

# Happy Mothering Sunday



## 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 until 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](mailto:cksandiford@hotmail.com)).

## **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](mailto:christine@sandiford.info)) so you can be included.

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## **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 both, of the following dates, 20 March (next Saturday) and 15 May. We will work from 10am till 12 noon & refreshments will be provided.

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A Thank You to all who contributed to the Prayer Day last Saturday in No.6. To Roz, Anna & Susy from Platt Church for their creative and inspiring displays and to Chris & Mike Clarke for all their work in making a quiet and cocooned place for prayer and fellowship. It was good to be part of a community, both in Manchester and abroad in Africa and Haiti, in ongoing work.

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Mike Clarke thinks that very few people read this newsletter or act on what is in it. For the rest of March, or until funds run out, he will give £1 to anyone who asks him in church, for them to spend there and then at the Fairtrade stall. At St. James, see Hilary Lowe.

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## **Can you help with the flowers at St James?**

Our flower ladies are asking for new people to join the rota. You do not have to have had professional training. Please contact Sheila Burton, Sylvia Hillier, Betty Ashworth or the Parish Office if you would like to find out more.

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## **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. Jam will be on sale today and next Sunday, and 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

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## **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 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 will go to church funds. Diana Leitch

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## **St James and Emmanuel Parish Weekend 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July At Quinta Hall, Shropshire**

Information leaflets and booking forms in church next Sunday – look out for them!!!!

### ***Will you sponsor 'The Lord's Prayer' to raise funds for St James Kitchen?***

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:**

- Cat and Mike Arundale and family following the death of Cat's father.
- 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 16<sup>th</sup> - **Deeper (15+)** - 8-10pm in the Youth Room

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - **BUZZ (Yr 3-6)** - 6-7.30pm in the Parish Centre

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

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*Advance notice, especially for those who enjoyed Mamma Mia: Sing-a-long High School Musical, Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.