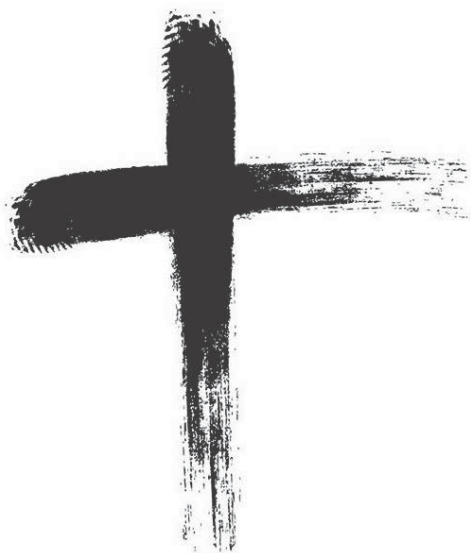


The Bulletin



FEBRUARY 2018

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF
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AND ST JOHN'S ADLINGTON

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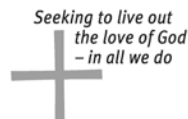
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If you would like further information on any of the events advertised in this month's bulletin, you'll find the contact details for all the local groups and organisations in The Rock. They all welcome new enquiries.

If you haven't had a copy of The Rock delivered, you may pick one up in church – it's still free!

Copydate for March

We'd like to include items of interest for all members of our congregations and village. Please send information to the Parish Office by 16 February and we'll do our best to fit it in. Pieces may be edited.



How we can help hope to beat hate

In a world full of turmoil it always seems to be the bad news that seems to win over the good news. So much so, that we can be left feeling that there is nothing much for us to hope for. Understandably that can lead us to anger and cynicism, but unfortunately that only adds to the weight of bad feelings in the world. So that in our awareness of the hate in the world we may be, quite without meaning to, adding to the weight of hate ourselves, instead of holding out for hope!

Whenever we may feel like that we need to remind ourselves that the media thrives on bad news, but that for every act of hate that we hear about there are a multitude of good deeds that don't make the news, the things that the poet Wordsworth described as: 'Those little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love'. We may have benefited from such acts ourselves in our time of greatest need. We may personally have performed such acts ourselves. But here in our own community there are people who are bringing hope to the hopeless on a much more organised scale.

They belong to the 39 churches of which we are part that make up 'Hope in North East Cheshire.' They work as Street Angels in late-night Macclesfield, protecting the vulnerable from harm. They provide safe night shelters in winter for the homeless in local churches. They welcome refugees who are friendless, host a drop-in centre and advice service for the young who are living on the margins, and organises a 'reach out and recover' programme for folks who are addicted or personally troubled. There's a food bank, a food kitchen, and the provision of basic necessities for the homeless and isolated. There's the Cre8 youth and community programme. The Hope Centre where anyone can get books, cards, gifts, or just a listening ear. All these activities contribute to the 'Hope' project.

Very different projects, but all run by our local churches, in the name of the God who loves and saves us. Bringing light out of darkness.

Projects like these prove that there is a huge reservoir of hope, not just hate, in the world. And they show that this light of hope can find its way into the darkest corners of life. As Leonard Cohen sang:

'There's a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in.'

Keith Ravenscroft – Lay Minister

in the parish

A reminder to us all that despite the wet and bitter weather, spring is on its way. The churchyard is beginning its beautiful cycle of bloom – new life, new season, new hope. These too are the days that the Lord has made...



St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

Sunday 4 February

2nd Sunday before Lent

Colossians 1: 15-20

John 1:1-14

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

11.00am Hospital Service

St Luke's Chapel, Macclesfield Hospital

Officiant Keith Ravenscroft

Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

11.00am Matins

St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate

Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm CoRe@4 Family Service

Church of the Resurrection

Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Outreach Hub Service on Homelessness

Norman Chapel

Officiants Kate Collins and Helen Howe

Preachers Kate Collins and Helen Howe

7.45pm New Sanctuary

St Peter's Rooms

Officiant Patrick Angier

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1: 1, 3b - 5

Sunday 11 February

Sunday next before Lent

2 Kings 2:1-12

Mark 9: 2-9

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

10.00am Family Service

St Peter's

Officiant Patrick Angier

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Pamela Hardman

Preacher Pamela Hardman

11.00am Family Service

St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate

Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm Drop In

The CoRe Community Hub, Upton Priory

Leader Andrea Fitton

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

6.00pm Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58: 1-12

John 8: 1-11

7.30pm Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

When they kept on questioning him, Jesus straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.'

John 8:7

Sunday 18 February

1st Sunday of Lent

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark 1:9-15

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

10.00am Holy Communion Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Sue Hawkins

Preacher Sue Hawkins

11.00am Holy Communion

St John's, Adlington

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

4.00pm Footie and Faith The CoRe Community Hub, Upton Priory

Leaders Andrea Fitton & 360 Sportz

6.00pm Choral Evensong Lent Sermon Series 1

St Peter's

Officiant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 1:10-11

Sunday 25 February

2nd Sunday of Lent

Romans 4: 13-end

Mark 8: 31-end

8.30am Holy Communion Norman Chapel

Celebrant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

10.00am Holy Communion with Baptism

St Peter's

Celebrant Patrick Angier
Preacher Michelle Goodrich

10.00am Holy Communion Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Stephen Callis
Preacher Stephen Callis

11.00am Morning Worship St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate
Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm Glitter and God The CoRe Community Hub, Upton Priory

Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Evensong Lent Sermon Series 2

St Peter's

Officiant Keith Ravenscroft
Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. Mark 8: 34b - 35

Sunday 4 March

3rd Sunday of Lent

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

8.30am Holy Communion Norman Chapel

Celebrant Patrick Angier
Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am Holy Communion St Peter's

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft
Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am Holy Communion Church of the Resurrection

Officiant Stephen Callis
Preacher Stephen Callis

11.00am Hospital Service St Luke's Chapel, Macclesfield Hospital

Officiant Michelle Goodrich
Preacher Michelle Goodrich

11.00am Morning Prayer St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate
Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm CoRe@4 Family Service

Church of the Resurrection
Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Evensong Lent Sermon Series 3

St Peter's

Officiant Avril Ravenscroft
Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

7.45pm New Sanctuary St Peter's Rooms

Officiant Patrick Angier

Jesus told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' John 2: 16

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

Midweek worship

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Wednesday

9.15am Morning Prayer
Church of the Resurrection
10.15am Holy Communion
Norman Chapel

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Saturday

9.00am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Methodist Church

Sunday 4 February

10.30am Own arrangements
6.45pm Mr S Oliver

Sunday 11 February

10.30am Mrs D Chesterman
6.45pm Rev H Byrne

Sunday 18 February

10.30am Rev S Bishop
6.45pm Mrs A Fielding

Sunday 25 February

10.30am Rev H Byrne
6.45pm Rev H Byrne (HC)



What's on

Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

On Ash Wednesday there will be two services of Holy Communion – at 10.15am in the Norman Chapel and at 7.30pm in church. Both these services will have the imposition of ashes – a symbolic acceptance of the start of a period of reflection and penitence – and only for those who would like it.



LENT COURSE: WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE? TUESDAYS FROM 20 JANUARY: 7.30PM

St Peter's Rooms

This year's Lent group is like a box set where it's too good to miss a single one! We'll gather first for some excellent soup, then watch a video, and then have time to discuss the thoughts and ideas we've been given.

These groups are always engaging and stimulating and everyone is warmly welcome. Please sign up so we know how much soup to make - sign up sheets are at the back of church.

CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES WEDNESDAYS 12.00-2.00PM

St Peter's Rooms

As in previous years we will be holding simple soup lunches on Wednesdays during Lent. These are very informal and present an opportunity to make new friends. They involve a simple meal together, time for getting to know each other better and some stimulating talks and discussions. A donation is usually given which goes towards the work of Christian Aid.



The first lunch will be at **12noon on Wednesday 21 February** in St Peter's Rooms. Subsequent lunch dates:

28 February and 7 March: St Peter's Rooms

14 March: Prestbury Methodist Church (NB change of venue)

21 and 28 March: St Peter's Rooms
Everyone is warmly welcome.

HOUSE GROUPS

If you would like to join others exploring faith in more depth, or just to find out what the groups are about, contact Avril Ravenscroft on 820041.



Legh Road and Thorne Close: No meetings in February and March (Lent). All House Group members are warmly invited to come to the Lent Groups (see previous page)

Northmead: Fridays 2 and 23 February (1.30pm)

PRESTBURY CHORAL SOCIETY SINGING DAY

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY:

Wilmslow United Reform Church,
Chapel Lane, Wilmslow SK9 1PR



Prestbury Choral Society invites you to its annual Singing Day – a rare opportunity to work on Bach's great Christmas Oratorio led by our Musical Director Simon Mercer. The day will culminate, as always, with an informal performance. For further details please see the website www.prestburychoral.uk or call the secretary on 262249. This promises to be an exhilarating day and a lot of fun. We expect it to be very popular and numbers are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

RECYCLE USED STAMPS AND INK-JET CARTRIDGES

Don't forget we are still collecting used stamps and ink-jet cartridges which we can sell to raise funds. Look out for the collection boxes in St Peter's Rooms or you can bring them into the Parish Office (open mornings only). **Please note we cannot recycle Epson, Kodak or any non-original brand cartridges**



WELCOME CARDS

If you're new to St Peter's do please fill in one of these cards, give it to a warden or minister, or pop it into the red post-box at the back of church. We'll be in touch!

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY: 8.00PM

The Vicarage

There couldn't be a gentler way to get to know the Bible better than by joining a small group of folk who are engaging with St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians at a very leisurely pace. No commentaries allowed, no prior knowledge required – just curiosity and a desire to listen to what God may be revealing to us. All are warmly welcome.

ACTION FOR THE HOMELESS



This year the world and home outreach hub is focusing on those who don't have a safe place to call home, and our first event on this theme is a special evening service at 6 pm on Sunday 4 February to reflect on the problems facing the homeless here in the UK. Please join us to think and pray about this issue.

We will also be collecting in church some items needed by the Booth Centre in Manchester who provide advice and support for homeless people. Look out for our box at the back of church throughout February, and please donate any of the following: socks, hats and gloves, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors and shaving foam, women's sanitary products.

FLOWER ROTA

- 4 Feb: Rita Young
- 11 Feb: Margaret Thompson
- 18 Feb: Lent
- 25 Feb: Lent
- 4 March: Lent



SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS

SUNDAYS: 20 MAY – 30 SEPTEMBER

St Peter's Rooms

Bookings are now open for Sunday Teas in 2018 and several requests have already been made. If your organisation wishes to fundraise, or if you are fundraising for a charity, please contact Nick Harrison on 423926 or email nicolasaharrison@gmail.com

THE BULLETIN BY E-MAIL

The Bulletin is available to receive each month by email. If you would like to use this facility please send an email to

news@stpetersprestbury.org.uk

You can opt out at any time and we won't share your details with anyone!

PRAM SERVICE

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY: 10.15AM

A perfect introduction to worship for babies and pre-school children, and a way for mums to get to know each other. We meet in church at 10.15am twice a month on the second and fourth Thursdays (term time only) for songs, a story, a prayer – and coffee and biscuits in St Peter's Rooms afterwards. Talk to Bev for more information or call the Parish Office on 827625



MOTHERS' UNION
MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY: 2.00PM
St Peter's Rooms



Margaret Tate will lead our February meeting.

New members are always welcome to join this thriving and friendly group. Please ask Anne Stirling if you would like to know more details about Mothers' Union membership and the Prestbury Branch.

AFTERNOON TEA
MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY: 2.30PM
St Peter's Rooms



This month we are having a "SHOW & TELL!" Do come and see what this is all about. Tea, cakes and raffle as usual.

Everybody is always very welcome at our regular teas, those from both inside and outside the village, churchgoers or not. It's a good place to meet up with old friends or make some new ones. If you are a regular why not bring a neighbour or friend who hasn't been before!

*Seeking to live out
the love of God
– in all we do*



