



Newsletter

(05) Sunday 5 Mar Saturday 18 Mar. 2017

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



Pointless Celebrities

As a society we appear to have come to an age when we create our own Gods. We call them Celebrities but how do they become an object of adoration? Is it by winning an Oscar in films or a Bafta on TV, a medal in the Games, or even scoring the winning goal?

These "Stars" become larger than life, and although they have made their fortunes through their careers, have they left the world a better place? Yet these icons are only human with feet of clay and almost daily we see celebrities tarnished by greed, drink, drugs and unacceptable behaviour. So who is worthy of our adoration and worship?

Read Philippians 2 verses 5-11 and let's turn our eyes to Jesus.

In Him we see true and full humanity, and all else fades away into the wings. They cannot abide the genuine qualities he displays. For what He is, a friend and guide to all who trust Him, and for what he has done in Dying for us and Rising to bring Salvation and Eternal Life to all who come to Him.

He deserves to be our "STAR"

Canon Noel Proctor

Take the Lent challenge!

Lent daily bible readings and prayers booklet available now from both churches. See Eileen for more details.

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC:5 & 8 Mar.)
St Andrew's 11am (HC 12 Mar.)
[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

5 Mar. Psalm 32. Gen 2:15-17 & Matt 4:1-11.
8 Mar. Psalm 51:1-5,17-18 & Luke 11:29-32.
12 Mar. Psalm 24:1-6, Deu 14:22-23,28-29. & Matt 25:14-30
15 Mar. Jere. 18:18-20 & Matt.20:17-28.

DIARY DATES

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 Mar. 9.30-3pm our Lent retreat takes place at the Schoenstatt Centre's Chapel, Manchester Road, Kersal, Bolton BL4 8QQ with Revd Lyn Woodall as the leader. Make it your Lenten resolution!! See Eileen or Beryl for more details.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Sat. 18 Mar. 9am to 1pm Diocesan Synod meeting in St. Paul's.

Sun. 19 Mar. 7.30 to 8.30pm and **23 Apr.** Flourish Prayer meetings at St. Paul's.

Sun. 19 Mar. 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.

Sun. 19 Mar. 11.00 am special service at St Andrew's for **Revd Mike's licensing as Associate Minister** in the parish by the Bishop of Bolton. It will be followed by a buffet lunch. This service is for everyone from both churches. A short service of Morning Prayer will be held beforehand at 10 am at St Paul's (Sunday School as usual). Lifts up to St Andrew's will be provided. Please come to support Mike as he begins his full ministry.

Mon. 20 Mar. 7 to 9pm Deanery Chapter and Readers meeting in St. Paul's Worship Area.

Mon. 20 Mar. 7.30pm in St. Paul's Social Area the Friends of Kersal Moor WinterTalk "Our Friends the Bees" given by Bill Kitchingman of Kersal Apiaries followed by a celebrated local film introduced 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.

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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.



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. Parish Weekend Away at Thornleigh, Grange-over-Sands. Speaker: Anne Rockley. Book the dates, and speak to Maureen on 0161 792 4873 or via rober382@sky.com

Thur. 30 Mar. from 6.45pm. A DEANERY EVENT FOR ALL at St Clement's Church, Lower Broughton Road, Broughton, Salford M8 9UE The evening starts at 6pm with a meal provided by the Diocese and the Meeting begins at 6.45pm. Archdeacon David and Church House officials will be present to inform everyone what it means for Salford to be a Pilot Deanery for the Diocese's 'Fit for Mission' programme. Please can as many people as possible from the Parish attend.

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

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