

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	12.30pm Baptism of Stephanie Gilbert 5.00pm Office hour @ St Anne's 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall
Mon	7.30pm Confirmation course @ Vicarage 8.00pm MU @ Church Hall: Colin Driver - "Children's Society"
Tue	3.30pm Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall 8.00pm Emmaus House Group @ 3 Windermere
Wed	10.00am Worship @ St. Anne's Led by Hazel 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all 8.00pm Wednesday Evening Worship @ St Anne's
Thu	10.00am LMT @ Vicarage 12.30pm Children's Capital Grant Meeting @ St Francis 7.30pm Youth Committee @ 85 Northenden Road 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 7.30pm GAP Away Day Planning at 8 Russell Ave
Next Sunday - 18th October	
	8.00am Eucharist 9.30am Said Eucharist [St Francis] 10.30am Parish Eucharist [St Anne's] 12.30pm Baptism of Elliot Sheldon and Joshua Davies 6.00pm Café Church @ St Anne's Church Hall

Our **Local Ministers' Team** is away on Wednesday on a Training Day together. Please pray for our Priests and Readers in their ministry among us.

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



18th Sunday after Trinity 11th 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
8.00am Eucharist
We use the black service book (p 207)
President: Janet Parker, Curate

10.30am Parish Eucharist
We use the slim green service book
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar
Assisting: Paul Edwards, Reader

6pm Evening Prayer
Led by Paul Edwards, Reader

At St Francis' today
9.30am Eucharist
We use the green service book
President: Janet Parker, Curate

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

"LET US, WITH A GLADSOME MIND"



This morning's Harvest Anthem is hymn number 435

Harvest Gifts

"We plough the fields and scatter"
"All is safely gathered in"
"For the beauty of the earth"

Harvest hymns are lovely, aren't they. They seem to echo a bucolic past of a farming community in touch with the rhythms of nature. Ironically, this "past" is something



many are now keen to explore again, as we begin to recognise that the rhythms of the seasons are not optional extras but a vital part of the created order.

We are growing aware that all creation is connected, that our environmental attitude will affect for good or ill a sustainable world. In the same way Western society is having to face the reality that all societies are connected; we face people from around the world every day. And, just as we need to care for the planet, our Harvest Festival invites us to face the fact that each of us bears some responsibility towards those whose lives are less fortunate than our own. Our Harvest Gifts are an ethical and local response to a world needing to learn that lesson.

Today's readings

A reading from the book of Amos
[Amos 5:6-7,10-15]

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins - you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [Mark 10:17-31]
Glory to You, O Lord

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness;

You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Our Harvest Gifts are going to the **Mustard Tree** Charity - who feed the homeless and vulnerable in Manchester.
www.mustardtree.co.uk/

The Ministry of Healing at St Anne's St Luke's Day - 18th October 2009

At the **10.30am Parish Eucharist** next week we will be offering the **Ministry of the Laying on of Hands for Christian Healing**. We will be invited, should we wish, to go to the High Altar after receiving communion, where a team of ministers will offer to pray silently with you (either for yourself or for a particular situation) and administer the "Laying on of Hands". Our "Healing Team" are not "Healers". They, like us all, are channels for God's grace and desire for our wholeness. For some, this ministry will be really welcome. For others, not something we want or need. That's fine. Jesus told us to "Teach and Heal"; our offering of this ministry is in obedience to his command.

Christian Life in Melanesia Thursday 22 October, 7.30pm in St. Anne's Hall A special evening with Bishop Willie - Tickets £5

We are delighted that Bishop Willie is returning to our parish to speak at the Overseas' annual event on Christian life in Melanesia. The evening will include a meal, a talk from Bishop Willie and presentation about the **Diocese of Ysabel Rice Project in the Solomons**. (*An explanation of the need for the rice project appears in October's Spire magazine on page 13.*) All the money raised will go to this project and we do hope that you will support it. To help us with catering, please can you buy a ticket from a member of the Overseas Group: Sue Heath, Mavis McKie, Janice Mason or Henry Thompson; also Pauline Weeks at St. Francis' this morning.

Church Gardens

Autumn preparation for the winter – if we can have a few people to assist on **Saturday 17th between 9.00 -12.00**, this will be the last of the winter. The jobs include weeding, generally tiding and—hopefully—laying turf. Please spare an hour to complete the job.

Church Family

Please pray for the friends and family of Ronald Tucker R.I.P.

G A P

GAP: Where are we now? The Bishop is calling all parishes to engage in an active process of growth. As part of our **Growth, Action, Planning** (GAP) process we need to have some indication as to where we, as a parish, think we are now and **where we think we could be in 5 year's time**. As members of our parish, please take this opportunity today (via the 'Where are we now?' leaflet, or post-it notes on the board) to help us in our planning.