

Worship and Activity This Week

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| Today | 5.00pm | Office hour @ St Anne's |
| Mon | 7.30pm | Confirmation course @ Vicarage |
| | 7.45pm | ACF in Church Hall. Mrs Val Myers: "Mothers of Invention" |
| Tue | 8.00pm | Emmaus House Group @ 3 Windermere Av (<i>see below</i>) |
| | 3.30pm | Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall |
| Wed | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| | 12 noon | Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all |
| | 1.15pm | MU visit to St Cross, Knutsford |
| | 8.00pm | Wednesday Evening Worship @ St Anne's |
| Thu | 2.00pm | Bible Study @ St Francis |
| | 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 |
| | 6.45pm | Junior Choir Practice 7.15pm Full Choir Practice |
| | 8.00pm | Giving in Grace @ 132a Dane Road |
| Sat | 1.00pm | Wedding of Kevin Fitzpatrick and Julie Roberts |
| | 3.00pm | Wedding of Gerard McBride and Julie McConnell |
| | 7.00pm | Harvest Supper @ St Anne's |
| Next Sunday - 11th October | | |
| | 8.00am | Eucharist |
| | 9.30am | Said Eucharist [St Francis] |
| | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist [St Anne's] |
| | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer @ St Anne's |
| | 7.00pm | Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall |

The **Emmaus Group** Tuesday meetings from 8pm to 9.30pm (informal, relaxed, light supper included) are equally suitable for Church members of many years and those making the first steps of discovery about the Christian faith. We would love to see you. Please have a word with Revd Janet if you want to know more.

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

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



17th Sunday after Trinity / St Francis' Day

4th October 2009

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 229)
President: Janet Parker, Curate

10.30am Parish Eucharist
President: Olwyn Marlow, Assistant Priest
Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader

6pm Choral Evensong
Led by Julian Heaton, Vicar

At St Francis' today

9.30am We use the black service book
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar

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*.

Time on God's hands

Time is a funny thing. We often behave as if it is fixed. We have phrases such as "running like clock work", trains "run on time" (in our dreams) and so on. But time moves, has moods, texture and shape. "The clocks go back";



"Time seemed to stand still"; "killing time" and so on.

All of us have some experience of time ruling our lives. Whether it be "clocking on" or simply the beginning of a new term, time can dominate us.

Some think that life is "one damn thing after another" (Toynbee), that is, we are mere creatures at the whim of greater powers. For Christians, however, it is in this life, with all the constraints of time, that God, who is beyond time, makes himself known to us. In the person of Jesus, the eternal and the passing collide. Which means that we who look to Jesus must embrace time, not as a master, but as a gift through which we can discover more of his great love for us. In turn, our vocation is to show that love to others in lives of service.

Today's readings

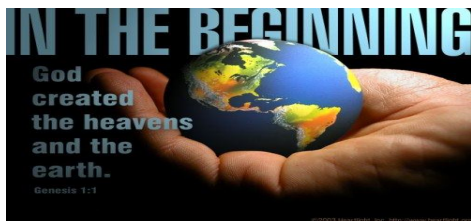
A reading from the book of Genesis
[Genesis 2:18-24]

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [Mark 10:2-16]
Glory to You, O Lord

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Confirmation Course

This begins tomorrow night at the Vicarage at 7.30pm.

It has come to my notice that some folks would find an evening meeting really tricky. If that is you, and you would like to explore Confirmation, could you see Rev Janet today please.

The Confirmation Service takes place on 22nd November at St Paul's in the evening.

Church Family News

We pray for the two couples to be married here on Saturday:



Kevin Fitzpatrick &
Julie Roberts;
Gerard McBride &
Julie McConnell
.....Joined together by God

We pray for the family and friends of Geoffrey Mercer, who has recently died.
*May he rest in peace
and rise in glory.*

If you would like to have the name of a loved one inscribed in the Church Memorial Book please contact John Phillimore.

Route Ginger

Route Ginger will be holding a cake stall, in the hall, after the Parish Eucharist this morning.

Wednesdays @ 8



Autumn is here and we have resumed our mid-week evening worship.

For many of us, our busy lives make it tricky to spend time before the Lord. We invite and encourage you to join us in a variety of worship styles.

Harvest Supper

On Saturday 10 October we shall be sitting and eating together—*as Christians do* - at 7pm in the Church Hall.

There will be a short hoedown session to add to the



fun. Tickets £6 and £3 for our younger guests. Please come along and support us. Mouth-watering Menu choices are: Chicken Pasta/ Cottage Pie/ Vegetarian Option; followed by Apple Pie. (*Bring own drinks*)

Autumn Fair

The fair went very well, realising £2,630, this was due to a lot of work by a lot of people, and I would like to thank all those people for their help. We will be having a debrief meeting just after the Promise Auction in November. I will keep you informed of this via the Spire and a fuller report on the fair. Many thanks to everyone.
Keith Ward.