

# Worship and Activity This Week

<b>Today</b>	5.00pm	Office hour @ St Anne's
<b>Mon</b>	7.30pm	GAP/Giving in Grace meeting @ 15 Broad Road
	7.45pm	ACF in Church Hall. Part 4 'Down Forget-me-not-Lane'
<b>Tue</b>	3.30pm	Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall
	7.45pm	PCC @ St Anne's School
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
	12 noon	Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
<b>Thu</b>	2.00pm	Bible Study @ St Francis
<b>Fri</b>	<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
	6.45pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.15pm	Full Choir Practice
<b>Sat</b>	11.00am	St Anne's CE Primary School Christmas Fair
	6.00pm	JGM Concert @ St Anne's

## Next Sunday - 13th December - Advent 3

8.00am	Eucharist
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Hymns [St Francis]</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Junior Choir Production [St Anne's]</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Carol Service @ St Francis</b>

## Weekday worship opportunities in Advent ...at a glance

<u>St. Anne's</u>	<u>St. Francis'</u>
Morning Prayer: 7.30am Sun—Thursdays	Morning Prayer: 9am Fridays
Eucharist : 10am Wednesday 7.15am Friday	Bible Study: 2pm alternate Thursdays

## Church Bookstall

We have a new range of books and Christmas items. Please browse.

## Book Group at the Vicarage

The next meeting is January 25th: "The Vows of Silence" by Susan Hill. A good read for Boxing Day! *Everyone welcome.*

## 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 by Wednesday please: 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  
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2nd Sunday of Advent

6th December 2009

## Our Vision Statement

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 purple service book*  
President: Janet Parker, Curate  
Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader

### Evening Service

**6.00pm Choral Evensong**  
Led by: Janet Parker, Curate

## At St Francis' today

### 9.30am Eucharist

*We use the black service book (p 229)*  
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar

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

The parish of St Anne's with St Francis will reach out to the community and beyond with the Christian gospel, witnessing to God's love through word and action.

The parish will be an accessible, inclusive, dynamic and welcoming centre for prayer and worship.

Through Baptism, Eucharist and teaching we will seek to nurture believers to discipleship within the body of Christ.

We will become known as people of compassion and hope, and our facilities will be centres of welcome for our wider community.

*This is the Vision Statement our PCC agreed at a meeting on 28th November 2009. There are four themes: Witness & Service, Worship, Nurturing in Faith and Hospitality and Compassion. We will draw on these in focusing our ministry here in Sale and Sale Moor.*

## Today's readings

**A reading from Malachi**  
(Malachi 3.1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [Luke 3:1-6]  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

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## First Sunday of the month



Following our initial service on 18th October we have decided to offer the opportunity to receive the **Laying on of**

**Hands for Christian Healing** every 1st Sunday of the month at St. Anne's.

This will take place at the high altar.

## 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.



## 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.**

## Parish Party 2010



Entertainment for all the family. Tickets £6 adults £3 for younger guests. Starting at **6pm Saturday 9th January** with a sumptuous buffet at 6.15. Complimentary glass of wine. Please bring own drinks. Ring Ken 07751 743811 or see any of the Social Team.

## Choir Notes



**Do please note these dates**

**—we really value your support:**

Choral Evensong this evening at 6 o'clock when we will be singing the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Noble.

Next Sunday the Junior Choir will be giving their Christmas Presentation at the 10.30am Service: 'Follow that Star' by Susie Hare. Also on the 13th we have a Carol Service at St. Francis at 6pm in celebration of the new windows.

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*We will be singing carols at Ferrol Lodge and High Lea on 16th, and on the 19th at Sainsbury's from 11am—12 noon. On Christmas Eve at Wythenshawe Hospital we sing carols round the wards. BB*

## Christmas Flowers

Donations towards flowers to beautify St. Anne's Church this Christmastide will be gratefully received by Moira or Janet Phillimore.

This may be a way to remember those who are no longer with us at the

