

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	5.00pm Office hour @ St Anne's 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall
Tue	3.30pm Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall
Wed	10.00am Eucharist 9.00am Musicians' meeting @ Vicarage 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all 6.30pm St Anne's CE Governing Body Meeting 8.00pm Wednesday Evening @ 8
Thu	Day of Prayer @ St Anne's 9.00am Morning Prayer @ St Anne's 2.30pm Mothers' Union @ St Francis 3.15pm Afternoon Prayer @ St Anne's 7.30pm Life in Christ @ St Anne's Church Hall
Fri	7.15am Eucharist 9.00am Morning Prayer @ St Francis 9.15am Mothers and Toddlers @ St Anne's Church Hall 6.00pm Youth Club 6.45pm Junior Choir Practice 7.15pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	2.00pm Wedding of Andrew Congdon and Katherine Osborne
Next Sunday - 4th October - St Francis' Day Please note new times of services	
	8.00am Eucharist 9.30am Said Eucharist [St Francis] 10.30am Sung Eucharist [St Anne's] 12.30pm Baptism of Oliver Smith 6.00pm Choral Evensong

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.

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16th Sunday after Trinity / Back to Church Sunday

27th September 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 Songs of Praise
Led by: Janet Parker, Curate

6pm Celtic Eucharist
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.

Come as you are

I recently had a conversation with someone about a change in dress code in Church. There was a lament about a slide in values, too much flesh, T-shirts and jeans. My eyes checked to see how clean my shoes were and whether the rest of my clothes met the required standard.

Jesus got a bit hot under the collar (or whatever he was wearing) about being hung up on externals. "Looking the part" easily comes a substitute for "being the part". The way Jesus described it was in terms of what goes on inside compared with what we show on the outside.

Church buildings (and St Anne's is one) often present themselves as a different sort of place, requiring different sorts of external behaviour (including dress code).

Well, Church buildings are a different sort of place. But what they ask of us is a change inside. These spaces are holy ground and in them God invites us to "turn around", to re-orientate ourselves to Him. We can and should "Come as we are" but may go home rather different.

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

Today's readings

A reading from the letter of James
[James 5:13-20]

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [Mark 9:38-50]
Glory to You, O Lord

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But

Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

Confirmation classes.

It has been my privilege to attend a number of confirmation services. There is always one phrase that sets my heart tingling. *Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?* This great sense of ownership, of personal belief, impacts my soul. I always quietly ask this question of myself. Am I ready? Well, for those who are not Confirmed and would like to be, we will be running a series of classes in Autumn. We will begin on **5th October**. If you would like to join us please let Julian know.

Spire Intercessions



On the inside of the back cover of the Spire (our monthly Parish magazine) is a daily suggestion for prayer.

These are written by all sorts of people

and provide a variety of approaches to prayer.

We are grateful to those who write them. Our question is whether they are used. If you could let the Spire Editor know what sort of prayer encouragement would help you, that our help us tremendously.

Service Times are changing next week

From **4th October**, the times of services in the Parish will be as follows:

St Anne's

8.00am	Said Eucharist
10.30am	Sung Eucharist
12.30pm	Baptism
6.00pm	Evening worship

St Francis

9.30am	Eucharist with hymns
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Wednesday Evenings @ 8

You may have noticed that there is a regular worship slot in St Anne's on a Wednesday. This is our "experimental" time. We have offered a number of styles of worship. Presently we are using Evening Prayer from Common Worship. We say a psalm or two, hear a bible reading, prayer some prayers and go home. 45 mins tops.

We also wrestle with the bible. We hear a passage and ask what that means to us, what God is saying to us and through us as we listen. We argue, explain and learn from each other.

And, once a month, we shut up and give God a chance. On the second Wednesday, led by Penny Cunliffe, we have prayer and silence.