

INSPIRATION

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Trinity Sunday

7th June 2009

Welcome

We hope you will enjoy being with us. If you're not familiar with our services, don't worry. We follow a written order of service and we'll tell you from time to time which page we're on.

Children are welcome in church and in Sunday School or crèche across the road in the hall. If your children get restive in church, don't be afraid to get up and move around if this helps. There is a toilet at the back of church.

At St Anne's today

- 8am We use the black service book (from page 229)
President: Janet Parker, Curate
- 10am We use the slim green service book
President: Olwyn Marlow, Assistant Priest
Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader
- 6pm Choral Evensong
Led by Julian Heaton, Vicar

At St Francis' today

- 10am We use the slim green service book
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar

Bible readings for today's services are on the next page.

God is all around us.

One of the huge stumbling blocks for many Christians is the idea of the Trinity. And this is the problem; the idea. The doctrine (teaching) of the Trinity is far less about an "idea" and far more about the "nature of God". For those who find that a tad mind-bending, essentially it is about how we experience God in our lives and how He has revealed Himself in history.



When we try and live the Christian life, to follow Christ, to be part of the worshipping faith community and live out our lives in obedience to God, then the "Trinity" comes alive. Jesus sets the example; the Spirit weaves her presence in our thinking and doing; the Creator sets out the world before us and calls us service and stewardship.

Today is the only Feast of the Church to which there is no story attached. It is the day when we pause in wonder at the majesty of the Divine and marvel that He desires each and every one of us.

Today's readings

A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah [*Isaiah 6:1-8*]

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John [*John 3:1-17*]
Glory to You, O Lord

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one

can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ

Corpus Christi - Giving Thanks for the Gift of the Eucharist

This Thursday (11th June) is the day the Church observes "Corpus Christi". There will be a celebration of the Eucharist at 10.00am. We invite as many of the parish to join us at this as we ponder the mystery of the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Confirmation

Please pray for
Emma Mattinson,
Laura Pohl,
Emma Jewell,
Andrew Harwood,
Sally Ratalic,
Rachel Sant,
Katherine Osborne,
Andrew Congdon and
Emma Ricketts



who are to be Confirmed by Bishop Robert at St Mary's, Stockport this Wednesday.

Also pray for Kate Evans who is on honeymoon at this time and will be confirmed in the near future.

News of the Church Family

Harry Hughes 28.1.29 - 10.6.08.
Beloved memories of the dear husband of Peggy, father of Linda, Gary and Debs; granddad of David, Daniel and Joshua

A slight change in liturgy

After all have communicated today, the chalice bearers will be taking the chalices to the Lady Chapel instead of consuming at the Altar. This will give us more time without distraction for our period of silence and reflection.

Giving to Church

Someone recently worked out that they were attending Church but had no idea how to give regularly to the life of St Anne's. Apologies for not making this clear.

The answer is either;
a] use those **Tax Efficient Envelopes** on the pews and *ask* the Wardens about having your own box *or*
b] take a form from the back of Church and arrange a **Standing Order**.



They also asked "**how much**"? Here's an idea; if worship echoes the feast of heaven, we ought to be **giving weekly** what we might pay for a **meal out** or a cinema ticket or a **take-away**.

Did you know that without *your* giving, there would be no Church here. We do not receive any state money. St Anne's and St Francis relies on our giving to God generously and regularly.

Money is a Spiritual Matter.
When we offer our money
we are expressing our
gratitude to God
for all he does for us.

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	5.00pm	Office hour @ St Anne's
Mon	8.00pm	MU @ St Anne's
Tue	12.30pm	Sunbeams Planning Meeting @ 3 Windermere
	3.30pm	Sunbeams @ St Anne's Church Hall
	8.00pm	Emmaus: <i>Talking about Jesus</i> - 3 Windermere (see below)
	8.00pm	Churches Together in Sale @ 63 Old Hall Road
Wed	10.00am	Eucharist
	12 noon	Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
	7.30pm	Baptism and Confirmation @ St Mary's, Stockport
Thu	10.00am	Eucharist for Corpus Christi
	11.00am	LMT @ Vicarage
	2.00pm	Bible Study @ St Francis
Fri	7.15am	Eucharist
	9.00am	Morning Prayer @ St Francis
	9.15am	Mothers and Toddlers @ St Anne's Church Hall
	6.45pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.15pm	Full Choir Practice
Next Sunday - 14th June		
	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist [St Anne's]
		Sung Eucharist [St Francis]
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer @ St Anne's
	7.00pm	Critical Mass Evening Walk

We will be starting another **Emmaus Course** entitled 'Talking about Jesus' in four weekly sessions. The course is equally suitable for those who have been Church members for many years and those making the first few steps of discovery about the Christian faith.

The course will take place on consecutive Tuesday nights 8.00 – 9.30pm beginning on the 9th June, at 3 Windermere Ave, Sale. The evenings will be informal and relaxed, including a light supper. If you are interested in taking part then please have a word with me or just come along on the 9th.

Rev'd Janet Parker

Contact Details

Baptisms, Blessings, Weddings - speak to any of the clergy after the service. They will beat the back of church. Spot the dog collar!

Our monthly parish magazine **The Spire** has a full list of contact details for clergy and organisations on the back cover. For this sheet, email joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com.