

Worship and Activity This Week

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| Today | Tony and Betty are rejoicing in having achieved Fifty Golden Years of Wedded Bliss, and invite all at St. Anne's and St. Francis' to celebrate with them and partake of a glass of wine (with nibbles) in the Church Hall after the Parish Eucharist. 5.00pm Office Hour @ St Anne's |
| Mon | 8.00pm Giving in Grace Meeting @ 132a Dane Rd |
| Tue | 8.00pm Standing Committee @ Vicarage |
| Wed | 9.00am Musicians' Meeting @ Vicarage 10.00am Eucharist 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all |
| Thu | 2.00pm Bible Study @ St Francis 8.00pm MAP @ 15 Broad Road 7.30pm Women's Group @ 8 Russell Avl * see details below |
| Fri | 7.15am Eucharist 9.00am Morning Prayer @ St Francis |
| Sat | 3.00pm Wedding of Scott Wilson and Olivia Selwood |

Next Sunday - 30th August

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| 8.00am | Eucharist |
| 10.00am | Parish Eucharist [St Anne's] Sung Eucharist [St Francis] |
| 6.00pm | Evening Prayer @ St Anne's Church Hall |

* Thursday Girls..... Church Book Stall

Everyone is welcome and is asked to bring a food contribution to the barbecue. To ensure a varied menu Sarah is co-ordinating, so please contact her on 962 7791 or astg@sky.com
Rev Janet 962 8981

Please take the time to visit the Book Stall in Church. We have a fresh selection of books and greeting cards, as well as lots of interesting bits and pieces which would make really nice presents.

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!

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.

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
0161 973 4145 www.stannessale.org



11th Sunday after Trinity

23rd 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: Julian Heaton, Vicar
- 10am We use the slim green service book
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar
Assisting: Paul Edwards, Reader
- 6pm Evening Prayer
Led by Olwyn Marlow,
Assistant Priest

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.

Please note that during the outbreak of Swine Flu we will be administering communion in bread *only*.

Our Source of Wisdom

Many of us have a special friend, a wise counsellor, to whom we turn in moments of crisis. This person has remained steadfast and insightful when we have presented life's complexities to them. We thank God for them.

Peter, when almost everyone else was finding Jesus just too much, stays. Asked why, he tells Jesus "**Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.**"

The bottom line, for Christians as well as for Peter, is that this is simply true. Jesus, for us, is the ultimate source of wisdom, hope, challenge, etc.

In Autumn we are holding a Parish Retreat called **Life in Christ** (see page 3). The invitation is to each of us to discover, perhaps afresh, maybe for the first time, what Peter discovered. Our hope is that together we may discover the passionate love of Christ for us and, in turn, open our own hearts up anew to him.

Today's readings

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians [Ephesians 6.10-20]

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [John 6:56-69]
Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus said to the crowd: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

Wanted! Aspiring actors for Panto

The St Joseph's Players have relocated to St Francis from their former venue (Sale URC). They are looking for new actors (14+) to join them for the Annual Panto. Interested?

Contact K Bradshaw 07834 179645 or grubies@hotmail.co.uk before 7th September.



Ride and Stride Historic Churches' Preservation Trust

The Trust's main annual fund raising event is the Ride and Stride Day, which is a national event held on the second Saturday in September when groups of people, or individuals, from churches all over the country ride, walk or run around as many churches in their area as they choose.

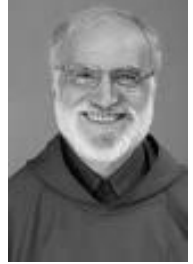
This year's event is on 12th September. Please see Hazel for a sponsor form if you are interested in getting involved.

For a list of current participating churches see www.hccpt.org

The Historic Churches' Preservation Trust is dependent on voluntary donations.

Life in Christ A Spiritual Retreat

Do you ever feel that you are "running on empty" in the Christian faith?



Many of us have fairly complicated lives. We juggle work, children, all sorts of other "stuff" that makes the idea of going away for a week without any others of the family for a time of spiritual refreshment simply impossible.

So how about carving out one evening a week for eight weeks and come to St Anne's Church Hall, for a meal, a talk and a chance to ponder the wonders of God's love for each one of us? Sounds interesting?

We are going to hold a Parish Retreat called "Life in Christ". The input will be through a DVD featuring an Italian Franciscan. He will be talking about St Paul's Letter to the Romans.

We begin on **24th September**

Interested? Please sign up now and ring fence this precious time in your diary.

Volunteers for catering very welcome