

# 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 Mothers' Union @ St Anne's Church Hall
<b>Tue</b>	2.00pm Social Afternoon @ St Francis 3.30pm Sunbeams After-School Church 7.45pm PCC @ St Francis 7.30pm Child Protection Training @ Holy Cross, Timperley
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharist @ St Anne's</b> 12 noon Lunch in the Church Hall - open to all
<b>Thurs</b>	2.00pm Bible Study @ St Francis <b>8.00pm Eucharist for Ascension Day</b> 2.00pm Thanksgiving Service for Elwyn Harper
<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 - 12 noon: Coffee Morning at St. Francis—see <i>inside</i>
<b>Next Sunday - 16th May - 7th Sunday of Easter</b>	
	<b>8.00am Eucharist</b> [St Anne's] <b>9.30am Eucharist with Hymns</b> [St Francis] <b>10.30am Parish Eucharist</b> [St Anne's] 12.30pm Baptism of Matilda and Oscar Dixon 6.00pm Café Church @ St Anne's Church Hall 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall

## St. Joseph's Players at St. Francis' Church Hall

for one night only **Variety Show** on Friday 21 May  
admission by complimentary ticket  
[obtainable from Kath Hanstock]  
but there will be a raffle and refreshments  
for which there will be a charge

## Contact Details (n.b. for next week's *Inspiration* email Julian)

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 list of contact details for clergy and organisations on the back cover. For this sheet, email [julian.heaton@talktalk.net](mailto:julian.heaton@talktalk.net) by Wednesday please.

# INSPIRATION

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



6th Sunday of Easter

9th May 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 & Celebration of Baptism

We welcome the family and friends of Daniel Chrysler who is to be baptised this morning  
We use the special order of service  
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar  
Assisting: Paul Edwards, Reader

### 6.00pm Evening Prayer

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.*

## Being different

It was interesting how, in the first Leaders' Debates on TV, there was a sudden surge of interest in Nick Clegg. Partly this was because, so we were told, people did not really know who he was; partly because, on the night, he performed well. Undoubtedly we are attracted to people who offer something different, something exciting or new.

Today we are celebrating Baptism. Baptism is the point at which God impacts our lives and begins the process of drawing us into friendship with Him. For Christians it is the start of their life with Jesus Christ.

Impact....beginning....start. The Church teaches that Baptism is the complete moment of entry into the Body of Christ; there is no second step, no other thing we need to do. So why "impact...beginning...start"? Surely it is enough that we are baptized?

Take a football player: giving a little girl a football does mean that she can kick the ball around; to become a proper football player, though, takes practice, practice, practice - on your own, with others, in the game.

So with baptism. We share the gift of Baptism with all who ask; it's God's gift, not ours, after all. But St Anne's offers, too, training in the godly life so that, by God's grace, we may become people who, by our ministry in the world, attract others to Christ. Being baptized makes you different.

## Today's readings

### A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel [Ezekiel 36: 24-28]

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [John 20: 19-23]

### **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."

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

## Ascension Day 8pm Thursday 13th May

We will be celebrating the Feast of the Ascension this Thursday with a Sung Eucharist at 8.00pm.

As part of our exploration of the wide traditions of Christian worship, this service will be using Incense.

We encourage you all to come and join with us as we worship our Risen and Ascended Lord.

## We remember....

We pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Laverty, Joseph Wray, Albert McEvoy and Elwyn Harper and for their families.

## Elwyn Harper

There is a Thanksgiving Service in memory of Elwyn this Thursday at 2.00pm. We invite you to come and join her family and friends as they celebrate Elwyn's life in words and music.

## Can I ask a (big) question?

20, 27 May, 3, 10, 17 June  
Thursday Evenings  
7.30pm - 9.30pm  
St Anne's Vicarage

I invite you to come and join me on a journey, asking questions together about faith and believing in God in the 21st Century. Only requirement is an interest in God and a willingness to explore.

Join us around a meal table, eating and drinking and talking. Watch, talk, discuss, think. Be on a journey with us.

If you would like to join us, please phone 973 4145 or email [julian.heaton@talktalk.net](mailto:julian.heaton@talktalk.net)

**You are really welcome.**

## Thursday Girls

This month is "A walk and a meal" Val is organising a walk around the countryside with a meal at the Axe and Cleaver afterwards.

**Date: Thursday 27th May 8pm ish**  
**Please Contact Val on 282 6375 or [valarmriding@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valarmriding@yahoo.co.uk) if you wish to go, so she can book the table and ensure everyone has a lift.**

## Christian Aid Week

**House to House Collection** - Speak to Ann Helm today if you can help; it's not too late—969 8968



**Coffee Morning at St. Francis' this Saturday—15th May 10.30am to 12 noon**

There will be a raffle and bring & buy, also an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid if you wish.

Admission £1.00

## Sunday 16 May



Andrew Thomas is running the Great Manchester 10k Run for the 'Wooden Spoon' charity - a rugby originated charity which aims to improve life for children and young people. If you would like to sponsor him please see Carol (Mum) or go on-line to [www.justgiving.com/Andy-Thomas-120](http://www.justgiving.com/Andy-Thomas-120). Thank you

## Chester Diocesan Newsletter

If you keep back-copies of the Chester Diocesan Newsletter please could I come and have a look? I am looking for an article from a little while ago. Kim Williams - [williams\\_sk@hotmail.com](mailto:williams_sk@hotmail.com)