

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	5.00pm	Office hour @ St Anne's
Tue		Day of Prayer @ St Anne's
	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	3.15pm	Afternoon Prayer
Wed	10.00am	Eucharist
	12 noon	Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
	8.00pm	Overseas Meeting @ 5 Pollen Close
Thurs	2.00pm	Local Ministers' Team @ 25 Abington Rd
	7.30pm	Autumn Fair Meeting
	8.00pm	Baptism Sponsors' Meeting @ Vicarage
Fri	7.15am	Eucharist
	9.00am	Morning Prayer @ St Francis
	6.45pm	Junior Choir Practice 7.30pm Choir Practice
Sat	9—12noon	General Gardening Session in Church/Hall grounds
	2.00pm	Wedding of Jennifer Maddocks and Steven Holbrook
Next Sunday - 6th September		
	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist [St Anne's] Sung Eucharist [St Francis]
	12 Noon	Baptism of Erin Hynes and Millie Armitage
	4.30pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting in Church
	6.00pm	Evensong @ St Anne's

Confirmation Course

We are running a Confirmation Course starting on **5th October**. Look for Card on the stand at the back of St Anne's Church.

Memorial Book

Contact John Phillimore to arrange for an inscription in the Memorial Book. (nb. Please write any names to be included in intercession prayers on the list at the back of Church before the service starts.)

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

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



12th Sunday after Trinity

30th 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
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Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader
- 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.

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

Saying "Yes" to Love

What makes you keep to the rules (assuming, of course, that you do)? Is it fear of being caught? Is it an instilled habit of always wanting to do the "right" thing? How happy are you when you cross the line, do something that you know is wrong? Does your conscience shout at you because you have broken the rule or challenge you for fracturing a relationship (with another person, the state or God)?

Our two readings today explore this (see page 2). They both take the idea of a set of rules very seriously. Without very clear markers, life would be chaotic, impossible, anarchic. However, neither Moses nor Jesus are interested in rules for their own sake. So what are they interested in?

They are intensely keen for their followers to grasp this truth; that God loves them. The "Rules" are our way, not of winning God's love and approval (we can't) but of responding with love to God's love. The real question for us, and it is not one with an easy answer, goes something like: do my life's actions and choices as a disciple of Jesus Christ reflect my love for God?

Today's readings

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
[Deuteronomy 4.1,2,6-9]

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23]

Glory to You, O Lord

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with

defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

Book Group—21 September

FREE! 2 copies of **Dissolution**

by C J Sansom at back of Church for anyone interested in reading what the Book Group is reading. No strings attached....



Tony and Betty wish to express their appreciation for all the good wishes received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It has been a most special and enjoyable time for them and they are very grateful.

General Gardening



All hands on deck!
A General Gardening Session will take place on **Saturday morning between 9 and 12 noon**. Everybody is welcome and even if you can spare only an hour that would be a big help. We need to sort the Church gardens and the hall surrounds to make them tidy and presentable before the **Autumn Fair on the 26th September**.

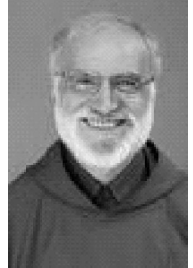
Ride and Stride Historic Churches' Preservation Trust

On Saturday 12th September 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**. For a list of participating churches go to www.hccpt.org Please see Hazel for a sponsor form if you want a day out with a difference.

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.