



Newsletter

(06) Sunday 30 April Saturday 13 May 2017

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



HATS BY 'THE HAT LADY'

Many of you, although you may not actually know who I am, when trying to describe me nearly always use the title 'The Hat Lady'. This is simply because I nearly always wear a hat in church, but have you ever thought beyond this title thinking about it in relation to yourselves?

It may be that you don't physically wear a hat unless it's a special occasion or needed in your profession, but I am sure you may have asked a friend sometime 'What hat are you wearing today?' This is simply because that they may be involved in lots of jobs. Maybe they or you are a husband, a wife, a father, a mother etc., It may also be that in employment you do various types of work each needing a different title or 'hat'!

When you walk into church many of you are involved in groups, committees, helping at communion services, reading the lessons, preparing the drinks for the coffee morning and in lots of other ways. We all do what we can to support our church, and if you think about it we are all wearing different 'hats'.

Perhaps in the future when you enter our churches whether it be St. Paul's or St. Andrew's you will think to yourself as you enter that at that very moment, you are all wearing the same hat as I am and that is the 'Hat of Faith'.

Always, the best hat I wear is when I am amongst my church family and that together in faith and prayer, we are all in fact, sharing the very same hat!

Norma MacKinnon

Postscript by Revd Lisa:

Norma's piece illustrates the importance of something that I first learned in 1985 when the Church's report 'All are Called' was published. Do ask if you would like to see it. It felt ground-breaking at the time, speaking about every baptised member of God's Family having a vocation that was crucial for the work of the Holy Spirit in our world.

In one sense we now take that for granted, but sadly, in some churches people still act as though vocations are only for people called to priesthood or Reader Ministry. I am proud that our ALMs (Authorised Lay Ministers) are proof that we don't think like that in St Paul's and St Andrew's, but do we all know what we are called to? If you are not sure about your callings please do ask for an hour of my time so that we can explore together what YOU are called to, in the whole of your life.

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC: 7 May.)
St Andrew's 11am (HC 30 Apr & 14 May)

[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

30 Apr. Psalm 116: 1-7. Acts 2:14a, 36-41.

3 May. Psalm 66:1-6 & John 6:35-40.

7 May. Psalm 23. Acts 2: 42 to end & John 10: 1-10.

10 May. Acts 12:24 - 13:5 & John 12:44 to end.

DIARY DATES

Sun. 30 April We welcome Ronnie Steven and Raven Star Vandersteen to Baptism in St Paul's this morning.

Mon. 1 May 6pm Espresso Church at Costa Coffee Prestwich.

Tue. 2 May 7 to 10pm Salford Readers' Chapter at St. Paul's, with Bishop David.

Thurs. 4 May Election Day at St. Paul's.

Sat. 6 May 2.30 – 5pm 'Messy Church' at St. Andrew's.

Tues. 9 May 1.30 to 3.30pm TIME OUT at Eileen's.

Fri 12 & Sat 13 May



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 in the prayer ministry team at Flourish please let me know so that I can pass on your name to Sharon Andrews. Thanks, Eileen 792 9960

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

SPRING FAIR – it should have been our Spring Fair on Saturday, 27 May, however a meeting was held which decided that it should be postponed (date to be arranged later) as we have a number of key people who are suffering illness at the moment. Also for the time being please do not bring items into church either for the Stall or the Spring Fair until further notice.

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Wednesday, 26

April. Councillor Karen Garrido, Ceremonial Mayor of Salford visited St. Paul's Church this morning and joined us in our Communion Service followed by

refreshment when she stayed and chatted to members of our congregation.

THANKS

Mike Dyson wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, lovely cards, gifts and support he received for his licensing as Associate Minister (19 March). Also, a big thank you to Tracy and Amanda Collier for the delicious buffet. Plus, Jean Dyson says thank you to all who have kindly donated clothes for the Boaz Night Shelter, which are much appreciated. The Shelter will be taking a break now until early October.

Sadly we have recently lost one of our members, the late Betty Rockley. Her family have sent this message;

"Thank you everyone for your kind messages, cards and support following the death of our dear mum. She was always welcomed so warmly at St Paul's. Being able to join in at Wednesday Communion and Coffee Morning and Summer Holiday at Home deeply enriched the quality of her life. We are so grateful. From The Rockley family (John, Tim, Anne, Joy and Paul)"

David Bevin R.I.P.

Our extremely gifted organist, pianist and accompanist, Churchwarden and long-term beloved member of St Paul's Church has died after a short illness on 22.4.17. Please pray for Bronwen, David, Liam and the whole church family at this sad time. David's funeral will take place on Thursday, 11 May at 1pm in St. Paul's followed by cremation at Agecroft at 2.20pm

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

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