



Newsletter

(03) Sunday 5 to Saturday 18 Feb 2017

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



Do you believe in the Devil??

Luke 4:6-7. The devil said to him "All this authority I will give you and their glory.....if you will worship before me, all will be yours".

In this age of computer technology and space flights the above verse which mentions and quotes the Devil (as a person) causes people to smile and assert "The Devil is a concept of long since past ages, and he represents nothing more than a symbolic figure, illustrating the origin of evil, but never a person with an authority to act". Yet the bible speaks of the existence of the Devil as a being. He is God's great adversary, who even attempted to hinder the Lord Jesus to bypass the cross in securing the redemption of all who believe.

Back in 1988 a graduate student introduced a computer "virus" into the internet in America. Despite his frantic efforts, the virus spread out of control, and before long it had jammed thousands of computers across the country. Only several days and millions of dollars later was it purged from the system. Long ago a brilliant heavenly being introduced a "virus" into God's perfect universe. That virus multiplied and spread causing loss and pain to millions of people it is called SIN but God, who created Lucifer, is greater and in his wisdom he had already prepared a programme to counteract the "virus". That "vaccine" is called 'Grace' (God's unmerited favour) and it is personified in the Saviour Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Nobody should meddle with the concept of the Devil, he wants us to believe that he does not exist. In our present age there is a readiness

to dabble in sinister and demonic powers, and even among people with a Christian heritage, who believe that the devil is a thing of the past. Whoever believes in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour keeps away from all such sinister influences. "Thanks be to God who gives the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ". 1 Corinthians 15-57.

Canon Noel Proctor

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC: 5 & 19 Feb)
St Andrew's 11am (HC: 12 Feb)
7.30-8.30pm Christian Meditation at 15
Moorside Road. n.b. 5 Feb at the Rectory
Wednesdays: St Paul's HC 10am
St Andrew's prayers 2pm
Mon, Tues, Weds: Prayers, St Paul's 9am
Thurs: 9am - but *check with rector first*

Bible Readings

5 Feb. Ps. 112:1-9. Isa. 59:1-9a & Matt. 5:13-20.
8 Feb. Ps. 104: 11-12, 29-32. & Mark 7:14-23.
12 Feb. Ps, 119: 1-8. Deut 30: 15 to 20. Matt. 5; 21-37.
15 Feb. Gen. 8: 6-13, 20 to end & Mark 8: 22 -26.

DIARY DATES

Mon 6 Feb. from 6.45pm Espresso 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.)

Tues 7 Feb. 7.30pm Childrens' Leaders' meeting at Anne's house.

Tues 7 Feb. 7.30pm Churches Together meeting at St Gabriel's.

Thurs 9 Feb. Prayer for the city. 'Moon under water' pub, Deansgate.

Thurs 9 Feb. 7.30pm Deanery Synod at St John's, Pendlebury. Open to interested visitors in anticipation of the triennium elections to deanery synod this April

Sun 12 Feb. 2pm at Rectory. Exploration of our **Facebook** pages – anyone interested in helping please let Lisa know.

Sat 18 Feb. Salford Clean-Up Day on Moor Lane. Meet at St Paul's Church at 10am where details and equipment will be given out. Finishes at 1pm. More information from Joe 07867634954 joemalley60@gmail.com. Please support this event in the hope that as well as helping our local environment, communities can be brought together for the common good. Donations appreciated: Joe and his team are self-funding the project.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Sun. 19 Feb. at 3.30pm a concert at St. Hilda's Church, Whittaker Lane, Prestwich by Radcliffe Male Voice Choir. Tickets £5 (children £1) Light refreshments Tickets from Marion 0161-773-8850 or on door.

Friday 17, 24 Feb. 10.30am to 12.30pm (coffee from 10am) Christian Meditation at Katherine House, 26 Singleton Rd. M7 4WL with Barry Whitehead and Raylia Chadwick. Book 0161-708-9744 khousefcj@hotmail.com. Suggested donation £5 /session. Meditation sessions also on Sunday evenings 7.30-8.30pm – see 'Regular Services' above.

Thur. 23rd Mar. 7.30 to 10pm 'Care for the Family' event at The King's House Conference Centre, King's Church, Sidney Street M1 7HB. Tickets £6 per person, or £5 each for 4 or

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more. Hosted by Christian writer, broadcaster & CEO of Care for the Family, Rob Parsons who will deliver this from his book 'The Wisdom House'. Rob is also a Spring Harvest speaker. I probably will be going so can offer lifts for 3 or 4 people. *Jean Dyson.*

Tue. 16 May at 7.30pm at St. Thomas's Church, Ford Lane, M6 6PE followed by refreshments: the Annual **Archdeacon's Visitation** in Salford for Wardens, PCC & Sidespeople. Please go - if you can't make that day there is an alternative service at 7.30pm on Weds 24 May at the Cathedral.

Fri. 15 to Sun. 17 Sept. 2017. Parish Weekend Away. Book the dates and tell Maureen 792-4873 robert382@sky.com

Can-U-help? The **Prestwich Night Shelter** has been offered free use of a Bury Metro Christian Centre's minibus every Tuesday night, and needs four people for a once-a-month driving rota. Volunteers will receive free, one-day MiDAS certificate training (unless you already have D1 on your licence). You will collect the minibus from the Centre at around 7.40pm then pick up the night host from Heaton Park Church at 8pm then collect the men from the Manchester Friends Meeting House and drive them all back to church for around 8.30pm, then return the mini-bus. More information from vronearp@gmail.com

FLOURISH WEEKEND at St Paul's
This inspirational weekend is for everyone. Lisa encourages us to save the dates and plan to come. Fri. 12 & Sat. 13 May.

To our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support and words of comfort during Edna's final days and following her passing. We were overwhelmed to see so many of you at St Andrew's to help us celebrate Edna's long and wonderful life.

"I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers" Eph 1:16

Roger, Philip, Hilary, Matthew & Daniel Shedlock.

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

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