

# Worship and Activity This Week

Today	12 noon	Communion before Confirmation @ St Anne's
	12.30pm	Lent Lunch @ St Anne's
	12.30pm	Baptism of Jakson Houghton @ St Anne's
	5.00pm	Office hour @ St Anne's
	7.00pm	Critical Mass @ St Francis
Mon	8.00pm	Mothers' Union @ St Anne's "MU in a Simnel Cake"
	8.00pm	'When I survey' Lent Course @ Vicarage
Tue	2.00pm	Social Afternoon at St. Francis'
	3.30pm	Sunbeams' After School Church @ Church Hall
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross @ St Anne's</b>
	7.45pm	PCC at St Francis
Wed	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist @ St Anne's</b>
	12 noon	Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Quiet Afternoon @ St Anne's
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Taize Worshjp @ St Anne's</b>
Thu	2.00pm	Bible Study @ St Francis
	8.00pm	House Group @ 8 Russell Avenue
		House Group @ 15 Broad Road
Fri	<b>7.15am</b>	<b>Silent Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer @ St Francis</b>
	9.15am	Mothers and Toddlers @ St Anne's Church Hall
	11.00am - 11.25am	Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer @ St Anne's
	6.45pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.15pm	Full Choir Practice

## Next Sunday - 14th March - Mothering Sunday

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 noon	Communion before Confirmation @ St Anne's
6.00pm	Evening Prayer @ St Anne's
7.00pm	Critical Mass @ St Anne's

## Church Bookstall

Have you visited the bookstall recently? We have a new selection of books for Lenten reading, plus a limited number of greetings cards for Mothering Sunday, Easter and Induction. *First come, First served.*

## 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** lists contact details for organisations and clergy on the back cover. For this sheet, email joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com by Wed.

# INSPIRATION

St Anne's, Sale with St Francis, Sale Moor  
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## Third Sunday in Lent

7th March 2010

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: Norman Hayton, Asst Priest  
Assisting: Paul Edwards, Reader

### 6.00pm Choral Evensong

Led by: Norman Hayton, Asst Priest

## At St Francis' today

### 9.30am Eucharist

*We use the black service book [p 229]*  
President: Olwyn Marlow, Asst Priest  
Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader

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



## Is it worth it?

Have you ever received a knock at the door or unsolicited call from someone apparently offering you the earth? Most of us have and our response is usually a mixed bag of extreme suspicion with an element of "what if it's true?" whispering at the back of the mind.

Our Old Testament reading echoes this; "Thirsty?" (Who isn't in a hot climate - this salesman knows the market alright). "Come, drink, it's free". The sales pitch continues; "See those neighbours? The ones that have been kicking you regularly? They'll finally get it and see what you have as worth having themselves". Sounds tempting, doesn't it?

And then comes the bit which we sort of know is always there in a sales pitch: the cost. Not money; this is about a change of direction. "seek the Lord; call upon him; forsake your (old) ways and thoughts. i.e. change your habits."

So there's the offer: new life, hope, strength, joy. And there's the "payment"; to receive it, we need to put down our habits which keep God at a distance.

Is it worth it? The offer (God's presence in your life) outweighs the "cost". This Lent ponder this offer from the Lord of his grace in your life and response to his gentle request to turn to him and seek his presence in renewal of life.

## Today's readings

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
[Isaiah 55:1-9]

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [Luke 13:1-9]  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

## 'Fairtrade Fortnight' ends today

A Teddy Bears' Tea Party for this morning's Creche marks the end of Fairtrade Fortnight, which has been about encouraging people to swap their usual brand of goods for fairly traded brands, especially tea. Have you been encouraged?

## Today's Anthem

**Come, let us worship and fall down,**  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For He is the Lord our God,  
And we are the people of His pasture  
And the sheep of His hand.  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

*(by Palestrina)*



*The choir is leading Choral Evensong at 6 this evening. Come, enjoy the glorious harmonies of Lenten music.*

## Tea at St. Francis'



The Afternoon Tea at St. Francis' on 27th February raised **£200.70p** for Church funds. These events are always happy

social occasions, but this was memorable in that it marked the leaving of Janet and Dennis. A celebration cake was ceremoniously cut and shared amongst us, and gracious words were spoken.

## Electoral Roll Forms

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Am I on the Electoral Roll?** *You may be but don't take it for granted - check in the file at the back of Church*

**Who can be on the Electoral Roll?** *If you worship here and have done so over the past 6 months, you can be. You do need to be baptised, however.*

**Why would I want to be?** *The ER is a sort of "database" of those who identify themselves as part of the Christian Family that meets at St Anne's or St Francis. This is "my church". It means that you can elect our governing body, the PCC and our lay leaders, the Church Wardens. From "the Church" side, the ER gives us one marker of how effective our ministry is and the size of our ER entitles us to seats in the next tier of Church Government "up", the Deanery Synod.*

**What information is on the form?** *Basic name and address. If you could add your telephone number and email address on the back, that would really help our capacity to communicate with you.*

**Finally, where are these forms?** *They are at the back of Church. There is a box to put the filled ones in. Please don't take forms home - you are likely to forget!*

## Trip to Yorkshire

Fancy a day out? Seats are available on an ACF coach trip to Lightwater Shopping Village near Ripon on **Thursday May 20th** at a cost £22. This includes a two course lunch + tea/coffee.

Please ring Kathleen for full details 962 1925.

