

St. John's Church Mosley Common



*A part of the Astley, Tyldesley &
Mosley Common Team Ministry*

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Church Services

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.30am. Other services are held at various times and various days according to season. Details are given in this magazine.

The Rowans

There is a regular Holy Communion service in the Rowans Lounge on Lindale Road. For details see the Diary Dates page in this magazine.

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

These can be arranged by contacting the Vicar.

Information

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Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer requests contact Glennys Worthington on 0161 702 8566 or Nick / Adele Hardman on 01942 888786

Prayer Meeting

Every Sunday 9.15am. All welcome.

Music

Our Organist is Alan Wood ('phone 0161 790 7544) and the leader of the Music Group is David Barnes ('phone 0161 702 8104)

World Mission

We support several societies working at home and abroad, especially Stephen and Tabita Bell working with the European Christian Mission in Croatia and Hansi and Kath Jain in India.

Magazine

This is published every two months throughout the year. The Magazine Secretary is Glennys Worthington ('phone 0161 702 8566) and the Editors are Andrea & Sylvia Taziker ('phone 0161 799 5754). We will deliver a copy to anyone who places a regular order.

Activities

Brownies

The 4th Tyldesley Brownies meet in St. John's School on Tuesdays at 6.30pm. For information contact Kathryn Clare ('phone 01925 763799)

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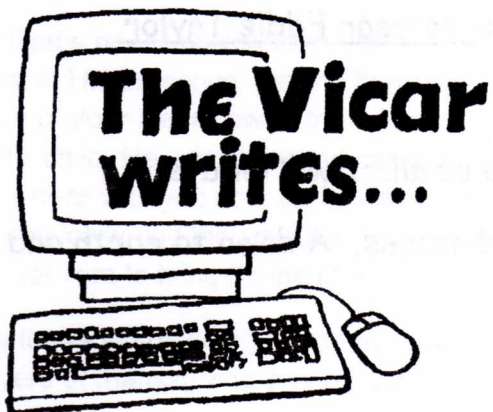
This is the name given to our children's and young people's groups which meet in Church on Sunday mornings.

Women's Fellowship Group

This meets in the Church Lounge on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. The Leader is Ann Haigh ('phone 0161 799 6672)

Fellowship Groups

There are several groups meeting regularly in members' homes and in the Church Lounge for Bible Study, Fellowship and Prayer. For the latest information, contact Mike Stuckey ('phone 0161 357 0155) or Keith Worthington ('phone 0161 702 8566)



Me a cross Vicar? Surely not in that sense - the angry sense. However, I've realised how many things I do with the cross.

When I first arrived at St. John's, people noticed the cross embroidered on my preaching scarf. They also noticed that I make the sign of the cross in the blessing at Communion services. It's a traditional thing to do, but it isn't done by all vicars.

I've featured the cross in other services, too. It began with illuminating our brass cross with a spotlight for our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service. After that, for our healing and memorial services, I've laid glass plates out on tables in the form of a cross, inviting people to place their candles on them to make a cross of lit candles. Then at Easter the same tables have carried chocolate bars laid out in the form of a cross.

After one visiting Inspector commented about the lack of crosses to be seen in our School, I asked Colin Priestley to make me one. It now hangs on the wall in the hall as a reminder that ours is a church school with the Christian faith and the cross at the centre of all it is and does. I want one outside the school now - hint, hint! There's room on the wall above the school's name. So watch that space and see if I get my way! If I don't, well maybe I'll be a cross vicar after all!

We've added some more crosses in school - for example an unmissable brightly coloured one in the foyer. The children have also designed and decorated crosses for their classrooms. That's been part of my "design an Easter cross" competition that's being run for the third time this year. It's a delight to see what the children come up with. You'll get the opportunity to see for yourselves as posters featuring the winning designs will be brought into Church on Palm Sunday for Holy Week and Easter.

Combining the candle and the cross, I recently got a special candle with a cross motif on it for use in assemblies at school. I did think about getting one for us to use in church - but held back because it's not the sort of thing that we've had in St. John's for a very long time and I don't want to cause any upset. Such candles haven't been part of my church tradition background, but it seems that I'm growing fonder of the idea!

Evidently, the cross means a lot to me. The cross is a symbol of our faith. The cross is at the heart of Easter and of God's love for us. Yet for many the cross means little. Few people seem to know much about the significance and meaning of the cross.

That seems obvious in the shops. Easter and Christmas are both commercially big business events. At least at Christmas there is some imagery of what it's all about. How little there is at Easter!

I mentioned the new candle with a cross motif for school. In assemblies it's to be a regular reminder of the cross. But the candle has its own significance, too. Candles were once used for light, before we had gas and electricity. That's what they'd have been used for in churches - for no other purpose than that. Yet they became reminders of the light of Christ shining in the world. Which is why, although we don't need them for light anymore, we still use them in church. It's also the reason why lighted candles are given out in baptism services.

This Easter may the light of Christ shine on you. And may we bring the light of Christ to others, so that they may appreciate, with us, the full significance of the Easter cross.

Julian Hartley ~ Vicar

I would like to dedicate this page of our Magazine to dear Eddie Taylor.

The shock of Eddie's passing has I know shocked us all. I will always remember Eddie as a gentle man, with no airs and graces. A down to earth and kind man. I considered him to be a friend.

Eddie was a member of our Wednesday afternoon Housegroup. We always sat next to each other at the Housegroup and he always had such an input with his own interpretations of various Bible readings and always involved himself in our discussions. He was the only man in the group but that didn't faze him at all. He always ensured too, that everyone was okay for a lift home afterwards. On the odd occasion when there was a new face in Church I would see him go over to them and welcome them. That was Eddie.

It is poignant now to remember that he once said to me that his need was to ensure that when his time came he would make it to Heaven. He actually used the word 'need'. Dear Eddie, why you had to go only God knows but I know we pray that you made it to Heaven as you wanted, you deserved to. You were a lovely man Eddie.

Joan gave me permission to write this article. I hope it gives you and your family comfort Joan, to know just how much Eddie was thought of and respected. I am sure you will already have realised that though.

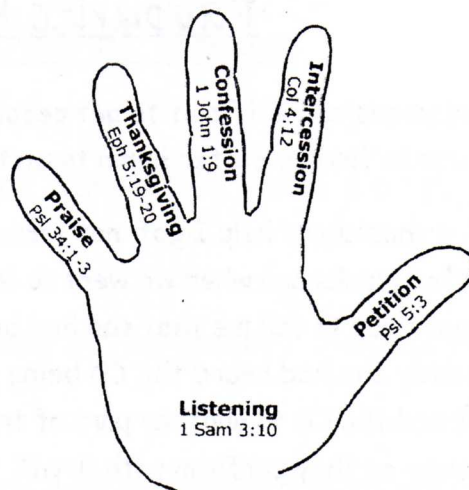
There was nothing posh about Eddie. He was just a good solid chap.

Mavis Wright

TO HELP YOU TO PRAY

Let God's peace surround you as you sit or kneel in His presence. Let the hurry and worry of your life fall away from you. You are God's child. He loves you and cares for you. He is here with you now and always. Speak to him slowly and thoughtfully – give yourself time for Him to bring things to mind.

May these words help you to form your own prayers of thanksgiving and requests.



Lord, thank you.....

For your presence here, for the opportunity to pray,

for the promise of peace,

for the beauty of the world,

the kindness of people.....

for all those whom I love....

and who love me...

for your love towards me

and especially for

for the cross of Christ and the power of the Spirit.

Help me to show my gratitude in deeds as well as words.

Lord I am sorry.....

for the times when I have been hasty or unkind, (especially to....)

thought or acted selfishly, failed to forgive or ask for forgiveness

forgotten your presence or, taken your love for granted.

I thank you for your promise to forgive all those who turn back to you in penitence.

Lord I am troubled

I am anxious and distressed for myself..... for others.....especially about.....

Help me trust your love, for you carry our sorrows.

Teach me to act and speak in the way you want.

Give me the wisdom to know when not to interfere.

Calm my fears, for all things are in your hands.

Lord I pray for.....

My family..... and friends..... My neighbours at home, at work, the ones I like... and dislike.....for those who are ill....for those who are troubled, or who mourn, for the oppressed, for those in disaster or war, for the persecuted. Bless them Father, and show me how I may help.

Heavenly Father I thank you for the blessings you have given me and ask you to strengthen me with power through your Spirit so that Christ may dwell in my heart. Deepen my love for you and fill me with yourself.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
Ephesians Ch 3 v 20

Favourite Hymn by Sylvia Taziker

It has become increasingly difficult to get people to tell us of their favourite hymns/songs! After racking my brains to find an Easter hymn to write about I had virtually given up.

This 'write up' is thus about help I got, not from a member of St. John's, but from a CD which Andrea bought for me two weeks ago when we went to Mold. She went into the bookshop (where else would she go?!) and came out to tell me that she had bought me a CD by one of my favourite singers, Bryn Terfel. Apparently she had heard the CD being played in the shop and asked the lady what it was and she actually turned the CD to another part of track and said to Andrea "it's wonderful! Just listen to this with the choir as they perform with Bryn!"

We played the CD in the car on the way home, I listened to the first piece which was 'What a Wonderful Word' and as this is not one of my favourite songs I read the accompanying leaflet and found out that the accompanying choir was actually the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. It was so interesting that we stopped the CD and I read the information out loud.

I have a few of Bryn Terfel's CD's but this one really beats all. Bryn Terfel is a wonderful Welsh bass/baritone singer, he sings opera worldwide but I love to hear him sing hymns, carols and other sacred music and folk songs, he really makes you feel that he is meaning every word he sings. The prayerful passages are quiet, gentle and peaceful and the jubilant parts are loud and very expressive. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir are unbelievable, this was the first time I had really taken notice of the wonderful tone and depth of their singing. Apparently, according to the leaflet, a group of Welsh pioneer immigrants travelled across America to a remote settlement in the Great Salt Lake Valley in the Rocky Mountains; there they formed a choir led by John Rutter, a minister and musician from North Wales. People enjoyed their singing and they later were asked to form a more permanent ensemble and this actually formed the nucleus of what was to become the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

The Choir itself has 360 members aged from 25 (it used to be aged from 30) who can only be in the choir for twenty years of participation or until they are 60. They also have to live a certain distance from the centre of Salt Lake City where the church is to make sure that they will be able to attend all practises and performances.

We played the CD all the way home and I have never been known not to gabble for most of the time but I just got so caught up in this marvellous music that I hardly spoke a word. I just cannot tell you about all the pieces but we know most of them and they are all superb. I will never sing "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" again without giving it a great deal of thought I heard it in a completely different light. We sung along with everything we knew. 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic' had a different tempo to the one we sing and the sound that the choir make is quite amazing, you feel as though you can see the marching men. I feel that in future hymns, songs and sacred music will have an even greater meaning to me than ever. Although I do always try to put meaning and feeling into my singing I will try to do better after hearing these sung with such passion and faith.

The little booklet says that when asked where the original group had learned to sing and who had taught them John Rutter said "The hills of Wales were the schoolhouse, and the Spirit of God was the Teacher."

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer took place here at St John's on Friday 7th March.

This year was on Egypt and entitled - Streams in the Desert. And as you can gather from this title, was all about water.

Under the guidance of Ann Haigh, the church was decorated with various displays to give an Egyptian feel to the church.

The symbolic service was done very well by everyone:

The four 'Egyptian women' processed in with four helpers (all suitably attired in Egyptian dress) to lovely Egyptian music, and took us through the service with actions and words.

We had the reading from Isaiah and the story of the Samaritan woman at the well.

The address was given by Sheila Radford and well received by the congregation.

There were hymns, prayers and of course Egyptian music with refreshments afterwards and a chance for fellowship.

None of this would have been possible without Ann's leadership and guidance, and we give our thanks to Ann. Thanks also to the ladies from St John's who took part in the service, the ladies behind the scenes who helped set up the church, baked, served, cleared away and tidied the church afterwards. Also, the ladies from St Georges, St Stephens and Methodist churches who all played their part here at St John's.

Thanks to Mike who sorted the music for us and of course Alan our organist, who plays for us at these events.

Attendance was a little disappointing this year but many thanks to those who managed to make it. You helped make it a really lovely service.

We hope to see more of you at our **Women's Rally in May.**

Marion Blundell



FAIREY BRASS BAND CONCERT

In aid of Parkinson's UK

7.30pm, Saturday 12 April 2014

St George's Parish Church, Tyldesley, Manchester M29 8FJ

Tickets - £10 per adult, children go free

To book contact Mark Peacock - 07944 109 430



Proud to Support Parkinson's UK

BROWNIE NEWS

This year, 2014, the Brownie Section turns 100! The celebrations run from 1st January 2014 until the end of the summer holidays. We have been set a Big Brownie Birthday Challenge which celebrates key milestones from the Brownies 100 year history in a way that will challenge today's girls and help them develop new skills.

Here are some of the challenges we have experienced so far; we have enjoyed a team building session with Peter Gibson, a talk from Mrs.Greenhalgh explaining what it was like to be evacuated in the war and held a meeting in the dark to experience the blackouts.

We now look forward to the challenges to come in the next few weeks.

Below is a birthday message from our Countess of Wessex.

Happy Birthday, Brownies!

"At the start of this special Brownie centenary year, I want to extend my warmest birthday wishes to the hundreds of thousands of Brownies across the U.K.

I am extremely proud to be the President of Girl Guiding, which is such a wonderful Charity - and is one that brings fun, adventure and life-changing opportunities to so many girls. As a mother (in fact, the mother of a Brownie!), I know how important children's formative years are - and I also know that guiding can make a real and lasting difference to girls' lives.

So this birthday year is a chance to celebrate the incredible things that the Brownie section - and all of guiding - brings to girls. And, of course, it is also an opportunity for me to thank the hardworking volunteers who give so generously of their time, their energy and their passion.

Enjoy the celebrations and have a wonderful, inspiring and above all - happy Brownie birthday."

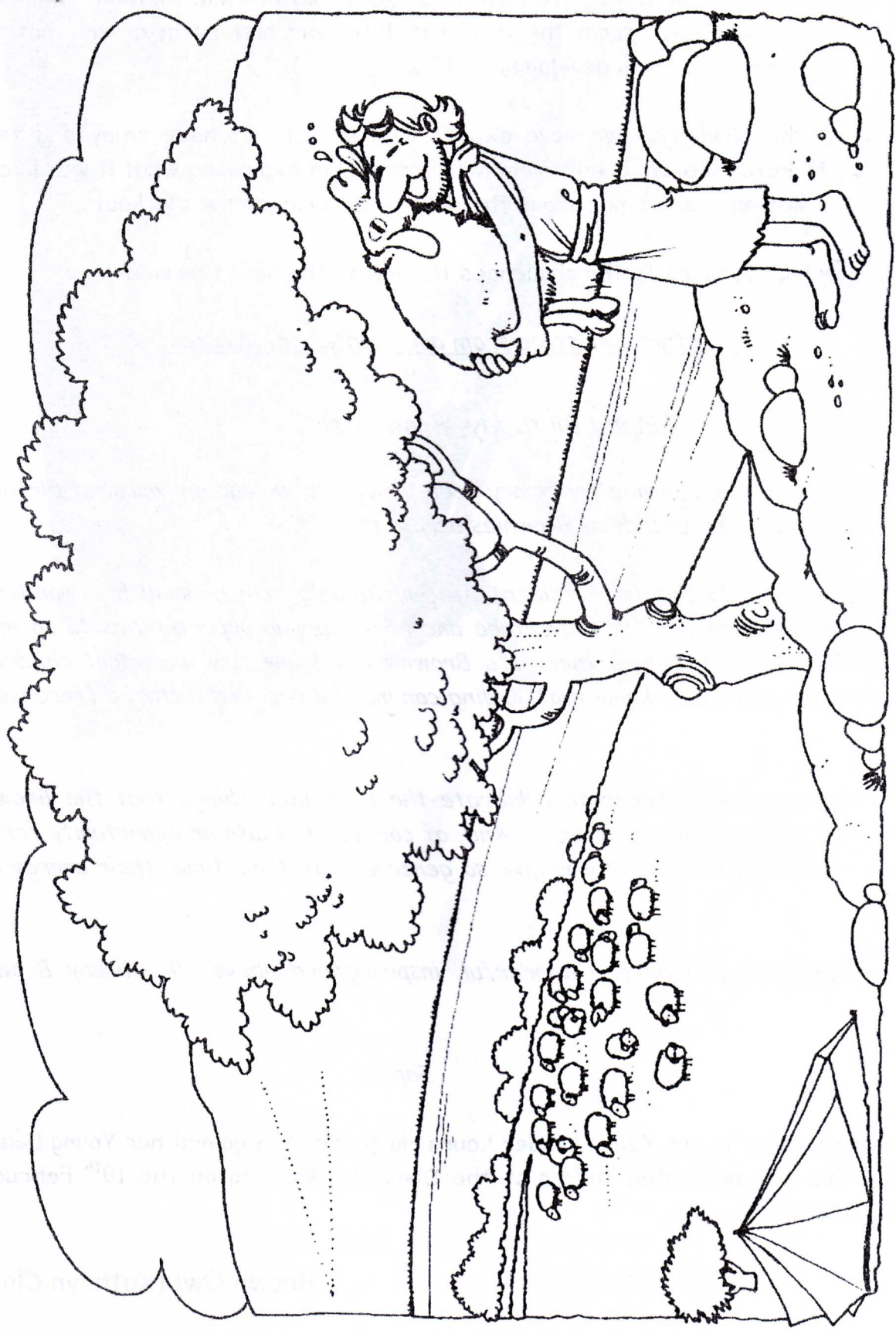
Sophie

Finally congratulations go to our Young Leader Laura Haigh who has gained her Young Leader Qualification. This was presented to her at the Divisional Meeting on the 19th February. WELL DONE LAURA!!!!

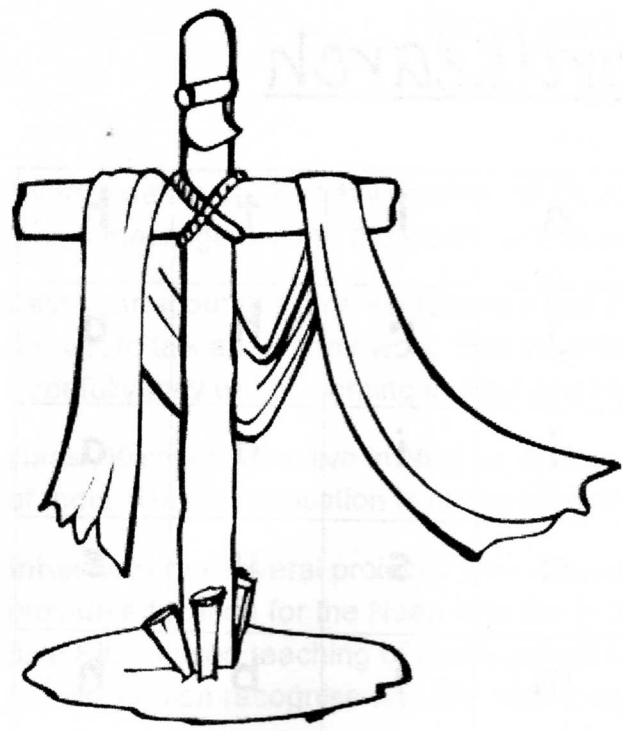
Brown Owl (Kathryn Clare)

Young Church Mag: colouring sheet

15 September 2013, the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity; Luke 15:1-10



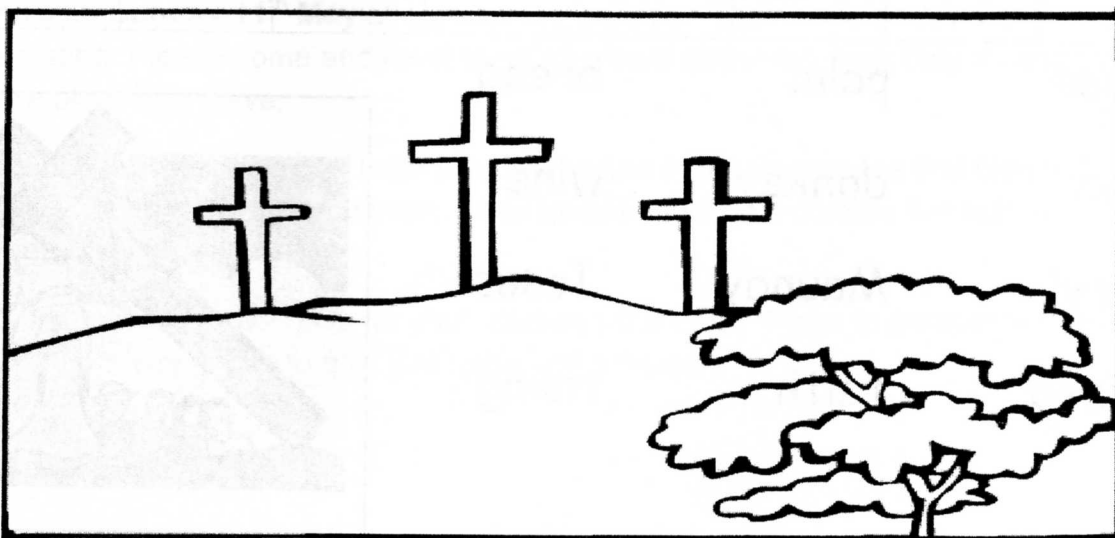
The shepherd and the sheep were very pleased to find each other!



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3 16

EASTER





Easter Wordsearch

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palm

bread

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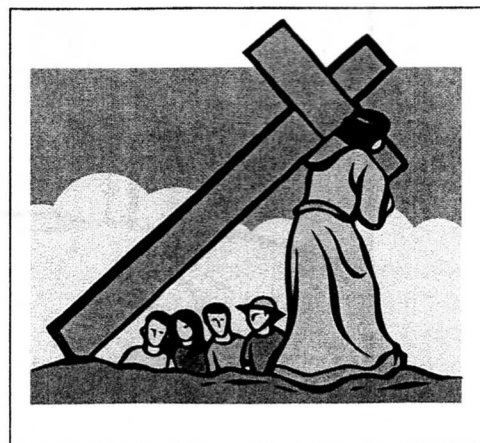
Maundy

Jesus

Raised

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rising



Hansi and Kath Jain.

Every week in our Sunday services at St. John's we pray for those who spread God's message around the world. One couple we pray for is Hansi and Kath Jain.

Last year about this time we reported that Kath, with her daughter Anu, was to visit the UK to talk about their work. Due to travel difficulties this was not possible but hopefully they will be coming in April and May this year.

Hansi, Kath and Anu live in Nagpur, a city situated in the centre of the sub-continent of India. Their organisation is called **Inheritors**.

Inheritors run several projects. One is a school, Emmanuel School. This aims to provide education for the Naari who live in the slums of Nagpur. Another project is to give Bible based teaching of family values to people of all ages. The third project is to help women recognise and use their potential through teaching and training.

Hansi's work involves travelling extensively to teach at seminars and provide counselling. Recently he asked for prayers as he addressed parents at the International Children's Academy in Nagpur. None of these parents share his faith at present. From this has come another request for future seminars in the Sindhi community. Kath has been running the school and the office in Nagpur. Anu their daughter works for Inheritors now. They have a son, Sunny who is married to Sheetal and they are both doctors. Their son Shanay was born in May 2011 so Hansi and Kath have become grandparents since we last saw them at St. John's. Another baby is on the way.

Hansi and Kath value our prayers and we ask that you continue to pray for them as they strive to give God's Message to those they meet. Their organisation relies solely on donations from Christians around the world.

Hansi has visited St. John's many times and on the last two occasions Kath has accompanied him. The good news is that Kath and Anu hope to be with us at St. John's on **Sunday 11th May** at our morning service. Their work is varied and very interesting. Please come and meet them and learn about the work they do and the future plans they have.

As they serve the people of India they are secure in the knowledge that God will provide for them and protect them. Their Inheritors leaflets contain this text from Jeremiah 29 verse 11.

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

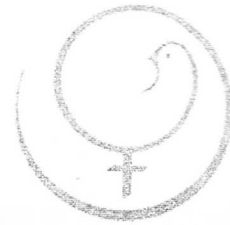
Marie Stuckey.



NEW I-PADS

We are pleased to announce that as well as funding the transport for the pantomime trip in December and contributing towards the cost of the tickets, we have been able to purchase four I-Pads and accessories for pupil use.

Adding to the existing I-Pads means that whole classes can use them together.



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Mosley Common C.E. Primary School

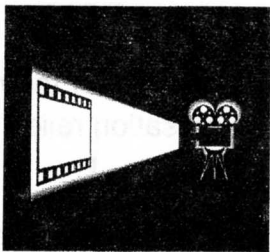
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RECENT FUNDRAISING

The after school discos have continued to be popular with the majority of pupils attending and we plan to continue to hold these at regular intervals with a theme where possible. The 'Wear Something Red' disco in February raised approximately £120!

Thanks to Mr Worrall and Mr McKenna for being the D.J.s!

The Christmas fare was held as usual at the end of November. Thank you to those that supported the event by sending in items for the bottle tombola etc. and of course for coming on the day.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY CINEMA

The Friends organised a community cinema in March for St. John's School. Hot dogs and popcorn were provided. It is hoped that this will become a regular feature in the social calendar!

Thank you for your continuing support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 31st 2014

Next Parents and Friends Meeting 6pm at school – please come along.

May 14th 2014

Lady's Pamper Evening (details to follow)

June 21st (Sat)

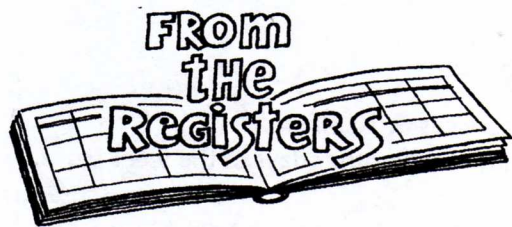
Village Fete (details to follow)

THE GIVING MACHINE

Please sign up to the website

www.thegivingmachine.com

and select 'St John's Mosley Common.' There are lots of stores that will donate to St John's if you simply shop via their site.



Baptisms

January 26th

Lucas James Whittle

February 23rd

Evan Taylor Roaden

Funerals

February 6th

David Wilkinson Tonge,
aged 64

Joan Fenney, aged 82

February 20th

Brenda Dodson, aged 85

March 5th

Eddie Taylor, aged 69

EDDIE TAYLOR

Where do I begin? Well when I saw our church packed to its limit, what a wonderful sight how proud Joan and Asa must have been.

One Sunday I brought some photographs of our garden and I showed them to Eddie and he said "Now that's what I call a garden!" Every time I saw Eddie he asked "How is Cliff?" I told him about a friend of mine who was now living in Australia - "How is your friend down under?" he would ask.

We will remember him and his big smile but I'm sure he will have plenty of friends up in heaven.

Bye for now Eddie,

Maundy Thursday

We're hosting a Maundy Thursday Supper at 7pm on 17th April. It'll be a bring and share buffet, run along the same lines as the one we held last year. The supper will include an informal Holy Communion. Members of all 3 churches in our Team Ministry are invited to come along

Ascension Day Service

There will be an Ascension Day service for our Team Ministry on Thursday 29th May. The time and venue will be publicised in our weekly church news sheet.

If you would like to write an article for the magazine, have recipes to share, would like to suggest any hymns to be explored or have any suggestions for articles that would interest you please do not hesitate to contact Sylvia or Andrea Taziker. Phone 01617995754 or email a.taziker@gmail.com. We would be most grateful!

Sunday Rotas

These rotas are for our usual Sunday morning services at 10.30a.m.

Volunteers are requested for services at other times of the day and on other days of the week

Sidesperson's Rota

April 6 th	Ann Haigh & Mavis Wright
April 13 th	Joan Taylor
April 20 th	David & Jean Kendrick
April 27 th	Jim & Jean Baker
May 4 th	Neville & Joan Owen
May 11 th	Edna Edwards, Karen Lawson & Janet Betts
May 18 th	Betty Hartley & Sybil Hall
May 25 th	Ann Hilton & Marion Blundell
June 1 st	Graham & Lilian Ridge

Church flowers continued.....

May 4 th	Ann Hilton in memory of Mary & Tom Woolley
May 11 th	Susan & Alan Howarth
My 18 th	Christine & David Barnes in memory Of Ann & Alf Barnes
May 25 th	Mike & Marie Stuckey
June 1 st	Betty Hartley & Lucie

Bible Readers

April 6 th	David Kendrick
April 13 th	Pam Hartley
April 20 th	Vic/Gladys Jackson
April 27 th	Carole Priestly
May 4 th	Mike/Marie Stuckey
May 11 th	Keith/Glennys Worthington
May 18 th	David Barnes
May 25 th	David Barnes
June 1 st	Ann Haigh

Intercessions

April 6th	Margaret Howarth
April 13th	Vic Jackson
April 20th	David Kendrick
April 27th	Graham Ridge
May 4th	Mike & Marie Stuckey
May 11th	Keith Worthington
May 18th	Sue Bloor
May 25th	Ann Haigh
June 1st	Nick & Adele Hardman

Coffee Rota

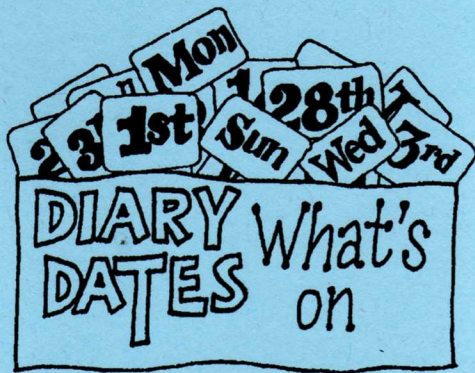
April 6 th	Sandra Phillips & Karen Lawson
April 13 th	Jean Bayliss & Annette Hewittson
April 20 th	Marion Blunell & Ann Hilton
April 27 th	Betty Hartley & Carole Priestley
May 4 th	Christine Barnes & Marie Stuckey
May 11 th	Ellen Fenwick & Diane Leakey
May 18 th	Sandra Phillips
May 25 th	Jean Bayliss & Annette Hewittson
June 1 st	Marian Blundell & Ann Hilton

Lay Assistants Rota

April 6th	Glennys Worthington & Keith Worthington
April 20th	Christine Barnes & Jim Baker
May 4th	Ann Haigh & Vic Jackson
May 18th	David Barnes & Nick Hardman
June 1st	David Kendrick & Marie Stuckey

Church Flowers

April 6 th	Olwen Hill
April 13 th	Karen & family in memory of Rena & Bill Anderson
April 20 th	Sylvia Taziker & Margaret Goddard
April 27 th	Mike & Marie Stuckey



Women's Fellowship

April 2 nd	Womens Fellowship
April 9 nd	Craft Evening
April 23 rd	Easter Story
April 30 th	No meeting
May 7 th	Womens Rally
May 14 th	Womens Fellowship
May 21 st	Speaker
May 28 th	Speaker
June 4 th	Meal

Monday Fellowship

At the Rowans at 1.45pm.
Last Monday of the month.

Wednesday Afternoon "Housegroup"

First Wednesday's in the month;
14th May at 2.30pm.

Services at the Rowans

Holy Communion services will take place in The Rowans at 1.45pm on:-
April 30th
May 28th

Parochial Church Council

St. John's P.C.C. will meet in the Church Lounge at 7.45pm on:-
19th May

Services

Sunday April 6th
10.30am Holy Communion +
Annual Meeting

Palm Sunday April 13th
10.30am Family Service

Maundy Thursday April 17th
7.00pm Meal + Holy Communion

Good Friday April 18th
10.30am Hour of Prayer

Easter Day Sunday April 20th
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday April 27th
10.30am Baptism Service

Sunday May 4th
10.30am Holy Communion + Prayer
for Healing

Sunday May 11th
10.30am Family Service

Sunday May 18th
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday May 25th
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Palm Sunday

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