



Newsletter

(11) Sunday 9 to Saturday 22 July 2017

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



The Rector writes

Heart-break is not a recognised illness, or even a medical 'syndrome', but it has profound consequences. And it can strike without warning.



It has been described as like dream-walking. Ordinary things happen all around, but inside there is no feeling at all, or far too much feeling, or just a hopeless, gnawing pain.

Some speak of walking around and around, then sitting down, then getting up again, then walking around again... and no relief, for days that blur into weeks, and into months. There is no greater need at times like this than for someone to love us. To respect our pain, and our privacy, but also to insist on *trying* to help, even when we are pushing them away. Which can be very costly for the helper.

Heart-break changes things. And if it has not changed anything yet then it may be that the only way to find relief will be to make changes. A loving friend is one that will help with this.

1 Cor 10:13 (NRSV) says '*God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out, so that you may be able to endure it.*' God will provide the way out. God wants to encourage us that we are loved, and that we will not be tested beyond our strength.

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC: 16 July)
St Andrew's 11am (HC: 23 July)
[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

12 July Ps 33:1-4, 18-end & Matt 10:1-7.
16 July Ps 119:105-112. Gen 25:19-end
& Matt 13:1-9, 18-23.
19 July Exo 3:1-6, 9-12 & Matt 11:25-27.
23 July Ps 139:1-11. Gen 28:10-19a &
Matt 13:24-30, 36-43.

PLEASE NOTE: this is the last Newsletter until 3 September. If you have events for advertising please send them to Kathryn Disley on kathryndis@yahoo.co.uk

DIARY DATES

Tues 11 July 10am onwards; Can you help a small deanery cleaning team prepare St Philip's Rectory (6 Encombe Place, Salford M3 6FJ) for its new rector? If so please just turn up with your own cleaning gear, or ask Lisa & John for a lift.

Tues 11 July 7.30pm P'wich Methodists' Church: review of '**Flourish**'. All welcome.

Wed 12 July 9.30am-12.45pm 'Faith in Schools' half-day with buffet lunch 'to explore the role of Church of England schools working in multi-faith settings' saintgabriel@talktalk.net 07757411377

JESUS AND THE ELDERLY

Carr Clough Church

Free BBQ on
Sunday July 16th &
Sunday August 13th

Starting at **5.00pm**

Followed by **contemporary worship** at **6.30pm**

You are welcome at part or all of both events.

Bernie the Banjo will be there!!

Helpers still needed, see Kath D, Darren or Mike if you can lend a hand.

Sat 22 July 11am to 1pm **Peregrini Walking Pilgrimage** of 4.65Km with gentle ups and downs, from St Paul's to St Margaret's, Prestwich. Peregrini promotes a Christian Rule of Life. Come and walk with others and God. Lifts available for drivers to get back to the beginning.

Mon 31 July 7.30 to 9pm PCC meeting in the Parish Office.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Mon 7 Aug & Tues 8 Aug 10am-3pm 'Holiday at Home' in St Paul's (for those who book) - a great programme of friendship & food 'at home' For more information see Eileen or Chris.

Thur 14 Sept Bury C of E High School from 6-9pm are holding an Open Evening for prospective parents and their children, who are warmly invited to visit school and to download a prospectus and application form from www.burychurch.bury.sch.uk

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

If you have changed your e-mail address lately will you please e-mail me and let me have your new address. Norma

Over the years I have not got the get up and go which I once had. In fact, at times, I feel it has got up and gone! In *St. Luke c2 v 36 & 37* I read that Anna a prophetess (you see they had women clergy even then) "was very old". The text can be understood in two ways. Either Anna was 84 when she saw the baby Jesus, or she had been a widow for 84 years, making her more than 100. An extra ordinary age for those times.

Whatever age she was, she spent her time in the temple worshipping the Lord. With Divine insight she recognised in Mary's child the Deliverer, the Star of Hope, The Saviour of the World. Age had not dimmed her faculties or blunted her spiritual perceptions.

In the same chapter, Luke talks of Simeon who had been shown by the Lord that he would see the Messiah before he died. *Luke 2 v 25-32*. When he met the baby Jesus he gave us that wonderful song the "Nunc Dimitis" which begins "Now let your servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen your Salvation". What a wonderful legacy to leave.

Today in our society, many elderly people spend their days in a lonely existence in front of the T.V. Modern medicine can sustain life even though the mind is atrophied. Now we need to share Christ's love for the elderly and he is able to give us dignity and peace and like Anna and Simeon a real purpose in life.

I love that verse in *1John 3 v 2*, "Beloved, now are we the Sons of God and when Jesus comes for us, we shall be like him". Just think Jesus was 33 when he was crucified, and resurrected. If I am like him, I'll be 33 years old. No aches, pains or need of face lifts. What a wonderful prospect for us all. HALLELUJAH

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