

# Worship and Activity This Week

<b>Today</b>	5.00pm	Office hour @ St Anne's
Mon	7.30pm	Confirmation course @ Vicarage
	7.45pm	Church Fellowship—Mrs Betty Hayhurst: "Antiques"
Tue	3.30pm	Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall
	7.45pm	PCC at St Anne's Primary School
Wed	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
	12 noon	Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
	8.00pm	Giving in Grace @ 132a Dane Road
Thu	2.30pm	MU @ St Francis—Mavis McKie: "Remember, Remember"
	7.30pm	Life in Christ
Fri	<b>7.15am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer @ St Francis</b>
	9.15am	Mothers and Toddlers @ St Anne's Church Hall
	6.00pm	Junior Youth Club
	6.45pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.15pm	Full Choir Practice

## Next Sunday - 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

- 8.00am Eucharist
- 9.30am Eucharist with Hymns** [St Francis]
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist** [St Anne's]
- 11.00am Service of Remembrance** [St Francis]
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer @ St Anne's
- 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall

## St. Francis' Christmas Fair—Saturday 21 November

All donations will be gratefully accepted for our usual stalls: fancy goods, jewellery, tombola, raffle; not forgetting **turkey sandwiches and Irish coffee.**



We would also be very grateful for any help on the day.



## 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 Wed.

## 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](http://www.stannessale.org)



## All Saints Sunday

1st November 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 229)*  
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar

### 10.30am Parish Eucharist

*We use the slim blue service book*  
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar  
Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader

### 6pm Choral Evensong and Service of Remembrance

*Stanford Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis*  
*Taize Music*  
Led by Janet Parker, Curate

## At St Francis' today

### 9.30am Eucharist

*We use the black service book (p 229)*  
President: Janet Parker, Curate

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

## Seeking Holy Living

The Bible has lots to say about the holiness of God. The holiness of God is fearsome and dangerous. There should be proper respect in handling the things of God.

God's holiness is contrasted with our weakness. The bible is honest in a way we often are not about humanity. We pretend to be good; God knows otherwise....

... except the Christian tradition calls us, despite our capacity for sin, to holiness. Christ invites us to follow him. He offers to be our companion on this journey to holiness. He offers us his grace in scripture and prayer and, above all, in the sacraments, in the Eucharist.

An 18th C theologian, William Law, wrote a still popular book called "A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life". Law's title catches the insight that Christians, who should be people of hope and joy and love, should also be noted for their serious pursuit of holiness.

On this All Saints' Sunday we should be asking ourselves whether we give sufficient space, time and energy to the pursuit of holiness.

## Today's readings

### A reading from the book of

### Revelation [Revelation 21:1-6a]

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them; He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

[John 11:32-44]

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw Him, she knelt at His feet and said to Him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her

weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank You for having heard me. I knew that You always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that You sent me." When He had said this, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

## Giving in Grace Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
give grace to us,  
the living stones  
who form your Church,  
to reflect prayerfully  
at this special time  
on our love for You  
and our neighbour.

Make us mindful  
of the many gifts  
You bestow upon us  
and we ask that your  
Holy Spirit will inspire  
and direct us  
in our choice of giving;  
remembering that we are only  
giving back that  
which is truly yours.

Strengthen us, Lord,  
to meet this challenge  
according to your will.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who has given  
all that we may live.  
**Amen.**

## Church Bookstall

We have, this week, re-stocked with a large selection of **Advent calendars, books and candles**; also **Confirmation cards**, as we have a Confirmation service jointly with St. Paul's at that Church on 22nd November. And, for those who like to get their act together early on, we have **Christmas cards** etcetera.

## The GAP Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you command and inspire  
your Church to make disciples:

may our church become a  
joyful and vibrant community  
of welcome, worship and service  
spreading hope to those around  
us and attracting others to  
the fire of your love;

may your Spirit be at work  
through our Growth Action  
Planning, helping us to catch  
a vision for your church and to  
serve you faithfully, to your glory  
and honour. **Amen**

## Auction of Promises' Evening 7pm Saturday 14 November

Hurry! Hurry! Get your tickets for the Auction of Promises' Evening. This plans to be a fun event and with the help of some cheese and wine, the promises will be sold to the highest bidder. Thanks to the generosity of many contributors we have some fabulous Promises for you to acquire e.g. family membership to the **David Lloyd Centre, a chef for the evening, a holiday cottage, meals for two in local hostelries, computer tuition, murder mystery evening** and lots more. *See page 13 of this month's Spire magazine.*