

# Worship and Activity This Week

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| <b>Today</b>                   | 5.00pm         | Office hour @ St Anne's  |
|                                | 7.00pm         | Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall                                      |
| <b>Mon</b>                     | 8.00pm         | Book Group @ Vicarage, with "Friday Nights"                                |
| <b>Tue</b>                     | 3.30pm         | Sunbeams @ St Anne's Church Hall   |
|                                | 7.30pm         | Men's Group  |
|                                | 8.00pm         | Emmaus (House) Group @ 3 Windermere: "Talking about Jesus"                 |
| <b>Wed</b>                     | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Eucharist</b>   |
|                                | 12 noon        | Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all                                     |
|                                | <b>8.00pm</b>  | <b>Evening Worship - Multi Media Worship</b>                               |
| <b>Thurs</b>                   | 7.30pm         | Autumn Fair Planning Meeting in Church Hall                                |
|                                | 8.00pm         | Housegroup @ 8 Russell Av:<br>Session 3: If you want to walk on water..... |
| <b>Fri</b>                     | <b>7.15am</b>  | <b>Eucharist</b>   |
|                                | <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>Morning Prayer @ St Francis</b>   |
|                                | 9.15am         | Mothers and Toddlers @ St Anne's Church Hall                               |
|                                | 6.00pm         | Youth Club   |
|                                | 6.45pm         | Junior Choir Practice 7.15pm Full Choir Practice                           |
| <b>Next Sunday - 21st June</b> |                |  |
|                                | 8.00am         | Eucharist  |
|                                | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Baptism of Sean Hennigan</b><br>[St Anne's]      |
|                                |                | <b>Sung Eucharist</b> [St Francis]   |
|                                | <b>12 noon</b> | <b>Baptism of Isabel Speakman</b>  |
|                                | 6.00pm         | Café Church @ St Anne's Church Hall  |

**Midsummer Night Picnic** at Sale Water Park on **June 25th**. St. Anne's Women's Group—*Thursday Girls*— will meet at the church hall at 8 o'clock and go from there to the Water Park (if it rains we shall proceed to Jackson's Boat). As usual everyone is welcome to join us at any of our events. Bring your own picnic.



## Contact Details

Baptisms, Blessings, Weddings - speak to any of the clergy after the service. They will be at 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, please email [joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com](mailto:joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com) by Wed.

## No need to rush off

You're welcome to look round the church—there's a bookstall, a stall of fairly traded products, prayer displays, reading materials and, of course, notices, flowers, monuments, stained glass.... Or spend some quiet time.

# INSPIRATION

St Anne's, Sale with St Francis, Sale Moor  
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1st Sunday after Trinity

14th 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. 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 207)  
President: Janet Parker, Curate
- 10am We use the laminated service card  
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar  
Assisting: Janet Parker, Curate
- 6pm Evening Prayer  
Led by Paul Edwards, Reader

## At St Francis' today

- 10am We use the slim green service book  
President: Olwyn Marlow, Assistant Priest

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



## Green shoots of growth

Politicians and economists sometimes use nature as a metaphor. They talk of "green shoots" "Cycles" "gravity". Jesus similarly used everyday sights and sounds to awaken in people something of the ways of God.

So today we hear Jesus use a growing seed idea to help people see that growth of



personal faith and of the faith community (the church) is, ultimately, God's activity.

St Mark makes the interesting point that the starting point (the seed) and the end (the plant) are quite different. There is a journey of faith for us to go on, and we should be wary of thinking that we have yet arrived.

So, here's the questions; are you on a faith journey? Is our church? Do we think we have arrived? In what way do we "do" church differently now that speaks to us and to others of the presence of the kingly rule of God in our lives?

## Today's readings

### A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

[2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17]

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [Mark 4:26-24]  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a board and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

## News of the Church family



R.I.P.

We pray for the families of Irene Cowsill and Muriel Breeze who have died recently.

We

**welcome** Harvey and Joel Swann who were baptised last month.

## Redeeming our Communities

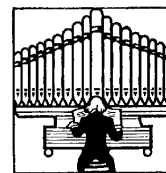
On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June Christians from all over the Manchester area are meeting with police officers from their local neighbourhood at the Wythenshawe Forum. The purpose of this event, which is being organised jointly by Greater Manchester Police and The City Links Trust, is to bring together officers working in our Neighbourhood Policing Teams, from all across Greater Manchester, with representatives from churches in their areas. **You are very welcome to join us for the main event from 7.30 pm** when there will be the chance to discuss how we can work closer together to develop meaningful relationships that can transform our communities, and to hear about examples of existing successful joint projects. City Links will be holding a prayer and worship service for the police. led by Noel Robinson (Spring Harvest) and Andy Smith (Message Trust) as a part of the event to which you are warmly invited to attend.

This very special evening is on **Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at Wythenshawe Forum** starting at **7.30pm**, and if you would like any more information please e-mail: [info@citylinks.org.uk](mailto:info@citylinks.org.uk)

### Once in a Lifetime Concert

**JULY 4th—7.45pm in Church**

Tickets are now available after the 10am service (or on 969 0067) for what promises to be a most exciting, enjoyable and very special evening of organ music, vocal solos, and your very own church choir singing the Vivaldi Gloria!



Our visiting recitalist was the organ scholar at Westminster Abbey for three years as a student, and is now at St. Asaph Cathedral. He has most generously donated his fee to the St. Francis' Windows Fund.

**DO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT**

### Christian Aid collection

Our collectors raised £1,189.32 last month — a little bit down on last year's total but still a very worthwhile effort. Many thanks to all who helped, most especially Ann Helm for once again masterminding the operation.

### Churches Together in Sale

Day Trip **Tuesday 16 June** to **Norton Priory Museum and Gardens and All Saints Church, Daresbury** Coach departs St. Paul's Car Park at 9.20am, then from Sale Moor, corner of Conway Road, at 9.30am. Due back approx. 4.30pm