

# Worship and Activity This Week

Today	12.30pm	Baptism of Austin Curtin
	5.00pm	Office hour @ St Anne's
	7.00pm	Critical Mass trip
Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer @ St Anne's
	3.15pm	Afternoon Prayer @ St Anne's
	7.45pm	ACF in Church Hall: "Teggs Nose to Styal" with Keith Warrender. <i>Please remember your Prayer Partner's Gift!</i>
Tue	2.00pm	Social Afternoon @ St Francis
	3.30pm	Sunbeams After School Church @ Church Hall
Wed	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>
	12 noon	Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>GIG Evening Prayer @ St Anne's</b>
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>GAP meeting @ 15 Broad Road</b>
Thu	2.30pm	Mothers' Union @ St Francis' - in small meeting room
	8.00pm	House Group @ 8 Russell Avenue
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
	6.45pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.15pm	Full Choir Practice

## Next Sunday - 7th February - 2 before Lent

8.00am	Eucharist
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b> [St Francis]
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> [St Anne's]
12.30pm	Baptism of Alexa Bates
6.00pm	Choral Evensong @ St Anne's
7.00pm	Critical Mass at St Francis

### Advance Notice to Church Key Holders

On the advice of our insurers, we intend to create a new **Key Register** to include undertakings by key holders not to duplicate or loan keys. We shall be contacting you shortly and we trust the new arrangement will be acceptable to all concerned. *Churchwardens*



*Please may we have your palm crosses for ashing by next Sunday? Boxes are provided in each Church.*

### 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, please email by Wednesday joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com

# INSPIRATION

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4th Sunday of Epiphany

31st January 2010

## Boasting and Shame

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

*Giving in Grace Service order leaflet*  
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar

#### 10.30am Parish Eucharist

*Giving in Grace Service order leaflet*  
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar  
Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader

#### 5.00pm Ecumenical Service

at Trinity Methodist Church (Trinity Road) followed by refreshments.  
Come and join us as we worship the Lord as brothers and sisters in Christ.

### At St Francis' today

#### 9.30am Eucharist

*Giving in Grace Service order leaflet*  
President: Janet Parker, Curate

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

Sarah Palin, the would-be Vice-President of the USA, was the daughter of a sports teacher. She has written that one of things she learnt from her father was a competitive spirit. I am not sure that she needed to learn that off someone else; we seem to have this reflex deep within us, a desire to do better.

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, notes two things. He notes the rightful desire of the Corinthians to be generous in their giving. He celebrates this. More problematically, he notes a tendency on their part to slide into childish boasting. He foresees the danger of his turning up to receive their collection only to discover that it's all been talk and no action.

So he sends a couple of guys ahead, not "heavies" but caring encouragers, to remind them of their first intentions. "Sending the boys round" is clearly not appropriate. But because we, like the Corinthians, are forgetful Paul's pastoral and spiritual concern for his flock remains true for us today, too. So, here's a question: have you a] filled in your response form? and b] done what you said you would?

## Today's readings

**A Reading from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians**  
(2 Corinthians 9:1-6)

I don't need to write you about the money you plan to give for God's people. I know how eager you are to give. And I have proudly told the Lord's followers in Macedonia that you people in Achaia have been ready for a whole year. Now your desire to give has made them want to give. That's why I am sending Titus and the two others to you. I want you to be ready, just as I promised. This will prove that we were not wrong to brag about you. Some followers from Macedonia may come with me, and I want them to find that you have the money ready. If you don't, I would be embarrassed for trusting you to do this. But you would be embarrassed even more. So I have decided to ask Titus and the others to spend some time with you before I arrive. This way they can arrange to collect the money you have promised. Then you will have the chance to give because you want to, and not because you feel forced to. Remember this saying, "A few seeds make a small harvest, but a lot of seeds make a big harvest."

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord**  
(Mark 10:17-31)

As Jesus was walking down a road, a man ran up to him. He knelt down, and asked, "Good teacher, what can I do to have eternal life?" Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. You know the commandments. Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not

steal. Do not tell lies about others. Do not cheat. Respect your father and mother." The man answered, "Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young man." Jesus looked closely at the man. He liked him and said, "There's one thing you still need to do. Go sell everything you own. Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come with me." When the man heard Jesus say this, he went away gloomy and sad because he was very rich. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "It's hard for rich people to get into God's kingdom!" The disciples were shocked to hear this. So Jesus told them again, "It's terribly hard to get into God's kingdom! In fact, it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to get into God's kingdom." Jesus' disciples were even more amazed. They asked each other, "How can anyone ever be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything." Peter replied, "Remember, we left everything to be your followers!" Jesus told him: You can be sure that anyone who gives up home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or land for me and for the good news will be rewarded. In this world they will be given a hundred times as many houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and pieces of land, though they will also be mistreated. And in the world to come, they will have eternal life. But many who are now first will be last, and many who are now last will be first.

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

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## † Candlemas Procession

### Prayer

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Everlasting Light*

### Nunc dimittis

*The choir sing this canticle whilst candles are lit.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

*We walk to the West End entrance with our candles, singing a hymn*

### Final Responsory

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:  
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;  
help us, like them, to trust your word.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;  
may we be filled with the light of your love.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

### The Conclusion

We stand near the place of new birth.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We turn from the crib to the cross.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We go to carry his light.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

