



Newsletter

(02) Sunday 21 Jan to Saturday 3 Feb 2018

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



FACING LIFE'S CHALLENGES

"For we have no power to face the vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you"
2 Chronicles 20:12

As we embark on a brand New Year we are hopeful and optimistic yet, realistically we know that each year is filled with peaks and valleys. There will be challenges in the coming year. How will we face those challenges?

At times we can feel overwhelmed and can easily become discouraged and feelings of loneliness and despair experienced. It is at this time we need to stand firm by drawing on God's strength and presence in our lives as he is walking with us. We are never alone!

Whatever we face in life we have a choice to either turn to God or to turn away in fear. This is not what God wants for us. God wants us to win the challenges we face. We must trust him to do the impossible and place our lives in his hands.

Norma MacKinnon

"Father, we don't know what challenges we will face this coming year but you do. Give us strength to keep our eyes on you and to fight our battles and give us the victory that is found in you." AMEN

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC 21 Jan 4 Feb)
St Andrew's 11am (HC 28 Jan)
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 11 am Prayers.

Bible Readings

21 Jan Genesis 14:17-20 & John 2:1-11
(Psalm 128)

24 Jan 2 Samuel 7:4-17 & Mark 4:1-20.

28 Jan Malachi 3:1-5 & Luke 2: 22-40
(Psalm 24: 7 to end).

31 Jan Psalm 32:1-8 & Mark 6:1-6.

DIARY DATES

Sun 21 Jan Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service 3 pm at St Margaret's.
Preacher: Revd George Lane, Manchester Airport Chaplain, on theme of the week: That All May Be Free - highlighting slavery old and new.

Mon 22 Jan KNOW Group meeting at St. Paul's 7.30 to 9pm in the church office.

Tues 23 Jan – Worship Planning Group 7 pm in the parish office. Christmas evaluation and planning for Lent/Easter 2018. If you have any further comments on Christmas services and events, please let Anthea know before Tuesday.

Mon 29 Jan PCC meeting at St. Paul's from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Harrison Room.

Mon 5 Feb Espresso Church meeting at Costa Coffee in Prestwich from 6.45 to 9pm.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

The Home Group which meets at Anne Rockley's home is due to start again on **Wednesday 7 February** at 7.30pm. Please note that the meeting will take place at the Dyson's home 15 Moorside Road (0161-792-1098) for this first session, after that it will be back at Anne's. Revd. Mike will lead on this occasion, please bring a favourite psalm to share during the evening.

BUILDING RESILIENCE WORKSHOP.

Locations, including places of worship, have received suspicious packages over the last few months therefore - The 'Building Resilience Workshop' will look at how establishments can protect themselves in the event of receiving a suspicious package; This workshop is taking place on **Wednesday 14th February 2018** from 9.30am to 2pm at Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Training Centre, Cassidy Close, Manchester, M4 5HU For more information - ask Beryl Proctor

Sat 24 Feb Preparing for Lent and Easter at St. Paul's Church. Details to follow.

THANK YOU

At the start of a new year is a good time to say thank you to all those people who work behind the scenes to ensure that our services and events run smoothly all year. This year special thanks go to the team behind Messy Church at St Andrew's, especially Davina, Kath, Mike, Christine Buckley, Rick and Darren From St Andrew's and St Paul's who lead, support, prepare, set up and cater every month, and to the members of the Worldwide Church of God who help facilitate the event,

CONTACT INFORMATION

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with special thanks to Zygmunt and Margaret (great food!). We also thank the Toddler Group team at St Paul's- Doreen, Darren, Denise, Linda, Anthea and Anne Hutchinson for the outreach they provide to the wider community through the twice weekly sessions, and to the flower arrangers at both churches whose wonderful arrangements enhance our worship. Thankyou also to everyone who 'brews up' after the services at both churches, especially to the young people who have taken on this duty recently at St Paul's- it's much appreciated.

Avril Hackett, a relatively new member of our congregation at both churches, often feels inspired to write songs to praise God. Sometime she writes with a person or group of people in mind. She has sent a song to Princes William and Harry, and in 2005 wrote this song for the firemen based at Liverpool Street fire station in Salford.

**Yearning, burning feeling inside, that you shouldn't hide,
A love that you try to deny, a yearning, burning feeling inside.
It inspires a desire of a heart on fire,
A yearning, burning feeling inside.
When you switch on and off, the way that you do, that's when
I'm on the lookout for you to ignite a flame of feeling the same,
Ignite a spark within my heart,
A yearning, burning feeling inside.
A yearning, burning feeling,
A feeling through and through.
A yearning, burning, yearning burning feeling,
A feeling of love, keeps this love true,
Oh oh on you, Oh oh on you.**

Avril also composes the melodies for her songs, which are a powerful outlet for her love of God and desire to praise Him.

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

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