



Newsletter

(09) Sunday 11 to Saturday 24 June 2017

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



THE SET OF THE SAIL

"One ship drives East and another drives West

By the self-same winds that blow.

*Tis the set of the sails and not the gales
That determines the way we go".*

I recently came across the above poem and it made me think of the word of Jesus
"Enter through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction".

How is it from the same family, one can grow up a strong Christian while another rejects the faith. Each of us sets the sail of our lives because we are free creatures with the power to choose our ultimate destination. So we should quit blaming someone else for what we are. No, life isn't fair and some people get the breaks, but in the final analysis we set the sail that determines our port of call. The question is, which set does our sail have? Or do we even know? Do you think a hardened criminal comes to that state of mind overnight?

Every now and then, it is good to stop and consider where we are headed. We need to take a moment and pause to consider the direction of our journey in life. The marvellous message of the scriptures is that it is never too late. Regardless of where we are and no matter what direction we are heading God can turn us around. All we have to do is ask him.

John c.6 v 37.

Canon Noel Proctor

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC:18 Jun)
St Andrew's 11am (HC:11 Jun)

[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

11 Jun Ps 98:1-9 & Isa 40:12-17,27-end.

14 Jun 2 Cor 23:4-11 & Matt 5:17-19.

18 Jun Ps 116:1,10-17, Gen 18:1-15 & Matt 9:35-10:8.

21 Jun Ps112 & Matt 6:1-6, 16-18

DIARY DATES

Sun 11 June Deanery **Confirmation Service** at **10.30am** in St Clement's Church, Ordsall M5 3LQ, with Bishop Mark Ashcroft. Please pray for our candidates: Freddie Torrance; Debbie Dickinson; Amanda Williamson; Sarah Hughes.

Sun Jun 11 from 2-4pm at St Andrew's: **Strawberry Fair:** a whole-parish social occasion. Cream tea for £2.50, raffle, tombola, some stalls, games and quizzes. We look forward to an enjoyable afternoon with our friends and visitors.



Wed 14 Jun from 10.30 – 11.30am
Will be 'Cupcake Day' at the coffee morning at St Paul's. There will be a cake stall, a raffle and some competitions. All money raised will go to the Alzheimer's Society. Sarah will be launching a 'Dementia Friends' initiative on this day.

Dementia Friends. We are hoping that everyone will be willing to become a 'Dementia friend' by attending one of three sessions to learn how to support people with dementia:

at St Andrew's: **Sun 18 Jun 12 noon to 1pm** (*please note corrected time*);

at St Paul's: **Thurs 22 Jun 1.30-2.30pm,**
& **Tues 27 Jun 7.30-8.30pm**

Further information from our dementia Champion, Sarah, on 07931788698
sarah.charis74@gmail.com

Mon 19 Jun SHOW Group meeting at St. Paul's from 7 to 9pm.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Sat 22 July 11am to 1pm Peregrini Walking Pilgrimage. The walk route is 4.65Km with gentle ups and downs. Come and build a community, pray and meet with God. Starts at St. Paul's and finishes at St. Margaret's. Lifts will be available for drivers to get back to the beginning.

Mon 26 Jun KNOW Group meeting at St. Paul's from 7.30 to 9pm.

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 robert382@sky.com

LIFTS TO CHURCH on Wednesdays and Sundays. Please let Eileen Booth know if you can go on a rota to offer lifts to members who have no transport. Thank you.

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HOLIDAY AT HOME

Advance notice of our Annual Holiday At Home that is especially suitable for people who find it difficult to go away, with more details to follow. Book the dates! Monday and Tuesday 7th-8th August in St Paul's from 10-3pm.
Cost £5 per day.

Graham Robinson is doing three bike rides this summer in support of The Christie Hospital. To support this you can give via



<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/grodger3371>
where there is further information.

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So then....

How did you vote?

However you voted I feel sure that you put every effort into considering the policies that you were voting for, and that you played your part in upholding our democratic political process.

This is so important that we must always unite around our communal right to vote, and our communal responsibility to vote, if only because people died that we might all have this great privilege.

The right to vote gives dignity and worth to every citizen, and honours our Christian belief in the innate worth of each person that God has loved so much that He sent the Lord Jesus to teach and to die for them.

However we feel about the outcome of the General Election we must unite in celebration over the fact that we could take part in it.

The rector

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