

# Worship and Activity This Week

<b>Today</b>	5.00pm Office Hour @ St Anne's 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Francis
<b>Mon</b>	6.16pm Mothers' Union outing to St. Luke's, Winnington
<b>Tue</b>	2.00pm Social Afternoon @ St Francis' 8.00pm GAP @ 117 Broad Road
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharist @ St Anne's</b> 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all 8.15pm Overseas' Group @ 10 Kingston Drive
<b>Thurs</b>	7.30pm Wedding Preparation @ St Anne's Church Hall
<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>	10.30am Coffee Morning at St. Francis'
<b>Next Sunday - 18th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	
	8.00am Eucharist [St Anne's] <b>9.30am Eucharist with Hymns</b> [St Francis] <b>10.30am Parish Eucharist</b> [St Anne's] 6.00pm Café Church @ St Anne's Church Hall



**Coffee Morning**

On **Saturday 17th April** St. Francis' will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Francis House from **10.30am to 12noon**.

As usual we would welcome all donations for our raffle and bring & buy; also voluntary helpers—ring 905 3658 or 976 1047 Entrance will be £1.00. Everyone is welcome.

**Christian Aid Week 2010**  
9th to 15th May

**Christian Aid**  
We believe in life before death

## 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

# INSPIRATION

St Anne's, Sale with St Francis, Sale Moor  
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**2nd Sunday of Easter**

11th April 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 Yellow service book  
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar

### 10.30am Parish Eucharist

We use the Yellow service book  
President: Norman Hayton, Asst Priest  
Assisting: Paul Edwards, Reader

### 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Led by: Julian Heaton, Vicar

## At St Francis' today

### 9.30am Eucharist

We use the Yellow service book  
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*Bible readings for today's services are on the next page.*

## What is Jesus for?

There is a question that is sometimes asked that goes like this; "just what is X for?" It is often a cruel question, suggesting superiority on the part of the questioner, as if one's own life has a meaning and purpose not shared by this "lesser" being.

But it is a perfectly legitimate question to ask about Jesus. Christians make great fuss about Jesus but do not always have a clear answer as to why they do that.

In our reading from Acts, Peter gives a direct answer. He says that Jesus' ministry was to give "forgiveness of sins". Does that clear things up?

I think it does. Luke, the writer of Acts, is suggesting to us something that might seem slightly off our own agenda but actually is rooted at the very heart of the Christian life. Jesus confronts us with the reality that our lives are not perfect; his death points to both personal sin (part of the reason for Jesus' death was our human habits of sinning) and structural sin (he died in a power struggle which is present in all societies). When we look at Jesus, in other words, we see our own sins staring back at us.

And when we look at Jesus we see God saying that, through repentance, we can be set free from our sins to live as he longs for us to live. What is Jesus for? So that we might be free to start again.

## Today's readings

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [Acts 5.27-32]

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
[John 20.19-31]  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you

forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

#### Intinction Update

I have asked the Bishop's Chaplain about the Practice of Intinction (dipping bread into the chalice). He tells me that the directions from the Archbishops remains the same; **NO**.

## Scout Plant Sale



A sure sign that Spring is here: Scout Plant Sale leaflets are available at the back of both Churches.

Please take a form, tick your chosen plants and return it by Friday 16th April.

This annual money-raiser forms a large part of our scouts' funding. Previous customers will know the plants on offer are of first class quality and value for money. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCOUTS.

## Hall Floor

The Hall Management Committee would like to say **thank you** to all those who helped with varnishing the Church Hall Floor last week. It was very much appreciated.



## Exploring the Faith

Over Lent we prepared some children to be admitted to Communion before Confirmation. Adults are admitted to Communion after Confirmation. We have a Confirmation here at St Anne's on 5th December.

I am in the process, now, of gathering names of Adults for a confirmation course. If you would like to be part of this, or to refresh your knowledge of the faith, or, if you worship with us regularly, were a member of another denomination and take communion but have never been confirmed in the Church of England and would like to be, please see the Vicar.

## Wedding Preparation

We have nine weddings booked this year. Compared to yesteryear or other pretty churches, this is quite a low number, but still it says that couples do want to say their vows to each other in the House of the Lord. It's great that they do.

As usual Hazel and Alan Ward will be leading our wedding preparation session this Thursday.

Please pray for the couples as they begin their journey towards their wedding day, and for our place as a Christian community in showing the hospitality and joy of God.

