



# Newsletter

(04) Sunday 18 Feb to Saturday 3 Mar 2018

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



## MESSY CHURCH

One very important aspect of church life is to spread the Good News about Jesus. One of the best ways we have to do this is Messy Church, which runs on the first Saturday of every month at St Andrew's. We have a Bible theme for each one, with linked pictures and songs, and craft tables for the children to draw, paint, cut out, stick and make things to take home, and everyone gets a free meal afterwards. The wonderful thing is, although it is officially for the children, the adults get to hear about Jesus too.

There were over 60 of us there in February, from St Paul's, St Andrew's and the Worldwide Church of God. It's a lot of work. Currently a few of us meet on the Thursday and Friday afternoons to prepare the materials and the rooms. In addition, we need to tidy everything away afterwards on Saturday.

We need more people to get involved. If the idea of lots of noisy, happy children on Saturday sounds too much for you, could you help to set up or tidy away? Can you give prayer support? There are lots of things you can help with.

Please don't let this wonderful resource fade away from lack of help. An hour or two a month could make a big difference to help Messy Church continue. Pop in one Saturday, or have a word with Kath, Davina, Mike, Judith, Darren or Anthea. Help us to bring Jesus to local children.

REVD. MIKE

Below is the kind of help needed: can you spare an hour once a month to enable Messy Church to continue. No skill needed other than enthusiasm and a willingness to be involved.

**Help set up: Thursday** before: 3-5pm preparing materials for use on Saturdays, help make demo models.

**Friday before:** 3-5pm setting out stuff needed eg. Tables and chairs.

**Saturday lunchtime:** 12 noon to 2pm final preparations plus help with Messy Church itself.

**Saturday afternoon:** 2-5pm sit with children. Parents to help them with activities and **talk to them**. A minimum of one adult per worktable needed (5-6) plus others to circulate.

**Help with clearing up: Saturday evening** 3.30-5.30pm. Clear up before food, clean and put away materials used.

Sheets will be out at both churches next Sunday for you to sign up. The more people who volunteer the less often you will be needed. Remember it's only once a month.

## REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC18 Feb) St Andrew's 11am (HC 25 Feb)

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 10am Holy Communion St Andrew's 2pm Prayers

## **EASTER DAY SERVICES (Sun 1 Apr)**

Joint Holy Communion Services: at St Paul's at 10 am with Archdeacon David Sharples; and at St Andrew's at 3 pm with Revd Mike Dyson. Everybody is welcome to either (or both!) services.

### **Bible Readings**

**18 Feb** Genesis 9:8-17 & Mark 1:9-15  
[St Andrew: Thinking Day Mark 1: 9-13; Mark 1: 13-15]

**21 Feb** Jonah 3 & Luke 11: 29-32.

**25 Feb** Genesis 17: 1-7,15-16 & Mark 8: 31 to end (Psalm 22: 23 to end).

**28 Feb** Psalm 31: 4-5, 14-18 & Matthew 20: 17-28.

### **DIARY DATES**

**Thurs 22 Feb** 7 to 10pm Friends of Kersal Moor meeting in Social Area at St. Paul's.

**Sat 24 Feb** 9.40am – 3.30pm at St. Paul's. 'Preparing for Lent and Easter'. Reflect and prepare for Lent and Easter in the morning. Enjoy a shared lunch and various activities in the afternoon. All welcome – no charge. Further details from either Beryl or Eileen

**Tues 27 Feb** from 1.30 to 3.30 **TIME OUT** at Eileen's 5 Moorside Road.

**Fri 2 Mar** Women's World Day of Prayer at Prestwich Methodist Church. Starts at 1pm (note change of time) and lasts for about 1 hour followed by refreshments. The service has been prepared by the women of Surinam "All God's creation is very good'. Everyone welcome including any men who would like to attend.

**Sat 3 Mar** Messy Church at St. Andrew's from 2.30 pm. (Held monthly on the first Saturday).

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES**

**Mon 5 Mar** GROW Group meeting 7.30 to 9 pm at 5 Moorside Road.

Espresso Church meeting at Costa Coffee in Prestwich from 6.45 to 8.30 pm.

**Sun 11 Mar** Mothering Sunday – AAW services at both churches. Help with flowers on Sat morning needed.

**Mon 12 Mar** 7.30 to 9pm SHOW Group meeting at St. Paul's.

**Tues 13 Mar** from 1.30 to 3.30 **TIME OUT** at Eileen's 5 Moorside Road.

**Thur 15 Mar** 7 to 10pm Supper and social at St Paul's with illustrated talk on history of Kersal Moor. (Further details to follow)

**Mon 19 Mar** 7.30 to 9 pm KNOW group meeting in office at St Paul's 7.30-9 pm.

**Wed 21 Mar** at 2pm at St Andrew's Fellowship meeting Revd. Mike will be bringing Holy Communion. It would be lovely to see you on this day.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE (1)**

**Sat 2 June** starting around 6pm Andy Smith's leaving party at St. Paul's before taking up his curacy at Blackley. Early starting time so for those bringing children it's not too late for them to attend. All welcome - pass information around. More details to follow.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE (2)**

**Sun 1 Jul** 1.30 to 7pm. Party for Hilary Shedlock immediately following her ordination at the Cathedral.

Please note the next Newsletter (05) will be the last one until Sunday, 29 April so if you have any notices which need to be included please let me know asap. Norma

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

**Emergency prayer chain:** ring Maureen 792 4873 or email [rober382@sky.com](mailto:rober382@sky.com)

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