



Newsletter

(12) Sunday 3 to Saturday 16 Sept. 2017

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



LIVING IN RESPECT AND HARMONY

We are once again receiving terrible news: people killed and injured by 'extremists', and as we in Manchester have experienced it we know what others are feeling.

I find this terribly frightening, and pray that it will cease. I keep telling myself that, as we are on the planet together, surely we have more to gain by working with one another than against.

Native Americans say "no tree has branches so foolish as to fight amongst themselves". Why can't some people accept others for who they are and not cling to the differences they possess?

We should try helping others - everyone in life needs a helping hand sometimes - and we could possibly get something in return. Living in harmony reduces stress, increases joy and boosts peace. Harmony is important. It prevents wars and conflicts and results in a better understanding of one's fellow people.

Thinking that all people are equal goes beyond respect, and to be a 'global citizen' you should believe this regardless of race, religion or gender.

The beauty of Christ's Church is in the harmony of sounds coming together like those of an orchestra: all the different instruments making different sounds, but when together making beautiful music. Each one contributing his/her part to the music despite their preferences.

I pray that we always try to remember that in *John 15:12-13 Jesus commanded us to "Love one another as I have loved you"*.

Norma MacKinnon

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (Holy Communion: 3 Sept)
St Andrew's 11am (Holy Communion: 10 Sept.)
Christian Meditation: 7.30-8.30pm (details 792 5362)
Morning Prayers: Mon; Tues (9am); Weds (9.15am)
Night Prayers Tues: 8.45pm (details from 798 6917)
Wednesdays: St Paul's Holy Communion 10am
St Andrew's Prayers 2pm

Bible Readings

3 Sept Exodus 3:1-5. Matthew 16:21-end
6 Sept Colossians 1:1-8 & Luke 4:38-end
10 Sept Ex 12:1-14; Matthew 18:15-20
13 Sept Psalm 15 & Luke 6:20-26.

DIARY DATES

Sun 3 Sept 12.30 to 2.30pm Nicholas Chen and Rachel Murphy's Wedding.

Tues 5 Sept 8.45pm Night Prayers (contact Hilary for details 798 6917)

Thur 7 Sept 7 to 10pm in St. Paul's: 'The Birds of Peel Park', an illustrated talk to raise funds towards Freddy Torrance's work trip to South Africa from Bury Church School. Tickets £5 available on the door.

Sat 9 Sept 2 to 5pm Worldwide Church of God service at St. Andrew's.

Sun 10 Sept 4 to 8pm at Broughton House. A Musical Afternoon in Celebration of their centenary. Adults £10, children (under 12) £5 Family tickets on application Please book 8-4pm Mon to Fri (740-2737) lara.daintree@broughtonhouse.com

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Thur 14 Sept 6-9pm Bury Church School are holding an Open Evening and warmly invite us to visit school and to download a prospectus and application form from www.burychurch.bury.sch.uk

Fri 15 to 17 Sept Still time to book the Parish Weekend Away in Thornleigh, Grange over Sands, with input from Anne Rockley. £145 for 4pm Friday to after Sunday lunchtime, with optional Super Saver for only £30 extra pp until Monday morning, including High Tea on Sunday afternoon. Please let Maureen know urgently 792-4873 or rober382@sky.com

Sun 17 Sept 8-9.30pm at Our Lady of Grace Church: 'Our Urgent Duty' evening with Rabbi Benjy Rickman speaking on 'Repentance: is it really all about guilt?' (see email on board outside parish office).

Mon 25 Sept 6-9pm Manchester Cathedral 'Our Faith, our Planet, our Community'. Bringing people together to enjoy food and entertainment and discover more about Manchester climate change strategies, 2017-50. All Welcome. Free admission www.our-faith-our-planet-17.eventbrite.co.uk.

Wed 27 Sept 10.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning after Holy Communion: Cakes and Raffle in aid of Macmillan Nurses. Please bring cakes to sell and invite friends.

The supply of tinned foods in the Parish Office that we maintain for those in urgent need has run out. Please could people help replenish the supplies so that we can continue to support people who are hungry. Thank you. Canon Lisa

Thank you to the volunteers and people who came to Holiday at Home. It was a great success and much enjoyed by many. Eileen

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In August we sent the proceeds of the extra collection we made for a larger tank for the **Borehole Project** to Kenya, including an anonymous gift of £3,000. We received the following thanks:

I am writing to confirm to you that we got the money that was sent in to my account for the water project. I do wish to take this opportunity to say thank you to every person who has been involved in this amazing journey. This project will be the only thing that I can pass to my children as an inheritance, since in the recent violence all our hopes have been taken away by our own government. Our focus will now be to farm the land using this water so that we are able to educate the children and for their upkeep. Thank you, thank you, thank you all so much, we are so grateful to you and to God. Peace be with you.
Nicholas Odhiambo

A WARM WELCOME to our Time For God Gap Year volunteer worker, Linda Lichter. Please feel free to invite her for a meal with you so that she can get to know people in the parish (n.b. Linda is vegetarian).



*You are warmly invited
to our leaving service*

on Sunday 1st October, 10.30am
at St Paul's Church, Moor Lane M7 3WX

and afterwards to a buffet lunch
at St Andrew's Church, Carr Clough M25 9TY

Canon Lisa and Mr John Battye

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

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