

Worship and Activity This Week

Today	12.30pm Baptism of Francesca Boyle 3.30pm Pentecost Praise @ Worthington Park 4.30pm Baptism Preparation 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 Church Hall
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	10.30am LMT 2.00pm Bible Study @ St Francis 7.30pm Big Ask @ Vicarage 8.00pm Women's Group—see below*
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

Next Sunday - 30th May - Trinity Sunday

- 8.00am Eucharist** [St Anne's]
- 9.30am Eucharist with Hymns** [St Francis]
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist** [St Anne's]
- 12.30pm Baptism of Niamh Barry; Samuel and Edward Gilbert
- 6.30pm Taize Service @ Holy Family
- 7.00pm Critical Mass @ St Anne's Church Hall

*Thursday Girls will take a walk around the countryside followed by a meal at the Axe and Cleaver. Interested? Contact Val 282 6375 or

Saturday 12th June Car Treasure Hunt and Pub Grub - 6pm from Church. Approx 2 hrs gentle running through Cheshire countryside. I have menus for you to choose from. Let me know as soon as possible if you will be joining us. Ken Bailey on 077517 43811.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CUPBOARD!

It would be much appreciated if Leaders of Organisations that have a cupboard in the hall would please label them with the group's name and contact number.

Contact Details

Baptisms, Blessings, Weddings: speak to any of the clergy after the service. *The Spire* has contact details for clergy and organisations on the back cover. For this sheet please email joanie@sneakmail.zzn.com by Wednesday evening.

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Pentecost

23rd 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

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

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Led by Olwyn Marlow, Asst Priest

At St Francis' today

9.30am Eucharist

We use the Yellow Service Book
President: Julian Heaton, Vicar



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

Getting the Message across.

One of the consequences of our open licensing laws is that seeing people sitting outside a pub behind a pint early in the morning is all too common. As we sadly know, as the day goes on, so the capacity of those who drink all day to make sense when they speak takes a severe dip.

So the accusation thrown at the Spirit-filled disciples of being one over the eight is understandable. Of course, making sense of religious talk is tricky and there is often the temptation to mock those who try to engage our hearts and minds with the stuff of the Divine. It is, after all, so much easier to dismiss it as irrelevant and nonsense than to let it challenge the irrelevance and nonsense that often fills our own thoughts.

The Pentecost Story (in Acts 1 see over) tells us that God wants us to be challenged in ways that we can understand; in our own language, whether we are 8 or 80.

What is that challenge? What will fill our lives with relevancy and sense? Paul's shorthand answer is "Jesus". It sounds a bit simplistic put like that. Spelled out, the Christian message is this: when the centre of our lives and activity ceases to be consumed by trivia and "noise" and focuses rather on the things of God as seen in the person of Jesus, then the most profound joy fills our lives and, in turn, we look out in service to the world.

Today's readings

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles
[Acts 1.1-21]

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in

the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
[John 14:8-17]
Glory to You, O Lord

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

Transcendence An Ancient-Future Mass.

One of our Growth Action Planning (GAP) goals is to try different sorts of worship. It is good to read or hear about different approaches, even watch them on TV or Youtube. But it is good, too, to go and see.

So on **Sunday 13th June** a group will be going to see "Transcendence" in York Minister. The service begins at 7.30pm and lasts about 90 minutes. If you would like to join the trip, please have a word with Julian or Alan. You will be very welcome.

You can find out more about Transcendence at www.transcendenceyork.org/
They say this about themselves; Transcendence aims to mix the old and the new, ancient chant and futuristic ambience, scripture and prayer, movement, symbol and sacrament.

Pentecost Praise 3.30pm Worthington Park

This afternoon there is the annual Churches Together in Sale Pentecost Praise in Worthington Park near the Band Stand. The Salvation Army band will be playing. Come and join us as we worship the Lord with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Bring a friend.

The BOOK STALL has a new range of books for children and adults.
Please take a look.



Anthem for Pentecost

VENI CREATOR *by Orlando Gibbons*
Come Holy Ghost, the Maker, come;
Take in the souls of thine thy place;
Thou whom our hearts had being from,
Oh, fill them with thy heavenly grace.
Thou art that comfort from above,
The highest doth by gift impart;
Thou spring of life, a fire of love,
And the anointing spirit art.

Taize Service



Taize Services are quiet, contemplative pools of reflection in our busy world. **Churches Together in Sale** are holding a Taize service at Holy Family Catholic Church on **Sunday 30th May at 6.30pm.** Come along and join us as we sing the haunting songs of this French religious community; find God in the silence and reflect on his Word to us as we listen to the scriptures.

Christian Aid

A big *Thank You* to all who attended the Coffee Morning at St. Francis to support Christian Aid. We raised **£138.40.** Also, many thanks to all the door to door envelope collectors. Ann is still counting as we go to press!

Wooden Spoon Charity

To all who sponsored Andrew Thomas in the Great Manchester Run: thanks to your generosity he has raised over £300 for the Wooden Spoon Charity.

Carol will be pleased to collect your sponsor money when you have it.