



Newsletter

(05) Sunday 3 to Saturday 16 March 2019

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



HEAVEN AND HELL

A holy man once asked God to see what Heaven and Hell were like. God took him to two doors and opened one of them.

Inside was a large round table, with a large pot of delicious-smelling stew. The people sat round it had long-handled spoons taped to their arms so that they could reach the stewpot. The spoons were longer than their arms, so they couldn't get the spoons into their mouths. They looked starved. "This is Hell", said God.

They went to the next door. Inside was exactly the same as the first room – a large round table with people sitting round it, and a large pot of delicious-smelling stew in the middle.

The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and healthy, and they were laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand..."

"It is simple," said God. "Here, there is a difference. You see, these people are not greedy, and they choose to feed each another."

I feel very blessed to be part of a parish that operates in that second way – people looking out for each other, and loving and helping those who need it. Recently we have had quite a number of people who have been troubled, unwell or away, and the church family has teamed up to make sure that everything gets done, and nobody is left in need.

As Jesus said (John 15:12), "Love one another as I have loved you."

Revd. Mike Dyson

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC 3 Mar) St Andrew's 11am (10 Mar)
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 Mar St P's LPL/AWD

Exodus 34:29 to end & Luke 9: 28-36.

St A's LQ/KD Psalm 103: 13-18

Wed 6 Mar MD

Isaiah 58: 1-12 & John 8:1-11.

Sun 10 Mar St P's AWD/HM

Deut. 26: 1-11 & Luke 4:1-12.

St A's HS/SH Psalm 91:1-11.

Wed 13 Mar NP

Psalm 51:: 1-5,17-18 & Luke 11: 29-32.

DIARY DATES

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

Tue 5 March Shrove Tuesday. From 1.30pm TIME OUT at 5 Moorside Road.

Wed 6 March Ash Wednesday. Ashing at St. Paul's at Holy Communion am. Ashing at St. Andrew's pm at Prayer Group.

Sun 10 March 7.30pm at St. Paul's is the next Salford Symphony Concert we hope that as many people as possible will come and support them. Tickets will be cheaper if bought online: Adults £7, Concessions £6 and Accompanied children under 16 Free (but still need an online ticket)

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 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.

Mon 11 March from 7.30pm GROW Group meeting at 5 Moorside Road.

Tues 12 March from 1.30pm TIME OUT at 5 Moorside Road.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

Sun 17 March St. Patrick's Day

Mon 18 March from 7.30pm SHOW Group meeting in the Harrison Room.

Sat 23 March Lent Quiet Day
at St Paul's Church 10am-3pm
"Desert Island ..."



All welcome – shared lunch

Mon 25 March from 7.30pm KNOW group meeting in Parish Office.

Mon 1 April from 7.15pm PCC meeting in the Harrison Room.

Sat 6 April Messy Church at St. Andrew's.

Flourish 2019: 'Rhythms of Life' Friday & Saturday 24/25 May 2019 at St Paul's.

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Parish Weekend Away – 13 to 15 September 2019

Once more we are going to Thornleigh Christian Hotel, Grange over Sands, where we enjoy a warm welcome, good food and fellowship, in very comfortable surroundings. Revd. Lee is leading the Weekend (further details will follow). All rooms en suite. Lift to all floors. Transport arranged. Full Board from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch £145.00. Part payments taken through the year. There is the option of an extra night for £35.00 providing ten or more take up this offer. For more details or to book a place please contact Maureen on 0161 792 4873 or email rober382@sky.com

UK AID Tearfund Matched Giving Appeal. The UK government will double donations to this appeal up to £2 million until Fri 17 May. Donations to this appeal will help Tearfund transform lives around the world where the need is greatest. Match funding from the UK government will be used by our partners in Pakistan to tackle waste and plastic pollution, provide sustainable livelihoods and improve the living conditions in some of the country's poorest slum communities.

Open Doors - LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP. THEREFORE, AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD TO ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS. GALATIANS 6: 9-10. Maureen.

Please Note: The next Newsletter (06) will be the last one before the break for Easter. The next one after this will not be until Sunday 12 May. Should you wish any notices to appear before we close for Easter please let me have them asap.
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