

# Worship and Activity This Week

<b>Today</b>	Route Ginger's Cake Stall in the hall after Parish Eucharist. 5.00pm Office hour @ St Anne's
<b>Mon</b>	8.00pm MU Committee mg <b>change of venue:</b> 49 Alexandra Rd
<b>Tue</b>	Day of Prayer @ St Anne's 9.00am Morning Prayers 2.00pm Social Afternoon @ St Francis 3.30pm Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharist</b> 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all 2.00pm MU Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary Magdalene 6.00pm District Guide Carol Service @ St Anne's
<b>Thu</b>	2.30pm Mothers' Union Social Afternoon @ St Francis 4.30pm MedEquip4Kids Carol Service @ St Anne's 7.30pm ACF Bowdon Deanery Advent Carol Service, Christ Church
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7.15am Eucharist</b> <b>9.00am Morning Prayer @ St Francis</b> 9.15am Mothers and Toddlers @ St Anne's Church Hall 6.45pm Junior Choir Practice 7.15pm Full Choir Practice
<b>Sat</b>	11.00am Carols in the Square, Sale Town Centre (CTiSale) see below 12.30pm Wedding of Emily Jones & Nicholas Furness

## Next Sunday - 6th December - Advent 2

8.00am	Eucharist
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b> [St Francis]
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Healing Ministry</b> [St Anne's]
6.00pm	Choral Evensong



**CHURCHES TOGETHER Carol Service, led by the Salvation Army, this Saturday at 11 o'clock in the Square, Sale Town Centre. COME AND ENJOY A GOOD SINGSONG!**

## 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!

**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 Wednesday

## 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)



1st Sunday of Advent

29th 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 207)  
President: Janet Parker, Curate

### 10.30am Parish Eucharist

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

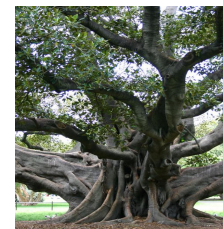
## At St Francis' today

### 9.30am Eucharist

We use the dark blue service book  
President: Janet Parker, Curate

### Evening Service

**6.30pm Taize at Avenue Methodist Church**



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

# Start Now

"Chin up" we say to our friend who has met adversity. Easy to say; less easy to do. Vacuous if well meaning encouragement spills easily from our lips. When we realise we have been seduced into saying bland phrases, we search our hearts to see what might be more appropriate.

Our Advent Sunday readings ask the same question but on a cosmic scale. What can we say in the face of global trauma? when confronted by end-of-time judgment?

Jesus encourages his followers. He is *not* saying that the world is about to end or anything like that. He *is* calling his followers (that would be you, then) to discover hope and faith in him and to draw on his presence daily in life. To do that, of course, requires that we are already in a conversation with Jesus about the daily things of life. The point is that we need to start our relationship with him while things are calm; we might not recognise his voice if we only seek him in the madness of turmoil. In other words, the Advent message today is: start seeking Jesus now.

## Today's readings

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians  
[1 Thess 3:9-13]

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
[Luke 21:25-36 ]

**Glory to You, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing

near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

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## Christmas Tree Decorating

As a change from our usual habit, we invite members of the congregation to help us decorate our Christmas Tree after our Sunday Eucharist on Sunday 20th December. If you can stay after a drink and biscuit, we will join together around the tree and try to make it beautiful for God.



## 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.*



## Matin Responsory

*During Advent the choir will be singing the traditional seasonal responsory at the beginning of our Sung Eucharist*

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?  
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,  
Tell us, art thou he that should come?  
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

## Church Bookstall

Reminder: Today is the last Sunday to buy your Advent calendars and devotional material for Advent from our bookstall.

## 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.**

