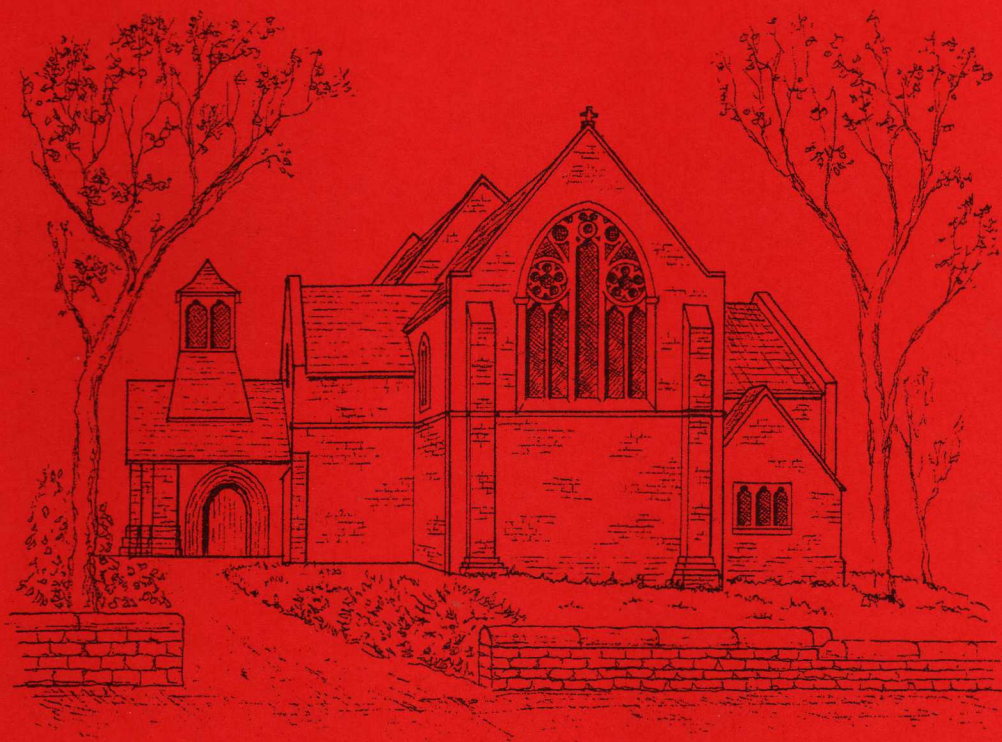


St. John's Church Mosley Common



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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 Information

Prayer Chain

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

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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

Toddler Group

This meets in the Church Lounge on Thursdays from 9.30am until 11.30am. The leader is Marcelle Cory.

Brownies

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

CYPEC

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)



Thanks

I've a number of thankyou's to give in this letter.

The first goes to everyone who responded to the "New Sign for St. John's" appeal launched back in September and mentioned in the last edition of the magazine. Our Church Council should get to know how much has been raised at its meeting just a few days after this edition of the magazine is published. However,

our Treasurer seems quietly confident that we've already raised enough to pay for at least one of our sign board options - we've a plan A and a plan B!

The second "thankyou" goes to everyone who responded to our "Put Yourself in the Picture" stewardship campaign. By the time this edition of the magazine is published the campaign will have ended and the PCC and I will be looking at the results and working out what to do next.

My third "thankyou" goes to everyone who helped me make our 10th annual firework display a good, safe and successful event. By all accounts it was the biggest and best yet! It was certainly the best attended we've had so far, so it seems to be growing in popularity.

It was actually one of several firework displays that I did this year. As well as ours, I did a small display for Christ Church Pennington and I was part of the crew for professional displays in the Midlands and, closer to home, at Leigh Rugby Union Club.

The good news is that I've still got all my fingers and toes. So, for me at least, it's been a safe firework season. Sadly that's not been the case everywhere. In our country fireworks are regulated by very strict laws. Every firework has safety rules and instructions on the label. The aim is for people to be able to enjoy fireworks and to keep themselves and everyone around them safe and out of harms way while doing so. Unfortunately there are people who fail to follow the rules and instructions. Hence avoidable accidents and injuries occur.

It's the same with life. But the rules and instructions aren't always followed. Hence avoidable incidents happen and things go wrong or don't turn out as well as they could do.

Christmas is a time for another "thankyou" as we remember God's role in all of this. We'll remember, as St. John wrote, that "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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world." (John 3:16 & 17) And also, as St. John recorded, Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) So we've a life to live and to enjoy and God has set out rules and instructions so that we can do that.

I'm pleased to see our Mosley Common firework display growing in popularity and being a safe, fun and enjoyable event. I'm glad to hear that, every year, more and more people are coming to it. If only people would come in similarly increasing numbers to church and to faith in Christ and thence find the way to have a safe, fun and enjoyable life!

Julian Hartley ~ Vicar

The PCC Secretary's Notebook

What a momentous year 2012 has been. So many wonderful events have taken place throughout the country. Some momentous events have also taken place within our own Church. Our 125th Anniversary celebrations, the Stewardship Campaign and the fund raising for the new Church signboard. It will be interesting to see how things unfold in the months to come. All these plans and hopes that need to be thought through, organised and brought together. The more money raised, the better the signboard can be. It appears it is not just the cost of the sign itself but other extras needed, such as anti graffiti coating for instance, and the cost of Planning Permission if required.

On the subject of bringing things together, in October my sister Joan and I together with some of our Church members went to St. Peter's Church in Swinton for the filming of the BBC Songs of Praise programme featuring Russell Watson. What an experience that was. At the start the congregation were instructed by the wonderful and enthusiastic Paul Leddington Wright who conducted the orchestra at the recently televised Big Sing at the Royal Albert Hall. We practised certain hymns and at times had to re-sing various verses and lines to make sure they sounded right, which included a lot of standing up and sitting down again. During the actual filming we were told to smile and look at him when singing. I told Joan that we had to do that. "Look at who?" she said. Unfortunately she couldn't see him from where she was sitting due to a big pillar in the way. "Well, sing at the pillar then" I said, which she obediently did.

Before the start of filming, some of our Church members (who included some of our music group) were asked to move and to sit in the choir stalls. Oh. I thought fame at last for our music group. That wasn't to be though, it was just done to leave a bit more room for the TV crew.

When the Sunday evening transmission came, the whole programme was so different. Russell Watson had miraculously appeared and even a small group of musicians. Camera angles from high up in the Church roof space, if you were quick enough, revealed Sue and Marie the size of a pair of pin heads. Oh and I caught a glimpse of Joan's right arm! So, the BBC did their own bit of bringing things together to make a successful programme.

Let us pray that our Church's own efforts can achieve the same thing and be just as successful.

Mavis - PCC Secretary



THE FOOD PAGE

A Christmas edition of the 'Food Page'! Hope you get a chance to try out some of these recipes for your special Christmas parties and dinners. I am in the middle of the big cake bake at the moment! Such fun! I love baking! Debating on goose!? Ah the joys of the season! Happy Christmas and good eating!

Andrea Taziker

Sweet Red Cabbage

- 2lb red cabbage
- 2 large cooking apples
- 2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 4 oz sultanas
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tbsp olive oil

Shred the cabbage. Peel, core and slice apples. Put the sliced cabbage and apples and the rest of the ingredients into a large casserole dish and cook/simmer slowly for about one hour, stirring halfway.

This is a great accompaniment to pork and goose! I had it for the first time with Venison at Oxford - with Roger Banister, a lovely man!

Chocolate Irish Cream

- 14fl oz double cream
- 14fl oz milk
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 4 oz milk chocolate
- 4 tbsp Irish whiskey

Whip the cream in a bowl until it holds its shape. Put milk into a milkpan and gradually whisk in the cocoa powder, break the chocolate into small pieces and add and heat gently. Stir until all chocolate has melted and bring to boil. Remove from heat and add the whipped cream and Irish whiskey stir gently until blended. Pour into heat proof glasses and serve at once! Serves 4.

A delicious way to end a relaxing Christmas evening!

Hasselback Potatoes

This Swedish dish takes its name from Hasselbacken, the Stockholm restaurant where it was first served. The potatoes are crispy on the outside and soft and fluffy on the inside and they look really cool!

- 4 baking potatoes
- 2 tbsp melted butter
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp Pecorino Romano cheese finely grated

Peel potatoes, cut in half length ways, place flat-side down on the chopping board and cut down very finely leaving bottom 1 cm intact. Place the potatoes flat side down onto a large roasting dish. Brush the melted butter over the potatoes and then pour the olive oil around over the base and around the potatoes. Bake in a Gas mark 5 oven for 35-40 mins, drizzle with butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper and grated cheese. Bake for another 20 mins until golden brown.

Pears Roman style

This is a simple dish loved by the Romans! I am sure Caesar Augustus would have eaten this with great relish!

Take 6 soft pears and stand them upright and snugly in an ovenproof dish. Bake for 30mins Gas Mark 6. Remove from the oven and pour $\frac{3}{4}$ pint of red wine over the pears and sprinkle them with 4oz caster sugar. Bake for another 20mins the wine and sugar will thicken and make a delicious sauce. Serve warm or chilled with double cream. Yum!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 2nd December

6.30 p.m. TEAM ADVENT
CAROLS AT ST. STEPHEN'S
CHURCH, ASTLEY

Sunday 9th December

10.30 a.m. CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 23rd December

10.30 a.m. NATIVITY SERVICE

6.30 p.m. CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Eve

11.30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Christmas Day

10.30 a.m.

FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION

MOSLEY COMMON COMMUNITY GROUP

CAROLS ON THE COMMON

To be held around the Pit Wheel on
the Common

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER, 2012 at

~~6.30p.m.~~ 6-00p.m

Accompanied by the

**BOOTHSTOWN & ELLENBROOK BRASS BAND
and**

children's choirs from our local schools

Afterwards everyone is invited to join us in St. John's School Hall for mince pies and a glass of mulled wine for adults and a glass of fruit drink and gingerbread biscuits for the children.

*In case of very bad weather the whole event will be held
in the school hall.*

*PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP TO MAKE THIS A REAL
COMMUNITY EVENT AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.*

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME!



The Children's Society was founded in 1881 by a Sunday School teacher, Edward Rudolf, who was horrified when he found some of the children attending his Sunday School classes were begging for food on the streets. He wanted the Church of England to be at the forefront of social action for such children. Initially this involved the setting up of children's homes around the country supported by parishes and individuals which were small family groups well integrated into their local communities. It also became one of the largest adoption agencies in the country. From the 1970's however the Children's Society moved away from this type of action and into supporting young people and families to help themselves. Day Care Centres and Family Centres were set up around the country, toy libraries were opened, adult education provided and community and development teams involving local people were organised to give people a voice and input into local problems. In the 1990's the Society started a more proactive role involving campaigning for changes in the law to better protect young people and in various projects to support and empower them. One of these projects, 'Safe in the City', is supported by our church.

Safe in the City Manchester has been running for about 16 years now and supports about 2000 children a year working with vulnerable children many of whom are runaways and living on the streets. 100,000 children runaway each year in the UK, a horrific number. Nobody is ever turned away from Safe in the City and children are given the hope and confidence they need to face their futures with optimism. This ties in perfectly with the Children's Society core values of love, justice and forgiveness. We have over the years supported them by providing them with toiletries such as soap and shampoo, bubble bath and hair bobbles, all the items young people living rough and with nothing would long for.

For 40 years the Children's Society Christingle has been a key part of the joyous celebration of Christmas and has raised essential funds to support the work of the Society. Our 'Smartie tube collection' goes to support the excellent work of the Children's Society in general but at our Christingle service on the 9th December we are asking people to donate a few 'smellies', something a young person would be happy to receive and to bring them to church on that day. The service will be a celebration of the love of Christmas and of the hope and promise of our children and young people for the future. We will, of course, have the oranges and the candles and the fruit, made by the young people, hopefully with no cocktail stick accidents! But we will also as the Wise Men did bring our gifts to offer so that the hope of Christmas is rekindled in the young people who receive them. I hope to see you there!



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday, 9th December, 10.30 a.m.

This is the Service during which we will be returning our Smartie Tubes which we gave to everyone at Easter asking you to eat the contents and then over the following months, up until now, to fill them with coins which will be sent to the Children's Society together with any donations you may wish to make.

At the Christingle Service this year we shall be having a member of the Children's Society 'Safe in the City' Team from Manchester coming to talk to us about the work they do.

Christingle Oranges will be given out and the Sunday School Children and the Brownies will also be taking part.

A prayer for The Children's Society

When the disciples said "No,"
"Be quiet", "Don't disturb!",
you said "Come little ones"
and they came,
knowing they were precious, welcome, safe and loved.
Lord Jesus, thank you for the work of The Children's Society
who help us remember your heart for every child
is home for the runaway,
rest for the carer,
family for the cared-for,
provision for the disadvantaged
and a full future for the disabled.
May you guide their policies,
bless their finances
and strengthen their voice
until we all protect and value every child. Amen



Christingle

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

There are many beautiful hymns and songs for Christmas. Some are gentle and contemplative, some rousing and belting out. In our familiarity we often miss the beautiful poetry and faith of the words that we are singing. I am sure that everybody has their favourite phrases so here are a selection of inspiring Christmas words from popular carols;

"He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;"

"Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart."

"King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign."

"God with man is now residing;"

"Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me for ever and love me I pray."

"The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing"

"Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings"

"He the source and He the end!
Let the organ thunder,"

"While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love."

"Joy to the World, the Lord is come!"

"Christians, awake, salute the happy morn"

"Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace"



BONGS

Let me tell you a little about Tyldesley
known locally as Bongs.

We have our own little theatre,
a Prize Brass Band and
Bram Taylors famous songs.

We have many lovely old buildings the
library,

the churches, the town hall.

We have a thriving school of dance
we can really enjoy it all.

We have a shiny new swimming baths
enjoyed by young and old.

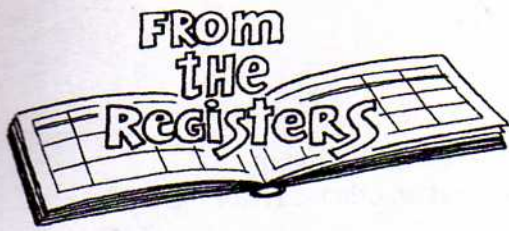
We also enjoy exotic cuisine,
food from around the world.

There's a lot going on in Tyldesley ,
a little place - but we are so proud.

The mines have gone, the cotton mills
too,

but Bongs remains close to me and you.

Margaret Howarth



Baptisms

September 30th
Nichole Cowell
Ellis Hillyard
Lilly Howells
George Robinson

October 28th
Emily Dolan
Rebecca Egar
Charlie Robinson-Smith

Funerals

September 24th
Mary Grundy, aged 91

October 5th
Eric Jones, aged 90

October 10th
Margaret Byram, aged 99

United Benefice of Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common

Weekend Away at Scargill House

Making the Best of our Gifts

3rd – 5th May 2013

After the successful weekend at Scargill House in the Yorkshire Dales in May of this year it was decided to have a repeat visit in 2013. The pattern will be similar to this year with teaching input from the Scargill Community, time to worship together and free time to explore the local area. The theme will be 'Making the Best of Our Gifts', as we celebrate being part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12).

The weekend will begin at teatime on Friday 3rd May and finish after lunch on Sunday 5th May.

The cost for the whole weekend will be **£118** per adult full board with reduced rates for children depending on their age (0-4 **Free** 5-7 **70% off**, 8-11 **50% off**, 12-16 **30% off**). To secure a booking a deposit of £15 per adult is needed please with the balance payable by the end of March 2013

A number of single rooms are available. There are also some en-suite rooms at a cost of **£10 extra** per person per night.

If you need to know more or to book please speak to Diane Leakey (0161 703 8076)

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.

Sideserson's Rota

Dec 2 nd	Ann Haigh & Mavis Wright
Dec 9 th	Ann Hilton & Marion Blundell
Dec 16 th	Jean & David Kendrick
Dec 23 rd	Sylvia Taziker & Sue Bloor
Dec 30 th	Lilian & Graham Ridge
Jan 7 th	Marjorie Owen & Janette Lee Taylor
Jan 14 th	Joan & Eddie Taylor
Jan 21 st	Sybil Hall & Betty Hartley
Jan 28 th	Joan & Neville Owen
Feb 4 th	Jean & Jim Baker
Feb 11 th	Edna Elliot & Karen Lawson

Coffee Rota

Dec 2 nd	Sandra Phillips & Karen Lawson
Dec 9 th	Jean Bayliss & Annette Hewittson
Dec 16 th	Marian Blundell & Ann Hilton
Dec 23 rd	Betty Hartley & Carole Priestley
Dec 30 th	Christine Barnes & Marie Stuckey
Jan 7 th	Ellen Fenwick & Diane Leakey
Jan 14 th	Sandra Phillips & Karen Lawson
Jan 21 st	Jean Bayliss & Annette Hewittson
Jan 28 th	Marian Blundell & Ann Hilton
Feb 4 th	Betty Hartley & Carol Priestley

Bible Readers

Dec 2 nd	Vic/Gladys Jackson
Dec 9 th	Carole Priestley
Dec 16 th	Mike/Marie Stuckey
Dec 23 rd	Keith/Glennys Worthington
Dec 30 th	Peter Leakey
Jan 7 th	Jim Baker
Jan 14 th	David Barnes
Jan 21 st	Ann Haigh
Jan 28 th	Adele Hardman
Feb 4 th	Nick Hardman

Church Flowers

Dec 2 nd	Maureen Knox & David Tongu memory of Connie & Percy To
Dec 9 th	Susan & Alan Howarth
Dec 16 th	Mavis & Joan in memory of th parents
Dec 23 rd	Marjorie Owen
Dec 30 th	- vacant -
Jan 6 th	Carole Priestley in memory of parents
Jan 13 th	Betty Hartley in memory of he mother
Jan 20 th	Ann Hilton in memory of Roy
Jan 27 th	Women's Fellowship
Feb 3 rd	Jean Mills & Ruth Valentine

Intercessions

Oct 7 th	Mike & Marie Stuckey
Oct 14 th	Keith Worthington
Oct 21 st	Sue Bloor
Oct 28 th	Ann Haigh
Nov 4 th	Nick & Adele Hardman
Nov 11 th	Margaret Howarth
Nov 18 th	Vic Jackson
Nov 25 th	David Kendrick
Dec 2 nd	Mike & Marie Stuckey

Lay Assistants Rota

Oct 7 th	Jim Baker & Keith Worthington
Oct 21 st	Christine Barnes & David Barn
Nov 4 th	Ann Haigh & Vic Jackson
Nov 18 th	Nick Hardman & Gladys Jacksc
Dec 2 nd	David Kendrick & Peter Leakey



Women's Fellowship

Dec 5th Christmas Crafts
 Dec 12th Christmas Party
 Dec 19th Christmas Story

Women's Fellowship breaks up on the 19th Dec until Feb 2013.

Monday Fellowship

At the Rowans.
 Dec 10th, Jan 14th; 1.45pm

Wednesday Afternoon "Housegroup"

Wednesday's 2.30pm; Dec 12th.
 Wednesday Housegroup will then break up until February

Parochial Church Council

St. John's P.C.C. will meet on at 7.45pm in the Church Lounge.

Services at the Rowans

Holy Communion services will take place in The Rowans at 1.45pm on:-
 Monday December 10th
 Monday January 7th

Magazine Deadline

January 6th 2013

Services

Advent Sunday December 2nd
 10.30am Holy Communion + Prayer for Healing

Sunday December 9th
 10.30am Christingle Service

Sunday December 16th
 10.30am Baptism Service

Sunday December 23rd
 10.30am Nativity Service
 6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve
 11.30pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day
 10.30am Family Holy Communion

Sunday December 30th
 10.30am Morning Worship

Sunday January 6th
 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday January 13th
 10.30am Family Service

Sunday January 20th
 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday January 27th
 10.30am Baptism Service

Sunday February 3rd
 10.30am Holy Communion

Team Service

Advent Sunday December 2nd

6.30pm Advent Carols at St. Stephen's Church