



Newsletter

(16) Sunday 29 Oct to Saturday 11 Nov 2017

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Isn't God wonderful?

I'm very aware, from comments I heard when Lisa told us that she would soon be leaving us, that the suddenness of it was a shock to many of us, and understandably so. I believe that the 3 months we had, to get used to the idea, helped us to adjust. And yet, there are still misgivings.

Let's stand back and see what is happening in our church family. Yes, we are reviewing certain events at the moment, primarily to avoid some duplication and extra work, and to rationalise things between our two church buildings. That was happening anyway.

The other things are continuing as before – Sunday and Wednesday services, Time Out, Mums and Tots, etc. Those of you who attend other events both midweek and in the evenings will hopefully sense 'business as usual'.

All this is thanks to God working through Lisa and others to release gifts in many of us, some to 'official' roles, and others to leadership roles and other involvement of various kinds. Think about the people you know well, and probably they'll be either doing something or being something in church, or providing precious prayer support. We should know what God requires of us, and how to make those things happen. God does not change, and his love and support for us doesn't change either.

Have a think about what God is calling you to, and then get involved in keeping His church active and healthy.

**God Bless
Revd Mike**

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am/St Andrew's 11am (HC St.P's 29 Oct) (HC St A's 5 Nov)

Christian Meditation: 7.30-8.30pm (details 792 1098)

Morning Prayers: Mon; Tues (9am); Weds (9.15am)
Thurs (9.05am)

Night Prayers Tues: 8.45pm (details from 798 6917)

Please note note 31 Oct.

Wednesdays: St Paul's Holy Communion 10am
St Andrew's Prayers 2pm

Bible Readings

29 Oct Nehemiah 8:1-8. Matthew 24:30-35. Psalm 119:9-16.

1 Nov Revelations 7: 9 to end & Matt 5:1-12.

5 Nov Revelations 7:9 to end. Matthew 5: 1-12. Psalm 34: 1-10.

8 Nov Psalm 112 & John 17: 18-23.

DIARY DATES

Sun 5 Nov 7.30pm Salford Symphony Orchestra's 70th Anniversary at Peel Hall, Salford University. Music includes Hansel & Gretel Overture, Music for the Royal Fireworks, Symphony No. 3 Beethoven, Three pieces for other composers. Admission £10 adults, £8 concessions. Children under 16 accompanied by adult free. Booking online £1 cheaper. Please car share is possible.

Mon 6 Nov 6.45 to 8pm Espresso Church at Costa Coffee, Longfield Centre, Prestwich. Attending speaker will be Revd. Trevor Green who has represented Open Doors for the last 5 years. Before he retired he was an ordained minister in the Chester Diocese. He represents Open doors who speak up for Christians who are suffering for their faith.

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal

Can you help again this year please in one of these ways –

~ by your prayers

~ by filling a shoe box by Sunday 5 NOV

~ by donating items of money.

Boxes to be packed on **Tue 7 Nov** in St Paul's at 1.30 (instead of Time Out) and collected on **11/12 Nov**. Come and help if you can. Leaflets available in both churches. Many thanks Eileen.

9 November Holocaust and Study Day at Menorah Synagogue. Advance booking required (For more information see notice board outside parish office).

Thur 9 Nov at 7.30pm Revd. Lisa will be installed as Team Vicar at Emmanuel Church, Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury.

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

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Sat 25 Nov 11am to 1pm **Parish Christmas Fair** in St. Paul's Church. Stalls include Raffle, tombola, Christmas goods, £1 bags, cakes, bric-a-brac, children's games, refreshments and lots more. Father Christmas will be there with gifts and photo opportunity. Stall and prize items needed at both churches asap; offers of help welcome. Many thanks.

Sat 2 Dec 'Preparing for Christmas' day of reflection and activities at St Paul's

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Broughton House ex Servicemen's Home is seeking the large size empty Douwe Egberts Coffee storage jars (the ones with the vacuum type lids). A member of staff is designing and producing the most beautiful Christmas table decorations for the resident's dining tables for use at Christmas. Please bring any you may have to church for Beryl & Noel Proctor to deliver to the home.



Dear People

The attached is the picture of the lovely Menorah for which we have used part of the fabulous gift the Parish gave us at our leaving party. John and I are absolutely delighted with it. It took ages to get through customs, and it is brass, and really heavy, and as large as the ones in the churches. It looks a little uneven - which is extremely endearing - and it is a genuine antique - and we love it for being so old, and for having been used so much in the past. It will have held seven long white candles, which when lit will have shed a lot of light. Menorahs are household versions of the large Menorah that lit up the Second Temple, which was the large candlestick lost in the first century, when the temple was destroyed, around the time that the Church was being built, i.e. not long after the Resurrection. The seven candlesticks referred to as symbols of the seven churches in the book of Revelation were menorahs. So a menorah is a good symbol for a church (or a parish). More generally it is both a pre-Christian AND a post-Christian symbol - a symbol of the light of God the Father and of the light of God the Son.

Lisa and John send their further gratitude to everyone for such a lovely send-off and many thanks to the parish for such a special thing to remember St. Paul's and St. Andrew's.

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

Emergency prayer chain: ring Maureen 792 4873 or email rober382@sky.com

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