



We welcome the family and friends of Ted Jim Heasley who will be baptised this morning at St James'

ONE VOICE

GLOBAL POVERTY PRAYER WEEK 2010

For the last two weeks, we have been exploring a little of what Jesus teaches us about money. This has coincided with the **One Voice Global Poverty Prayer Week** which finishes today (Sunday March 7th).

The One Voice campaign is a Tearfund led initiative that aims to bring churches around the world together in a week of prayer and action focused on global poverty.

As part of the One Voice campaign there was a Day of Prayer in No.6 yesterday – thanks to all who organised it and participated in it, especially Christine Clark.

This Sunday we will also have an opportunity to take part in the One Voice campaign as we collect some of our unwanted clothes for the Mustard Tree at all of our services. These clothes which we no longer need will be put to good use by others. If you would like to contribute but have forgotten to bring your unwanted clothes with you then please contact Mike and Chris Clark on 0161445 1892.

One Voice could be summed up as encouraging everyone who is trying to follow Jesus to pray for change, and to be prepared to be the change that will help reduce global poverty. All of which feels like a good application for some of Jesus' teaching about money that we have explored in our recent Sunday services. How we will apply the rest of our Lent Teaching series remains to be discovered!

Love, Nick M

JOINING OUR CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The church electoral roll is being revised during the month of March. If you are not yet on the church electoral roll, you can sign up to join it from Sunday 7th to Sunday 28th March. Forms are available in both churches. People must be 16 or over and baptised, **and** must either live in the parish (please check boundaries) **or** have worshipped at St James' and Emmanuel for 6 months. Our APCM (Church AGM) is on Sunday 25 April and you need to be on the Electoral Roll in order to vote!

It would be helpful if people who are already on the roll and who have moved in the last year would send in a new form with your new address on it.

Even if you are not interested in voting, joining the Electoral Roll is a way of saying 'I belong to this part of the body of Christ'. If you have questions, contact our Electoral Roll Officer, Christine Sandiford (434 1343 or cksandiford@hotmail.com).

February 22nd - March 7th has been designated as Fairtrade Fortnight this year. To mark this, we invite you to do two things-

1. If you're at Emmanuel, have a look at the Traidcraft information display and learn a bit more of its history and its current aims.
 2. At both churches, whether or not you buy Traidcraft products regularly, please come and have a look at the stall. Traidcraft is currently campaigning to encourage the UK's biggest tea brands to switch to fairtrade, and there will be special offers on all Traidcraft tea. **WE'D LOVE IT IF EVERY FAMILY WERE TO BUY JUST ONE ITEM DURING THE FORTNIGHT!** You might even come back for more!
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PHOTOS - WANTED: YOUR FACES

"We are the Church" is the heading on our photogallery of church members - on display in each church building. Some of you are new and haven't yet been included. Some of you have grown up and look different from the little tots we have smiling out at us. It is time for a major revamp. We are attempting to do this on 5 Sundays during Lent (from 21 February to 28 March).

Please look out for the people with cameras at the end of each service - and let them capture you (and your name) for our display boards. If you miss them and want to send us a digital photo you already have, please contact Christine Sandiford (434 1343 or christine@sandiford.info) so you can be included.

Greening of St James Work Parties

Everyone is very welcome to help with maintain the work on the grounds at St James that we have done over the last couple of years. We are hoping that the grounds will look particularly good this year be entered for Didsbury in Bloom and Didsbury Open Gardens! So your help, whatever your age or gardening ability, would be very welcome. Come along to one, or all, of the following dates 20 March and 15 May. We will work from 10am till 12 noon & refreshments will be provided.

Latest on Jam Sales

We are delighted to report that up to the end of February 2010, £939.92 has been raised for the St James' Kitchen Fund from sales of jams, etc. So we are well on target for at least £1000 by Easter.

There is no sale this weekend at St James' but sales will start again on Sunday 14th March and take place on Sundays 21st and 28th March at St James'. There will be no sale on Easter Sunday.

As mentioned last week sales of jams, etc will take place at the Coffee Concert at Emmanuel on Saturday 20th March 2010. Thanks for continued support of these sales and the wonderful collections of glass jars you give us.

Diana and David Leitch

Celebrating Many Centuries of Ministry in Didsbury

I prepared a 'draft' version of a new publication entitled 'Celebrating Many Centuries of Ministry in Didsbury' in time for the Licensing, Induction and Commissioning of Nick Bundock on 31st January 2010 as the latest 'Minister' of 'Didsbury'. Since then a few long-term parishioners of St James' and Emmanuel (Stan Morris, Howard Gardener, Margaret Greaves, Sylvia Hillier, Sue Good, Margaret Arkell, John Gunstone, Monica Lee) and Bishop David Hallatt, one of our former Ministers, have been reading the draft for me and giving me a few amendments, for which I am very grateful. I am hoping that this publication will be ready for general release and sale by Easter. It contains a brief history of the church and mini biographies of all the known Ministers of 'Didsbury' from the reign of Queen Elizabeth I in 1563 to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I in 2010, who served at Didsbury Chapel, St James' Church, Emmanuel Church and the joint Parish of St James' and Emmanuel. Hopefully it gives a glimpse in to the life of the church in the community of Didsbury for over four centuries. Although our church's earliest records date back to 1236, prior to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I the names of ministers were rarely known. All proceeds from the sale of this publication will go to church funds.

Diana Leitch

NEXT SUNDAY – MOTHERING SUNDAY

Bring your Mum's with you to church. Daffodils will be distributed.

Didsbury Cof E Pta Wine Tasting:

Thursday 11 March 7.30pm onwards.
In conjunction with Reserve Wine Shop the Didsbury CofE Primary PTA are hosting a wine tasting night. Tickets available from the school or Karen MacMillan. £10 incl wine, bread, cheese, grapes.

Mr Peter Wilson

We are saddened to announce the death, on 18th February, of Peter Wilson. Peter was deputy head teacher of our church school from 1976 – 1991 and had given 15 years of devoted service to the school during times of great change.

New Wednesday Toddler Group – starting after Easter (13th April)

As the waiting list for our toddler groups is now over 50 we will be starting a new group & want to train leaders in 'See & Know'. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you can help.

We have been given 2 framed pictures by the father of one of our members, with the Lord's Prayer beautifully written in calligraphy, which he hopes will raise money for St James' kitchen fund. We would like to hang one in the church school and one in the Parish Centre and are inviting people to sponsor them to raise funds. Please contact Christine in the office if you would like to view/sponsor them.

Please Pray for:

- Andrew & Maureen Dyer following the death of Andrew's step-mother.
- The Lowe family (Chris & Karena) following the sudden death of Chris's father
- Ruth & Tony Higgs and family following the death of Tony's mother.
- Sylvia Bradley and her daughter Caroline in USA whose husband is very seriously ill.
- Rebekah MacDonald and her family, especially her mother who has been diagnosed with cancer
- Shirley Doss recovering at home from her hip replacement operation.
- Andy Hunter's mother having treatment for cancer.
- The Bealing family, especially Emily.
- Caroline Throup and Jo McKee, training for ordination.
- Anne Reddish (Ernest Camotta's daughter) David (Alison Whale's father).
- Chris Pitt (former leader of Parris Wood CU) living with leukaemia.
- Sam Elliott, Louise & Guy, Rod and Dolly Ashman; Jean McFarlane; Ernest Camotta, Trixie Appleby.
- Irene (Julie Throup's Mum) who is struggling with Arthritis in her spine.
- Helen Petty & Sarah Emmerson (glandular fever), both in L6, Parris Wood and Christian Union leaders.
- **Our Mission Links:**
- Martin, our mission partner working with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
- Keith and Joyce Wood with OMF in Watford
- Jenny Green, Joseph & Hannah in Kisoro, Uganda.
- Ann Lipson in Kimilili, Kenya.
- Jo Finlay in Kimilili in the post of Gap Co-ordinator for IcfEM.
- Mags Duggan in Malaysia for a month.
- Howie and Sally Pickering with God Squad
- Ron Finlay with PROTEM
- Sabine Stockton with Friends International, who was having operation on Friday 4 March, for her recovery & possible further treatment
- Sandra van Zuylen with Navigators



Danger
Smile Zone

This is a warning to the men of our church – beware of Siân...she is looking for men to get involved with youthwork. Think back to when you were in short trousers and remember the men who took time to kick a ball around with you, lead Bible studies, take abuse from you and generally be a good role model.

Now, it could be your turn! Currently, we have no men involved with our fantastic 15+ Deeper group, we will also be losing at least one Pathfinder (11-14) leader, and we have stopped our monthly Saturday morning football, due to lack of...you guessed it...MEN!

I promise you this is one of the most rewarding areas of church life, there's never a dull moment, so start thinking about what you have to offer and how much you could learn!

Yoof & Kids

Tuesday 9th - **Deeper (15+)** – 8-10pm in the Youth Room

Thursday 11th – **BUZZ (Yr 3-6)** - 6–7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Friday 12th – Youth Club – possible cinema trip to see Alice in Wonderland. Sian will facebook & text as soon as the times are known.

Coming up this half term – 'Experience Easter' – in Emmanuel and news of a Confirmation trip (for 14+) to Finland in July!!!

*Advance notice, especially for those who enjoyed Mamma Mia:
Sing-a-long High School Musical, Saturday, 8th May, 1-5pm at Ivy Manchester
Minimum donation of £3 on the door.*

Stamping your attendance cards (for Wedding, Baptism or School Admission)

The official stamps will be available at the end of the services.

We can only accept an official stamp on your attendance card as confirmation of your attendance.

Admission to Didsbury CE Primary School

The clergy in consultation with the school admissions committee would just like to remind parents/carers that separate stamp cards are required for both nursery and reception for those seeking entry under category 3 of the admissions policy. The same card cannot be used for both points of entry!

If you require an attendance card for any of the above please contact the Parish Office.