

# Worship and Activity This Week

<b>Today</b>	5.00pm Office Hour @ St Anne's 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall
<b>Mon</b>	8.00pm Book Group at the Vicarage
<b>Tue</b>	2.00pm Social Afternoon @ St Francis' 3.30pm Sunbeams After-School Church 8.00pm Standing Committee (8 Russell Ave)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharist @ St Anne's</b> 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all 6.00pm St Anne's Governing Body Meeting
<b>Thurs</b>	10.00am Local Ministers' Team (8 Russell Ave) 2.00pm Bible Study @ St Francis' 8.00pm House Group @ 8 Russell Ave. LYFE—Philippians
<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>	6.00pm Parish Party @ St Anne's Church Hall

## Next Sunday - 25th April - 4th Sunday of Easter

**8.00am Eucharist** [St Anne's]  
**9.30am Eucharist with Hymns** [St Francis']  
**10.30am Parish Eucharist** [St Anne's]  
 6.00pm Service of Love and Remembrance @ St Anne's

## "30 years of RadioActivity" Men's Group - Monday 26 April

A parting shot from Dennis Parker was to arrange an entertaining talk by **Martin Henfield**. Who he? Martin is now retired and living in Sale but before that he worked in newspapers, radio and television - and latterly was head of the Journalism and Broadcasting degree course at Salford University. His talk is entitled **"30 years of RadioActivity"** - or **"How I nearly got Salman Rushdie assassinated"**...the lighter side of broadcast news.

**We meet in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on 26th April. All (men) 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](mailto:joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com)

# INSPIRATION

St Anne's, Sale with St Francis, Sale Moor  
0161 973 4145 [www.stannessale.org](http://www.stannessale.org)



3rd Sunday of Easter

18th 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: Julian Heaton, Vicar  
Assisting: Paul Edwards, Reader

### 6.00pm Café Church

Led by: Alan Ward, Reader

## At St Francis' today

### 9.30am Eucharist

*We use the Yellow Service Book*  
President: Olwyn Marlow, Asst Priest

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



## The Shape of Forgiveness

"How many more times can I say I'm sorry?" It's tricky, isn't it, when we have done something wrong, admitted it and yet feel that somehow the other person, the one we have wronged, is not taking us and what we are saying seriously. We feel slightly desperate, that there is nowhere else we can go to prove what we are saying.

Which is to say that we know something of what Peter must have felt when Jesus, after suddenly appearing, invites him to come for a private chat. The heart must have sunk. What could he say?

Jesus doesn't help. He is quite blunt. "Do you love me?" We often like to soften these conversations with an indirect approach, moving crab-wise towards to the main concern. Jesus doesn't help because he actually says "Do you love me *more than these?*" Peter's "Yes" merely digging a hole. Peter claims that his love is better than other people's. Hmm. Jesus tries again and again.

The thing often noted about this conversation is that Jesus is giving Peter opportunity to unravel the knot of three times denying knowing Jesus before he died. True. But Jesus gives Peter an opportunity not just to say the words but to put them into action. He knows that we best experience forgiveness when we can "prove" our words. Like Peter, Jesus' forgiveness of us comes with an invitation to feed the sheep with his love.

## Today's readings

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [Acts 9.1-6]

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
[John 21.1-19]  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was

the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

## Christian Aid Week: May 9th—15th

In three weeks' time—rain or shine - Christians throughout the land will be going from house to house delivering and collecting Christian Aid envelopes. Knocking on doors in this way may not appeal to you, but why not give it a try? Our efforts could make a real difference to bringing hope, relief, improved health and self-sufficiency to so many. If you decide you can offer to help us cover all our allocated roads, then Ann Helm (969 8968) would be really pleased to hear from you.

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

## Book Group at the Vicarage



Tomorrow evening a handful of us will meet at the Vicarage at 8pm to 'discuss' Abraham Verghese's novel **Cutting for Stone**. If you have ever wondered what it's like at a book group meeting do join us, no strings attached. We have already chosen our next read: Hilary Mantell's tremendous Man Booker Prize winner, **Wolf Hall**, a novel telling the story of Thomas Cromwell and in the process many of the key players of the time of Henry VIII—Wolsey, More, Cranmer and so on, not to mention some of those wives—as well as the separation of the Church of England from Rome. We will be discussing this on Monday 24 May.

## Night Shelter

Volunteers over 18 years are needed for the Narrowgate Night Shelter. If you could volunteer one night a month, or alternatively assist with suppers or breakfasts, please ring Phil Brown on 0161 736 7959 or visit [www.manchestercitymission.com](http://www.manchestercitymission.com)

## Canon Stephen Foster

Stephen, former Vicar of St. Anne's with St Francis (2000 - 2004) is moving. Currently Precentor of Leicester Cathedral, he is to become Senior Chaplain of Leicester University. Please pray for Stephen and Anne as they face another move.

## Route Ginger



Route Ginger will be holding a cake stall in the hall after the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 25 May. S. Bower 0781 0038327

## We remember....

We pray for the repose of the souls of Evelina Yarwood and Don Goulden, and for God's power to bless and comfort their families and friends in their sorrow.

