

**NEWS, NEWS AND MORE NEWS!!!****Youth Pastor**

I'm delighted to announce that John Smith has been appointed to the position of youth pastor here at St James & Emmanuel. John barely needs my introduction as he's known to so many within our church family already. John and Joy have been active and faithful volunteers within our youth and children's ministry for years and years and I couldn't be happier about his appointment. John cares passionately about young people and is looking forward to overseeing this vital role. John does not finish his work at the Christie Hospital until mid-September and so will not be formally joining us on staff until Monday 4th October. Please would you pray for John, Joy and the family at this time, particularly in view of his mother's funeral last Monday and all the changes and sadness that come with losing a loved-one.

Commissioning Service for John Smith and Joy Wright

John and Joy will be commissioned for their ministry at **6.15pm on Sunday 12th September** in Emmanuel church. I'm delighted that the Bishop of Bolton, Chris Edmondson, will be joining us for this and he will also be preaching and presiding at Holy Communion that evening as well. Joy will begin formally on the 13th September, with John joining us, as I say, at the start of October.

Ivy Manchester have decided to cancel their evening service on the 12th so that they can say a fond farewell to Joy and Jan Wright as they move from there to St James and Emmanuel.

Please do come along on the 12th and support our new staff members.

New Wine Training Partnership

I'm thrilled to announce that we now have seventeen students enrolled on the New Wine Training Partnership (NWTP), which is being hosted by us, but co-sponsored by Ivy Manchester and All Saints, Marple. Please pray for this learning community as they form and get to know one another. Please also pray for the Revd Phil Rawlings, their hub director.

We will be inviting all the students, and everyone involved in the course to be commissioned. This will also take place on Sunday 12th September at the evening service in Emmanuel. The 12th is shaping up to be a super occasion!

Team Vicar and Curate

We have now received several promising enquiries for the position of Team Vicar and also for the curacy in 2011. This could all develop quite rapidly over the next few weeks, so please pray for discernment and wisdom as we make these appointments.

St James' Re-ordering project

No news does not mean no action, quite the contrary. Very detailed plans are now with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), and while this can take some time to be ratified it nonetheless marks the 'end-game' in terms of the project as a whole. Please pray for our architect Ian Lucas, and our head of fabric, Paul Good, as we negotiate this major development in a very significant architectural treasure.

Sermon Series this term

Sunday the 5th September sees the start of our new sermon series this term on the Book of Acts. We'll be exploring the development of the early church from a number of angles and asking how this might inform and shape us today. Please pray for the preachers as they prepare, including a number of guest preachers. Service times, types and themes, together with the full listing of children's groups, can be found in the new Service Programme published this morning.

And finally...

Please don't forget that Sian's leaving lunch is **next Sunday** in Emmanuel after the morning service. It would be great to show Sian, Alice, Ed and Charlie our support. Please bring plenty of food. Also, it's not too late to give to the gift fund. I know how much I'm going to miss Sian, and I know you feel the same. So let's come together to give her a really great send-off next week.

With all this news I've barely had time to ask if you've had a good summer break, I trust you have, and look forward to swapping holiday news with you in due course.

God bless and take care

Nick B

DIDSBURY OPEN DOORS (formerly Heritage Weekend)

We would like to thank all the members of the congregation who have already volunteered to help over the Heritage weekend. If any others can help please do get in touch with Sue Good and Diana Leitch (0161 434 1975 or 0161 445 9461).

At the moment the urgent need is for cakes, biscuits, etc to serve as refreshments at Emmanuel on the Saturday and Sunday afternoon as we are expecting visitors from far and wide. Please let us know if you can help.

We hope you will all participate in the range of events which have been planned for the weekend and which are detailed below:-

This year's dates are Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September when various buildings of architectural importance will be open to the public. In addition, there will be a family self-guided booklet for sale and refreshments available at different points.

Didsbury C of E Primary School, the focal point for the weekend's activities, will be open on Saturday from 11.00 to 16.00 and Sunday from 13.00 to 17.00 with tours on both days at 14.00 and 15.00.

To coincide with the centenary of the Arts and Crafts building which fronts Elm Grove, the school will be holding an Edwardian Day on Friday 10th September and will be open to the public from 09.30 to 11.30 and 13.30 to 15.00, with school choir performances at 10.00 and 14.00.

In addition to the displays celebrating the school, there will be displays in the school hall to celebrate other centenaries in 2010. These are:

- The history of the school;
- The centenary of the Girl Guide movement;
- The centenary of Louis Paulhan's historic flight.

Other displays at the school are:

- Didsbury's railway, a photographic exhibition celebrating the station's past history and the coming of the Metrolink;
- 'Are you being served?' The history of some of the shops in Didsbury.

St James' Church will be open both days from 14.00 to 17.00. The bell tower will be open from 14.00 to 15.00.

Emmanuel Church will be open both days from 14.00 to 17.00, guided tours at 14.00, 15.00 and 16.00. See the famous William Morris window.

Monthly Parish Prayers

Get the new term off to a good start!
Wednesday 1st September
9 – 10am in the Parish Centre, Upper Hall.
All are welcome!

Safety in St James Churchyard

Whilst we are happy for children to play in the churchyard they must be strictly supervised by parents. Not only are there many potential hazards but also we wish to be respectful of our neighbours and of our gardens which volunteers have spent many hours making beautiful for our enjoyment.

“Celebrating Christ the Healer”

The Acorn Christian Healing Foundation
Manchester Cathedral
Saturday 4th September 2010-10am to 4pm
Including talks, workshops and liturgy led by
Revd Dr Russ Parker: Revd Andrew
Bradley, Revd Tony Butterworth, Revd
Canon Gilly Myers and Wellspring
Details from Revd Andrew Bradley
email: abradley@acornchristian.org
Tel: 0161 434 2087
Booking forms available in church.

Personal assistant required for a member of our church family - someone to help with domestic chores, shopping, meal preparation etc.
For more info including hours and pay, please contact Christine in the Parish Office.

Recycling furniture

Have you got any furniture you no longer need or are thinking of replacing? I know of a good home for it in the Longsite area. There is an asylum seeker who has been granted leave to remain in this country, but because she has not been able to work she has no money to furnish her flat. If you think you can help, please get in touch with me. Ann Hillier 0161 445 4263, annhillier@uwclub.net

Bill and Jean Aikman are about to celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary and would welcome your presence (no presents) to wish them well. They plan to have OPEN HOUSE on Sat 4th Sept at their home 21a Millgate Lane (445 5488)
Do come and wish them well – either for coffee at 11am or wine at 6pm.

StJ&Emm Men's Walking Weekend.

Lake District, 18/19 September 2010.
Contact: Ben Jones (445 8176) for booking and/or more details. Newcomers are most welcome.

Jam Update & Jars, Jars And More Jars

The jam sales takings for the St James' Kitchen Fund now stand at £2385.18. On Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September we will be selling preserves of all sorts at Emmanuel Church during the afternoon openings (14.00-17.00) there for 'Open Doors' Heritage days. All takings on those days to general church funds.

Please keep the glass jars coming. Since 1st October 2009 we have filled about 1800 jars with preserves so always need jars. Collection points at St James' Church, Parish Office and 11, Wingate Drive.
Diana and David Leitch

NEW CHURCH POSTCARDS AND GREETINGS CARDS

The new postcards and greetings cards depicting aspects of St James' and Emmanuel are now on sale to support church funds and publicise our churches. There are 5 postcard designs (2 of the exterior of St James, William Morris window, Mosley Memorial and St Ambrose's baptism entry from 1585) and 2 greetings cards designs (1 exterior of St James and William Morris window). Reasonably priced at 25p per postcard or 5 for £1.00 and 50p per greeting card or 5 for £2.00 we hope you will all support this new venture and tell your friends and neighbours. Do have a look at them.

Diana and David Leitch

David Hughes returns to Africa

David heads out to Kisoro tomorrow where he will be speaking at the Muhabura Diocesan Convention, catching up on developments at Potter's Village and visiting his Compassion sponsored child and his family.

On 8th September he heads off to Kimilili where he will be teaching leaders and spending time with Solomon Nabie, Ann Lipson, Jo Finlay and Jo Riley. He would value your prayers for the three week trip. Please pray for safety, good health, energy and God's presence and blessing on his people in Africa.

Please Pray for:

- The Smith family and firends following the death of John's mother, Doris.
- Julia Robertson's mother Pat receiving palliative treatment for cancer.
- The Lowe family.
- Beth Dickenson – for physical healing and spiritual strength.
- Cat and Mike Arundale.
- **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.
- Howie and Sally Pickering with God Squad
- Ron Finlay with PROTEM
- Sabine Stockton with Friends International,
- Sandra van Zuylen & Mags Duggan.with Navigators
- Simon Sullivan & Reflex Prison Ministry with The Message
- Debra Green with Redeeming our Communities
- Mbabazi Andrew & Turikumukiza Fred, ordinands with Bishop Cranmer in Uganda
- Caroline & Viktor Yevpak at Cherkasy, Ukraine
- Church Pastoral Aid Society
- New Wine
- Boaz Trust
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide
- Tearfund

Please pray for Jo Riley who goes to Kimilili on 1st September for 3 months

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.