Christmas services review.

Wed. 25 Jan. Daniel Shedlock turns 18.

Thurs. 26 Jan. Holocaust Memorial Day event The Longfield Suite, 6.30 for 7pm

Mon. 30 Jan. 7.30 to 9pm PCC

Fri. 3 Feb. 7.30 to 10pm First Friday Men's Group, St Paul's Social Area.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Mon 6 Feb. from 6.45pm Expresso Church at Costa Coffee in Prestwich on the first floor. Speaker; Karen Openshaw, with over 20 years' experience in the "third sector" (charity, church, volunteering etc.)

Thur. 9 Feb. 11.30am to 12.30pm GMCPs meeting in Harrison Room.

Fridays 3,10,17,24 Feb. 10.30am to 12.30pm (coffee from 10am), Introduction to Christian Meditation* at Katherine House, 26 Singleton Rd. Salford M7 4WL with Barry Whitehead and Raylia Chadwick. Booking via 0161-708-9744 or khousefcj@hotmail.com Suggested donation, £5 per session.

*and please note our regular Christian Meditation sessions on Sunday evenings 7.30-8.30pm at 15 Moorside Rd M7 3PJ.

Fri. 15 to Sun. 17 Sept. 2017. Parish Weekend Away. Book the dates, and speak to Maureen on 0161-792-4873 or via robert382@sky.com

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FLOURISH WEEKEND

This inspirational weekend is approaching fast. It is for everyone so Lisa encourages us to save the dates and plan to come.



flourish in truth
with **Chris Edmondson**
former bishop of Bolton

Fri 12th Sat 13th May '17
St Paul's, Moor Lane, Kersal M7 3WX
burycircuit.org.uk/flourish

Friday	6pm	Cold buffet
	7.30pm	Session 1
Saturday	2pm	Session 2
	4pm	Session 3
	5.45pm	Evening meal
	7.30pm	Session 4

free admission • food & drink provided • contemporary worship & teaching

Book the date: May 21 will be the Civic Welcome for the next Ceremonial Mayor of Salford, local councillor Peter Connor, in St Paul's. Watch this Space.

HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK Feb 6-13

The acronym **HOPE** stands for:

Hate crime awareness,

Operational response to hate crime,

Preventing hate crime, and

Empowering communities to report hate crime and access support services.

Hall Bookings: St Paul's and St. Andrew's 792 3877;

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