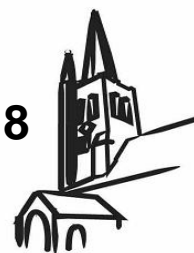




# Newsletter

(12) Sunday 2 to Saturday 15 September 2018

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



## Someone said

**" To lose your wealth is much.  
To lose your health is more, but  
To lose your soul is something that  
No man can restore"**

In this year 2018 LIFE – our most precious possession appears to have lost its value, as everyday it seems we hear of young people dying of knife crime which is tragic, but perhaps even more challenging is the number of intelligent young people at our Universities with glowing careers in front of them who are taking their own lives. We hear of drug overdoses at Music Festivals, and at our Schools of Higher Education where young people with a future are found hanged, or using some other method to end their lives. What is happening to our Society??

Jesus said in Luke Chapter 18 verse 8 "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" In our Secular Society many who call themselves Christians are caught up with pleasure and business and they lack a deep devotion and relationship with Jesus. Parents no longer teach their children to pray, nor are they taken to church. Their role models celebrities and not their parents.

So, without a faith many young people feel trapped, and it appears that drugs and alcohol offers them instant gratification, even giving them a feeling of self-worth. But suddenly they realise it is all counterfeit, and there is no light at the end of their tunnel.

When the Saviour comes will he find a people dependant on drugs, alcohol or even gambling? Paul said, "At such a time as this God looks for a people who shine like stars in the midst of a crooked and depraved generation. Philippians Chapter 2 verse 15 God alone can make us shine and light our Society.  
**Canon Noel Proctor**

## REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC 2 & 16 Sept) St Andrew's 11am (HC 9 & 23 Sept)

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

**2 Sept**: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 & Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23.  
(Psalm 48:1-2,6-9)

**5 Sept**: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 & Luke 4: 38 to end.

**9 Sept**: Proverbs 22:1-2,8,9,22,23.  
Mark 7:24 to end.  
(Psalm 125)

**12 Sept**: Psalm 45: 11 to end & Luke 6: 20-26.

## DIARY DATES

**Mon 3 Sept** 6.45pm return of Espresso Church at Costa Coffee, Unit 4 Radius 33, Longfield Centre, Prestwich.

**Mon 3 Sept** 7.30pm GROW Group meeting at 5 Moorside Road.

**Tue 4 Sept** 1.30 pm Time Out at 5 Moorside Road. See Eileen for more information

**Fri 7 Sept** 7.30 to 10pm First Friday Men's Group in Social Area St. Paul's. See David Martin for more information.

**Sat 8 Sept** from 2pm Worldwide Church of God Service at St. Andrew's (no Messy Church this month).

**Thurs 13 Sept** from 7 to 9.30pm Salford Deanery Synod meeting at St. Paul's.

## FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

**Sun 16 Sept** Back to Church Sunday.

**Mon 17 Sept** SHOW Group meeting 7.30pm at St. Paul's

**Tue 18 Sept** 7 to 9.30pm Reader's Chapter meeting at St Paul's- an evening with Bishop Mark Ashcroft, Warden of Readers.

**Thur 20 Sept:** joint Harvest Supper and Heritage Open Day event 7 pm at St Paul's. Slideshow: St Paul's Churchyard trail: graves of the rich and (locally) famous, followed by curry and rice supper. Tickets £5.00 including soft drink. You are welcome to bring your own beer/wine. Open to all- bring your friends. Please book in advance by contacting Anthea on 0161 792 1780 or [awdarlington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:awdarlington@hotmail.co.uk)

**Sun 23 Sept:** Heritage Open Day event at St Paul's: churchyard trail after the service at 11.30 am (weather permitting). See the interesting and important graves for yourselves guided by Anthea and Neil Darlington. All walking on paths. Duration 50 mins max. Repeated at 12.30 if sufficient interest.

**Mon 24 Sept** 7.30pm KNOW Group meeting in the Parish Office at St. Paul's.

**Tue 25 Sept** 1.30 pm Time Out at 5 Moorside Road.

**Wed 26 Sept** 10.30 am **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – cakes, raffle, stall. All money raised to Macmillan funds. All welcome. Please bring cakes! Items for the raffle welcome at any time.

**Sun 30 Sept** Harvest Festival All Age Worship at both churches.

**Mon 1 Oct** 7 – 9pm PCC meeting in the Harrison Room.

**Thurs 4 Oct** 9.30am St Paul's School Harvest Festival- all welcome

**Sat 6 Oct** Grand re-opening of Messy Church at 2.30pm at St. Andrew's- Harvest Celebration.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE

Learning to live in God in every circumstance is the work of **prayer**. This is the reason Paul encourages us all to 'Pray without ceasing' (1 Thessalonians 5:17, KJV). Yet, such an attitude towards prayer sounds inappropriate, if not impossible. I have found ways to address this in reminding myself as often as possible that I am in God. From when I draw the curtains each morning, praying aloud, "Lord, may your light and life shine into our hearts and home this day" to the moments I draw them at night, praying, "Lord, may you protect us from all darkness and confusion", I pepper my day with prayer.

Although it is difficult, even painful, when something winds me up, challenges or frightens me, I walk around attempting to pray with various amounts of success, for I want to get back under the shadow of the Almighty just as soon as I can. I don't want to vent, I want to rest in God's love.

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