



Newsletter

(04) Sunday 19 Feb. Saturday 4 Mar. 2017

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



Life in a Pressure Cooker

In planning a foreword I was inspired by Rachel Dean, a solicitor in Manchester who talks about seeing La La Land – the modern day rom-com musical taking Hollywood by storm that has been nominated for 14 Oscars this week. She says it whisks you away from reality for a while into the colour, music and romance we all crave.

For most of us, however, real life is more like living in a pressure cooker. From a young age we experience huge pressure, and as we grow up this only increases, compounded by the burdens we put on ourselves to 'succeed' in careers, as parents, as friends, as Christians... It can be like a crushing weight on our shoulders. IS there a way to maintain the rainbow colour and joy in the midst of this - without breaking into song every few moments... which can attract some odd looks?

Rachel believes there is, and that it starts with praising God, which should be a crucial component in our daily conversations with him. We need to be reminded of simple truth in the craziness of life, and to set our eyes on God again. When we do the pressures grow dim in the light of his glory and grace, and even when nothing physical changes, it changes our heart and perspective.

Rachel writes: "God abounds in grace and love and promises good things for us who love him. He is also big enough to hold me, and you, up under all the pressures that we face, good and bad."

So today, look up to God and offer him praise. As you get spiritual perspective you will reflect the glory of God to those around you, who are so much more in need of it.

Rachel Dean

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC:19 Feb, 1Mar)
St Andrew's 11am (HC:26 Feb)

[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

19 Feb. St P: Genesis 1:1-2:3 Matthew
6: 25-end. St A: Luke 10:25-37

22 Feb. Ps 15 & Mark 9:38-40

26 Feb. Ps 104, Gen 1:26-31a & Luke
18:18-23

1 Mar. Isa. 58:1-12 & John 1-11.

DIARY DATES

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) Includes light refreshments Tickets from Marion 0161-773-8850 or pay at the door.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Tue. 7 March: Becoming a dementia-friendly church. Talk by David and Barbara Nicholas. St Paul's Social Area 7.30-9.00 pm. Refreshments from 7 pm onwards. Come and hear from these experienced

trainers about how we can move forward on this Mission Action Plan priority area.

Sat. 11 March. Our **Lent retreat** takes place at the Schoenstatt Centre's Chapel, Manchester Road, Kersal, Bolton BL4 8QQ between 9.30am and 3pm with Revd Lyn Woodall as the leader. Make it your Lenten resolution!!

See Eileen or Beryl for more details.

Sun. March 19th at 7.30pm at Swinton Masonic Hall, Hospital Road, Pendlebury, Manchester M27 4EY Symphony Orchestra Concert. The programme includes the overture to The Magic Flute by W.A. Mozart, a Bassoon Concerto by Carl Maria Von Weber and Symphony No.5 by P. I. Tchaikovsky. Tickets are £7 Adults and £6 Concessions and children Free when accompanied by an adult. Licenced bar.

Mon. 20 Mar. 7.30pm in St. Paul's Social Area the Friends of Kersal Moor Winter Talk "Our Friends the Bees" given by Bill Kitchingman of Kersal Apiaries followed by a celebrated local film introduced by by Jack Hobbs "Buzzing on the Roofs" from Kersal to Manchester high rise, featuring Harry Davis, Jack Hobbs & Kay Phillips. Light refreshments available. All welcome. Free.

Thu. 23 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 £6.00 per person, or £5.00 if 4 or more tickets are purchased. The event will be hosted by Christian writer, broadcaster and 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 and is excellent. I probably will be going so can offer lifts for 3 or 4 people. Jean Dyson.

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Sun. 19 Mar. & 23 Apr. at 8.30pm Flourish Prayer evenings at St Paul's Kersal.



Fri 12th Sat 13th May '17

St Paul's, Moor Lane, Kersal M7 3WX
burycircuit.org.uk/flourish

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

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

if you are willing to be part of the prayer ministry team at Flourish then would you please let me know so that I can pass on names to Sharon Andrews. Thanks Eileen

Fri. 15 to Sun. 17 Sept. 2017. Parish Weekend Away at Thornleigh, Grange-over-Sands. Speaker: Anne Rockley. Book the dates, and speak to Maureen on 0161 792 4873 or via robert382@sky.com

We need a lay Deanery and Pastoral Committee representative from the parish. Lisa and Mike already attend as clergy. Meetings are every other month and are becoming even more important as we discuss what our role as a pilot Deanery for the Diocesan 'Fit for Mission' initiative entails. If you think this is something you could do, please see Lisa or Mike by Sunday 26 February.

St Andrew's Appeal

St Andrew's are looking to acquire some cups and saucers (NO MUGS). If you have any spares in your cupboards which are left from broken services they would be happy to accept them. Please note the cup and saucer should match. They would also like one or two teapots but before you send any teapots in, please speak to **Val Cope** first and she will say if they have sufficient. Thank you.

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

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