



Newsletter

(05) Sunday 4 to Saturday 17 March 2018

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



A SPIRITUAL DETERGENT?

"Pilate took water and washed his hands before the crowd" Matthew Chapter 27 v 24.

If only it were that easy to wash away our guilt, but it's not. In the Shakespeare play "Macbeth", Lady Macbeth comes down the stairs, walking in her sleep. Her conscience is tortured by the murder of her husband's rival, to which she has been an accessory. She goes through washing motions with her hands as she cries out "Yet here's a spot, will these hands never be clean, there's a smell of blood still, and all the perfumes in Arabia will not sweeten this little hand".

Neither Pilate, nor Lady Macbeth could wash away their spots, because it was not on their hands but on their conscience.

At a Conference of Representatives of World Religions, the question was asked, "What would wash away the spot on the hand of Lady Macbeth?" Among the comments, one person said "A pilgrimage to Mecca", another cried "Nirvana brings peace" and yet another said "Re-incarnation into another body". Finally, a Baptist Minister said. "The only way Lady Macbeth can find forgiveness and cleansing is by yielding her life to the Lord Jesus Christ and by faith being washed in the precious blood which He shed on the cross to atone for her sins"

The Bible tells us "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son cleanses us from all sin". I John Chapter, 1 verse 7.

This is the message of hope we all need.

CANON NOEL PROCTOR

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC 4 March). St Andrew's 11am (HC 11 March)

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

Bible Readings

4 Mar Exodus 20:1-17 & John 2: 13-22 (Psalm 19:7 to end).

7 Mar Deut 4:1, 5-9 & Matt 5: 7-129.

11 Mar 1 Sam 1:20 to end & John 19:25b - 27 (Psalm 34:11-20).

14 Mar Psalm 145: 8-18 & John 5: 17-30.

DIARY DATES

Mon 5 Mar 7.30pm GROW Group meeting at Eileen & Chris' 5 Moorside Rd.

Sat 10 Mar at 237 Gt Clowes St. (corner of Gt Cheetham St) meeting with Stuart Cornes about establishing a "Peregrini" group which will form a spiritual support group. Details on church Noticeboard.

Sun 11 Mar Mothering Sunday

Mon 12 Mar 7pm SHOW Group meeting in the Harrison Room.

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 with pie and peas supper in the Social Area in aid of parish funds. Tickets from Anthea at St. Paul's and Judith at St. Andrew's.

Sat 17 Mar 10.30 to 1pm doors open from 10am. Mindfulness & Christianity Day at Katherine House, 26 Singleton Rd. Salford M7 4WL, given by Karen Openshaw a Christian woman with over 20 years experience in counselling, mentoring and wellbeing coaching experience. To book: e-mail khousefcj@hotmail.com. Or telephone 0161-708-9744 or 0742848491.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Sun18 Mar 7.30pm Salford Symphony Orchestra Concert at St. Paul's Church. Programme includes: Brahms' 'Tragic' Overture; Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4; Schumann's Symphony No 3. There will be an interval with refreshments. Tickets are £7 for Adults; Concessions £6; Children under age 16 free admittance with an accompanying adult. It's a while since the Orchestra have performed at St Paul's so I would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend and give them their support. It should be a lovely concert. If having a lift is a real problem please let Bronwen know in advance so this can be sorted.

Mon 19 Mar at 7.30pm KNOW Group at St. Paul's.

Mon 26 Mar at 7.30pm PCC at St. Paul's.

Donations for stall, fairs etc. Over the year's people have been generous with their donations to St. Paul's. However

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storage space is limited and we now only have one fair a year. Some recent donations have just been left in church for us to find. If you wish to donate items for sale, please speak to Marion first. We are not allowed to take bedding or towels and re-sell electrical equipment and regretfully books no longer sell.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Rector – **Revd. Lee Longden**. More in the Easter Magazine!

PIECES OF PAPER

From a distance I see an image, it looks like someone nailed to a cross. A crown of thorns on their head, a deep wound in their side, blood running from where the nails pierce their arms and feet. Head bowed in pain, arms open wide.

I stand in shock, who could do this? I cannot believe that anyone could inflict such pain and suffering on another. But I cannot look away, such a terrible scene, what can I do?

I'm drawn closer and the image changes, I can see now the image is made up of hundreds of thousands of pieces of paper, and on each one is written a phrase, something that separates me from God, and each one is nailed to the cross.

Everything I've ever done that separates me from God and everything I will ever do that will separate me from God is already written on a piece of paper and nailed to the cross.

The cross through which all things and all people are redeemed.

Everything that stood
against us He set aside,
nailing it to the cross.
Colossians 2:14

Hilary Shedlock

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