



Newsletter

(06) Sunday 29 Apr to Saturday 12 May 2018

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



"SOON – BUT NOT YET"

We are in another one of the Christian year's strange periods. We've had the heartbreak and joy of Easter. We know that the double celebrations of Ascension, marking Jesus' return to heaven 40 days after the Resurrection, and Pentecost (so named as it is 50 days after Passover) are coming in May... but "not yet".

Yes, that phrase again, so well-known at Advent and during Lent. During both of those periods, I dress and robe up in purple, marking a time of waiting and anticipation. Now I'm wearing my white stole – the one I was ordained in – a colour of celebration. Yes, Jesus is alive, so let's celebrate for a few weeks.

Think about events to come: Jesus' return to heaven to reign in majesty at the right hand of the Father, and the birth of the Church at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples. Read ahead in *Retransformed lives* – things were never the same after that.

And as we look ahead, there are other "not yet" things on our horizon. Andy and Hilary are approaching ordination as Deacons at the beginning of July. Hilary will be staying among us to carry out her ministry. Then Revd Lee Longden will be arriving a few days later.

Yes this is a strange time... but one to be celebrated. Hilary and Andy Deaconed, then Lee arriving. AND Jesus is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia !!! Let's celebrate !!!

REVD. MICHAEL DYSON

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC 6 May) St Andrew's 11am (HC 13 May)
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)
Weds: St Paul's 10am Holy Communion
St Andrew's 2pm Prayers

Bible Readings

29 Apr Acts 8:26 to end & John 15:1-8.
(Psalm 22: 25 to end)
2 May Acts 15: 1-6 & John 15: 1-8
6 May Acts 10: 44 to end & John 17: 6-19
(Psalm 98)
9 May Psalm 148:1-2,11 to end & John 16:12-15.

DIARY DATES

Sun 29 Apr Gift Day at both churches
Songs of Praise at St Andrew's 3-4 pm with your favourite hymns plus tea and cakes.

Thur 3 May Polling Station Social Area St. Paul's.

Sat 5 May Messy Church St Andrew's 2.30 pm Jonah and the whale!

Mon 7 May Because this is a Bank Holiday **Espresso Church** will start at 6pm and finish at 7.30pm. Prestwich at Costa Coffee Unit 4 Radius, Longfield Centre, Fairfield Rd. Prestwich. Nick Campbell will be talking on "What it's like being a Chaplain at Christie Hospital.

Fri 11- Sat 12 May FLOURISH 2018 at St. Paul's.

Fri 11 MAY 6pm Cold Buffet – 7.30pm Session 1.

Sat 12 May 1.30pm Session 2 – 5.45pm Hot Meal – 7.30pm Session 3.

Mon 21 May SHOW group meeting 7.30pm at St. Paul's in Harrison Room.

Tues 22 May SPACE meeting at 7.30pm St. Paul's Office. Update on current graveyard policies and practices, discussion on ECO church graveyard initiative. All welcome.

Fri 25 May Manchester Cathedral 10am to 4 pm **Interfaith Meditation for Peace day.** Places need to be booked in advance (contact details on notice board). Bring a packed lunch or use local cafes. Jean and Mike Dyson are going so can offer lifts.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

St. Paul's and St Andrew's BIG CHRISTIAN AID BREAKFAST and Church Service with a Difference, Sunday 13 May at 10 am, St. Paul's Church. This year, at the start of Christian Aid week, we are holding a special 'breakfast service' run by our young people where we will talk, pray, sing and eat bacon/egg/sausage barmes followed by Danish pastries and tea/coffee The cost will be £5 which includes a donation to Christian Aid. You are welcome to donate more if you wish. Please join us for this special event, and let us thank the Lord that we have never had to 'go without.' I pray that the Lord would touch our hearts this Christian Aid week so that we would freely give to those who have so very little and are in so much need. Please let us know you are coming (for catering purposes) by placing your name on the sheet on the Noticeboard at both churches. Thank you and God bless you. Lorraine Quinn and Maureen Roberts.

If anyone is able to deliver and/or collect Christian Aid envelopes during the week 13-20 May, please contact Maureen on 792 4873 or [email rober382@sky.com](mailto:rober382@sky.com)

May 14 GROW meeting group meeting 7.30pm at 5 Moorside Road.

Sun 20 May 3-4 pm at St. Paul's. **Memorial Service** for those who have recently died or whose anniversaries we remember with love and thanks.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Archdeacons' Visitations. All churchwardens for 2018/19, PCC members, assistant wardens and sidespeople are invited to attend one of the three Archdeacon's Visitation Services for Salford Archdeaconry. They are all at 7.30pm as follows. 1 May St. Mark's Worsley; 15 May St. Stephen's Astley; 29 May St. John's Pendlebury. Please try to attend one of these services. Churchwardens should attend.

Advance notice! Hilary and Andy are being ordained Deacons in the Cathedral on 1 July. Andy's leaving party is on Sat 2 June at 6 pm, and Hilary's ordination party on Sunday 1 July 1 pm, both at St Paul's. All invited!

Strawberry Fayre and Cream Tea 10 June at St Andrew's 2-4 pm. Donations welcome at both churches as follows: Sun 6 May- tombola prizes; Sun 13 May- toiletries; Sun 20 May- chocolate; Sun 27 May- raffle prizes

For your prayers: we welcomed Trevor Green from **Open Doors** to St Paul's recently. Please pray for persecuted Christians supported by them: for Fr George Jahola and the Christians from Qaraqosh, Iraq as they return to rebuild their homes and lives; and for Jordan, a traditional place of sanctuary for Christians as it continues to host large numbers of refugees, mostly from Syria and Iraq (from Maureen).