



Newsletter

(14) Sunday 1 to Saturday 14 Oct 2017

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



Lisa writes...

The waters of Meribah Exodus 17:1-7

On a recent news broadcast a reporter said that in the days following flattening of the British Virgin islands most inhabitants had been simply glad to be alive and to have survived, but after no help had arrived for several days they become 'tetchy' and began to quarrel and become angry.

There is a parallel with this in the first lectionary reading today (Oct 1st) in Exodus 17. In it we are still following the story of the Exodus, but there is no water, and gone is the joy of their deliverance from slavery! The people say "Is the LORD among us or not?" (v7). They have lost trust in God. "Why do you test the LORD?" cries Moses (v2) and yet he also cries for help, and God responds by giving them water from (of all things) a big rock.

The story is *our* story, because we so often forget the joy when things grow difficult. We worry that God has left us, and start to doubt. And the moral of the tale is that, even though we should not put God to the test, God is unreasonably compassionate. God, our Rock, ignores our disrespect and gives us what we need despite it.

Time and again I have experienced this gracious provision in my own life, and seen how God waters the dry areas of my own life when I call out for help. So, as I move on, I encourage you to go joyfully into the interregnum knowing that God is with you (Isaiah 41:10), looking to the Rock of Salvation, and calling on the Holy Spirit to water the next stage of the journey for yourself, and for your beautiful parish.

Goodbye and God Bless

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays:

10.30am at St Paul's - Joint Holy Communion 1st Oct
St Paul's 10am/St Andrew's 11am (HC at St A's) 8 Oct
Christian Meditation: 7.30-8.30pm (details 792 1098)

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

1 Oct Exodus 17: 1-7. Matthew 21: 23-32.

4 Oct Nehemiah 2:1-8 & Luke 9: 57-end.

8 Oct Gen 9:8-17 Mk 4:26-32 Ps 19:7-end

11 Oct Psalm 86:1-9 Luke 11:1-4.

DIARY DATES

Sun 1 Oct 12.30 to 5.50pm Reception at St. Andrew's for Canon Lisa and John.

Sun 1 Oct 7.30 to 8.30pm Christian Meditation weekly on a Sunday at 15 Moorside Road, Kersal, Salford M7 3PJ for more details - Jean Dyson 792 1098

Mon 2 Oct 7.30 to 9.30pm PCC meeting at St. Paul's in the Harrison Room.

Mon 2 Oct 6.45 to 8pm Espresso Church at Costa Coffee, Prestwich M25 1AY

Sat 7 Oct 2.30pm-4.30pm St Andrew's: MESSY CHURCH - all welcome.

Sat 7 Oct 10am-4.30pm St Philip's, 2 Wilton Pl, Salford M3 6FR Mental Health 'Healing Day'

Sun 8 Oct 5.30pm Canon Lisa Preaching at Evensong in Manchester Cathedral.

Mon 9 Oct 7.30 to 9pm Friends of Kersal Moor meeting in St. Paul's Harrison Room.

Mon 9 Oct 4-6 pm Salford Interfaith Network: Learn about **Succoth** (The Feast of Tabernacles) at Stenecourt Synagogue, 30 Singleton Road M7 4LN. Talk by Rabbi Simmonds and light refreshments. Please register your attendance on 792 1305

Wed 11 Oct 7.15 for 7.30 Methodist Central Hall, Oldham St. M1 1JQ. 'People Power and Politics' finding your voice and making a difference. Speakers include Andy Burnham, Cllr Tanya Burch and Paul Keeble. Tickets free from www.street-stories-politics-people-power-eventbrite.co.uk

Sun 15 Oct 7.30pm at St Thomas's. Daniel Burton's Institution as Area Dean

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

October is time for the Night Shelter to re-start at Heaton Park Methodist Church every Tuesday. More volunteers needed, especially for the breakfast shift (Wednesdays, 7.15-8.30am). Also donations of warm clothing for young males (20s and 30s) and/or toiletries. Please see Jean Dyson for further details.

Parish Weekend away Sep 15-17/18

Once again we went to Thornleigh Christian Hotel at Grange over Sands, where we are catered for so very well. Led by Reader Anne Rockley, we received good Biblical teaching from the Book of John, accompanied by a video, which really brought life to the teaching.

Other groups at the hotel were invited to join us, and did so. It was good to share with them and they were so thankful. We enjoyed fellowship together, fine food and fun. Alan Pendry ran a quiz on Saturday and all who took part won a prize. What

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more could you ask for? Revd. Mike took Complines; a perfect end to every day.

On Sunday we gathered for Holy Communion followed by a hearty Sunday lunch, which we truly enjoyed. We then said goodbye to those going home, and a dozen of us stayed on for a 'Super Sunday Saver' extra night with high tea, B&B and made the most of the extra time by going out in the sunshine. It was a lovely weekend.

We have booked again for 21-23 Sept 2018. Please think about coming with us, it is so beneficial - a relaxing break before the long nights set in. The price is £145 FB from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch + £30.00 optional Super Sunday Saver. A really good deal. All rooms en suite, lift to all floors, part payments taken through the year, transport available. Contact me for more details or to book a place on 792.4873 or rober382@sky.com *Maureen*

Postscript

Lisa writes... It's really difficult to believe this is actually my last Newsletter... but I suppose the end of a newsletter is the right place for some 'leaving' details:

My installation as 0.5 Team Vicar in St James and Emmanuel parish will take place at 7.30pm on Thurs 9 November in Emmanuel Church, 6 Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury M20 6TR. Anyone who would like to make sure we are properly 'handed over' will be very welcome to attend both service and welcome 'do', and we would love to see you there. Thereafter my non-working days will be Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We would love you to visit us.

Our email addresses will be lisabattye@gmail.com and battyejohn@gmail.com [and no, I've no idea at all why John's seems to suggest that he's the batty one...!? Lisa]

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

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