

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	5.00pm Office hour @ St Anne's
Wed	10.00am Eucharist 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
Thu	2.00pm Bible Study @ St Francis
Fri	7.15am Eucharist 9.00am Morning Prayer @ St Francis
Next Sunday - 16th August	
	8.00am Eucharist
	10.00am Parish Eucharist [St Anne's] Sung Eucharist [St Francis]
	6.00pm Evening Prayer @ St Anne's Church Hall

Next month.....The Autumn FairSaturday 26 September

The basic format is the same as last year with all our popular stalls plus a number of additions: the additions are a Balloon Race, a Bouncy Castle, the opportunity for Fun Photographs, Face Painting, a Flower and Plant Stall, Hand Bag and Scarf Stall, Hunt the Autograph, and an opportunity for a quick portrait sketch.

We invite you to help us fill the stalls by donating any items you can spare. Stalls that need your particular help are Bottle Stall, Handbag and Scarf Stall, Book Stall, and any of the tombola/raffle type stalls. (Donations may be left at the back of church.)

The Programme will be a pull-out in the September Spire, and we are having an extra 1,000 printed so we can promote the Fair far and wide. PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE THE FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS. Contact Keith about the Fair on 282 7434 or km5.ward@ntlworld.com



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, email joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com by Wed.

No need to rush off

You are welcome to look round the church: there's a bookstall with a new range of home-made greeting cards—at a very reasonable price - a stall of fairly traded products, prayer displays, reading materials and, of course, notices, flowers, monuments, stained glass.... Or spend some quiet time.

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St Anne's, Sale with St Francis, Sale Moor
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9th Sunday after Trinity

9th August 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 207)
President: Janet Parker, Curate
- 10am We use the slim green service book
President: Janet Parker, Curate
Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader
- 6pm Evening Prayer
Led by Janet Parker, Curate

At St Francis' today

- 10am We use the slim green service book
President: Norman Hayton, Assistant Priest

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



Life's Basics

In the liturgy, just after the Peace, there is the Offertory Procession. Members of the congregation bring up bread and wine for us to use in the Eucharist.

At one level, this Offertory Procession is a practical act; we need to have the elements brought to the table and this is a way of doing it. It has, though, another role, too. What



we put on the table, bread and wine, symbolises the ordinary things of life. At the Eucharist, we take the ordinary things, including ourselves, and offer them to the Lord; offer them to be taken, blessed, broken and shared.

As we gather around the Lord's Table, we see the Lord at work, transforming life's basics into something completely awe-inspiring. In the same way, as we receive the sacrament, he takes "little me" and suffuses life with his holiness.

Today's readings

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians [Ephesians 4:25–5:2]

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another.

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

[John 6:35, 41-51]

Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

We pray for all who grieve for loved ones:

especially for the families and friends of: Albert Edward Goodwin; Stephen Alan McDonald; Muriel Green who have recently died. RIP

Catching a frog

When we draw water from a well, it can happen that we inadvertently also bring up a frog.



When we acquire virtues we can sometimes find ourselves involved with the vices which are imperceptibly interwoven with them. What I mean is this: gluttony can be caught up with hospitality; lust with love; cunning with discernment; malice with prudence; duplicity, procrastination, slovenliness, stubbornness, wilfulness and disobedience with meekness; refusal to learn with silence; conceit with joy; laziness with hope; hasty condemnation with love again; despondency and indolence with tranquillity; sarcasm with chastity; familiarity with lowliness. And behind all the virtues follows vainglory as a salve, or rather a poison, for everything.

John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, Step 26

A Sense of Wonder

Wonder.... is essentially an 'opening' attitude - an awareness that there is more to life than one has yet fathomed, an experience of new vistas in life to be explored as well as new profundities to be plumbed.

*Rollo May,
'Man's Search for Himself*

Wonder and love are caught, not taught; and to catch them we must be in an atmosphere where we are sure to find the germs.

Evelyn Underhill

Lost property!

A few items of lost property are languishing on a shelf at the back of church. It might be worth a look if you are missing one of the following:

*Navy baseball cap
Black pull-on hat*



*Pair of black leather gloves
One odd glove*



Toddler's black socks

