

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	11.30am Route Ginger's Cake Stall in St. Anne's Church Hall 5.00pm Office Hour @ St Anne's 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall
Mon	7.30pm Men's Group @ St Anne's [see inside]
Tue	2.00pm Social Afternoon @ St Francis 3.30pm Sunbeams After-School Church
Wed	10.00am Eucharist @ St Anne's 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
Thurs	8.00pm 'Thursday Girls' Women's Group @ St Anne's Church Hall
Fri	7.15am Eucharist 9.00am Morning Prayer @ St Francis 9.15am Mothers and Toddlers @ St Anne's Church Hall 6.45pm Junior Choir Practice 7.15pm Full Choir Practice
Sat	Day of Prayer @ St Anne's

Next Sunday - 2nd May - 5th Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Eucharist [St Anne's]
- 9.30am Eucharist with Hymns [St Francis]
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist [St Anne's]
- 12.30pm Baptism of Bronte Goodwin
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong @ St Anne's

Coffee Morning—£140.

Women's Group

THANK YOU
to everyone who helped and supported last Saturday's coffee morning at St Francis, which raised £140.00 for children with a short life expectancy.



Thursday Girls meet this week at 8pm on.....Thursday in St. Anne's Church Hall. Join us in a "Grease is the word" night: watch the film, sing the songs, wear the clothes (optional) and eat hot dogs with American mustard! A general '50s laugh evening. Come and

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

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St Anne's, Sale with St Francis, Sale Moor
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4th Sunday of Easter

25th 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: Olwyn Marlow, Asst Priest
Assisting: Alan Ward, Reader

6.00pm Memorial Service

Led by the Ministry Team

At St Francis' today

9.30am Eucharist

We use the Yellow Service Book
President: Norman Hayton, Asst Priest

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



Counting Sheep

Back in early Spring there was a short series of TV programmes called "Lambing Live". For townies like me, who like to see lambs gamboling in the fields at this time of year, the physical energy and high emotional and financial investment in the risky business of live-stock farming were made very apparent. It has been less easy to be sentimental about the sheer hard graft of farming subsequently.

So when Jesus uses the imagery of the Good Shepherd, what comes to mind is not the comfortable pictures of warm sun on a field full of grass, blue skies and fluffy sheep; no, what comes to mind is the image of a farmer with an urgent and constant sense of anxiety for his sheep and the unfailing and unconditional energy required to ensure the future of his flock.

Jesus talks about knowing the sheep; the familiarity of voice, the security of recognition. One of the enormously attractive elements of our journey as Christians is this intense sense of knowing and being known. God knows us in and through Jesus Christ. In turn, in our life together and in our personal spiritual lives, we too can come to share an intimacy with Christ.

This does not come automatically; it takes time and attentiveness. If we want to recognize the shepherd, then this time is worth spending.

Today's readings

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [Acts 9.36-43]

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
[John 10:22-30]
Glory to You, O Lord

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Archdeacon's Visitation

A reminder to the newly elected Sidesmen and women (and Church Wardens!) that the Archdeacon is looking forward to your company on 5th May at 7.30pm at St George's Altrincham. A visit to a hostelry might be involved in the return journey.

Christian Aid Week: May 9th—15th

In **two** 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

Sunday Morning Teas/Coffees



Helpers are needed. Due to personal circumstances, some of our teams are short of members; and indeed it would be good to have some *new* teams. Can you, or perhaps you and some friends, help on a rota basis to prepare drinks after the 10.30am service?

The procedure is not difficult and help will be given. We also need regular help with cleaning up and using the dishwasher—could you help in this way? Please

Speak to Carol Thomas or phone her on 283 0563. *Any* help will be greatly appreciated.

We remember....

We pray for the repose of the soul of Don Goulden and for his family and friends.

St Francis & SureStart

Tomorrow marks the beginning of a six week £50K building programme at St Francis. By the end of this work, St Francis will have an upgraded Ladies' toilet, an accessible toilet and a fenced outdoor play area between the Church and the road with a built-on lean-to store for play equipment. This is part of a continuing effort to support and engage the local community.

"30 years of RadioActivity" Men's Group - 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 at 7.30pm tomorrow.