



Newsletter

(03) Sunday 3 Feb to Saturday 16 Feb 2019

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



Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks for all things... [1

Thessalonians 6: 18]

When does God smile? There's a saying that God smiles when people sing! Music is a vital part of our worship in the Church of England, though the music we experience in our two churches week by week is generally limited to congregational hymn singing.

Before we had Common Worship and A S B [The Alternative Service Book] the regular services in church were Matins and Evensong. These services included sung canticles and psalms, and the changelessness of the seventeenth century language gave comfort to many, especially when led by a good choir. Sadly these services would be incomprehensible to most of us today – and to many young clergy as well.

Recently there has been a resurgence of the Celtic tradition of music, associated with Iona and Holy Island. This, together with the calming repetitive chanting music from Taize, is peaceful and unhurried and gives people time to think. Many of the free churches have focussed on pop music and dancing to attract the young people. When Alan Saunders was working for the Message Trust he relied on the enthusiasm of Christian worship bands like The Tribe to help him to share the Gospel in schools. The words of their songs are direct and simple and their music is loud and popular. Their dancing, acrobatics and presentation seems to have a big influence on teenagers.

We are fortunate to have such a variety of music available which can uplift or console us: Celtic, traditional, modern or pop; there is a place for all types of music in worship. Heather chooses the hymns each week; she tries to mix traditional and modern in order to compliment the set readings or to reflect the season or the particular Sunday, and hopes that they help the congregations to get a better understanding of the theme of the day. If she's not included your favourite hymn recently please tell her.

David Martin

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC 3 Feb) St Andrew's 11am (HC 10 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

Service Leaders and Readings

Sun 3 Feb St. P's LPL/HS

Ezekiel 43: 27, 44:4 & Luke 2: 22-40

St. A's AT/AWD Psalm 48

Wed 6 Feb St P's LPL

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 & Mark 6:1-6.

Sun 10 Feb St. P's KD/AR

Isaiah 6: 1-8 & Luke 5: 1-11

St. A's LPL/HS Psalm 138

Wed 13 Feb St P's NP

Psalm 104:11-12, 29-32 & Mark 7: 14-23.

DIARY DATES

Sun 3 Feb Feast of Candlemas celebrated at both churches.

Mon 4 Feb 6.45 to 8pm. Espresso Church at Costa Coffee Prestwich.

Mon 4 Feb from 7.15pm PCC meeting at St. Paul's in the Harrison Room.

Sat 9 Feb Ladies Day at Heaton Park Methodist church (in the social area). Theme 'You've got more' by speaker Alice Belton from Ivy Church. Refreshments from 9am, worship and teaching starts at 9.30am and the day ends at 4.30pm. Hot lunch costs £6.00 plus an offering for Alice.

Mon 11 Feb from 7pm Friend's of Kersal Moor meeting in the Harrison Room.

Thurs 14 Feb St. Valentine's Day.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Thurs 28 Feb at 7pm at St. Paul's Film Night with pizza. All welcome, bring your friends. Ticket for meal and raffle £3, advance bookings to Judith at St. Andrew's and Darren/Lorraine at St. Paul's, Suggestions of film welcome.

Fri 1 Mar Women's World Day of Prayer. Joint service for CTiPK at Prestwich Methodist Church.

Mon 4 Mar from 6.45pm Espresso Church meeting at Costa Coffee, Prestwich.

SPECIAL MESSAGES

Flourish 2019: 'Rhythms of Life' Friday & Saturday 24/25 May 2019 at St Paul's. Excellent teaching, fellowship and contemporary worship. More details to follow, but a date for your new diaries!

Sun 10 March 7.30pm at St. Paul's is the next Salford Symphony Concert. It's a while since the Orchestra performed there and we hope that as many people as possible will come and support them. It's a lovely programme featuring Beethoven's Egmont Overture, Dvorak's Violin Concerto and Brahms's Symphony No.4 in E minor. Conductor: Chris Clark and Soloist: Rosa Hartley. Tickets will be cheaper if bought online : Adults £7, Concessions £6 and Accompanied children under 16 Free (but still need an online ticket) from www.salfordsymphony.org/index.php/online-tickets or if people wish, on the door - £1 extra. If you let Bronwen know, she can order tickets online. Please, if you know of anyone who would like to go but is struggling with transport , let Bronwen (792

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3183) know so we can organise it. Some people don't like to ask but it is something that can be sorted easily, if we know in advance. Refreshments will be available.

PEACE ON OUR STREETS URGENT PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

Less than one month into 2019 and already we have heard heart-breaking stories from the across the country of young people losing their lives to senseless violence. As British Transport Police reveal they are now dealing with 3 knife crimes a day on the national train network **it is urgent that Christians pray for our communities and young people as never before.** Over 5,000 people including yourself have pledged to pray for their street and local young people.

Tues 7 May at Bethany Church Gatley. All day ticket £7 each concessions £4. Parents have a great opportunity to show children what faith looks like. So how do we sow seeds of faith that help them grow up loving God? Raising Faith is an event for mums and dads looking at the simple things we can all do to help nurture our child's faith in the day-to-day. Katharine Hill and Andy Frost will share plenty of practical approaches for pointing your children to God in the everyday rhythms of life. You'll come away more confident – knowing that you are qualified to help your kids find a faith that lasts. So save the date in your diary and book now! The Care for the Family Team book online or call 029 2081 0800 – Jean Dyson

Open Doors is running training seminars in China, to support churches who are struggling with the rise in persecution and to help them to thrive when their freedom to worship is restricted. Pray that Chinese Christians will have wisdom to know how to respond to the government's attempts to restrict their freedom to worship and evangelise. Ask the Lord to bless the Chinese church so that it experiences Amazing Growth in 2019, both numerically and spiritually. Thanks Everyone Peace and Blessings Maureen Roberts.

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