



To be Jesus centred,
God dependent,
missionary disciples



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Being church in a
variety of ways



Church e-Bulletin 12th June 2022

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DIARY

Upcoming Services:

Tue 14 June: 10.15am Morning Worship. John 16:12-15.

Sun 19 June: 10.30am Morning Worship. 'Pandemic
Reflection 1: Time & Hospitality
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. 1Peter 4:7-11
10.30am Prayer, praise and fellowship.
Overslade Community Centre.

Events this Week:

Mon 13 June: 1.00pm Mothers Union. Church Centre.

Tues 14 June 11.00am Connexions in church. Activities & Games.
1.30pm 'Learn English' free classes in church.

Wed 15 June 9.15am Coffee Break in Church Centre.

Thurs 16 June 1.45pm Thursday Fellowship Church Centre.

GOD DEPENDENT

September 2022 Pop-Up Groups: This September we are pausing our Connect Groups until half term and inviting everyone to join a 6-week Pop-Up group. These fixed length groups will give everyone a chance to explore a particular subject that interests them, meet some new people, and give those who are not currently in a small group the opportunity to try something out.

Anyone can offer to lead a group on a subject that interests them (providing it is at some level about living as a follower of Jesus!). Those options will be then made available from July for people to sign up to. Any group that gets enough people to be viable will run from the week commencing 12th September until the week commencing 17th October.

Forms to propose a group that you would like to lead can be found at the back of church. Please return them to Alan Hulme by 3rd July latest. The full list of groups to sign up to will be available from 9th July.

Groups offered so far include:

- Encounter Prayer
- Mini Alpha - exploring the Christian Faith
- Living in Love and Faith - exploring sexuality
- The Difference Course – following Jesus in a conflicted world
- Eco Issues & Sustainability
- The Sanctuary Course - exploring mental health

Bible CDs: We have been given a set of CDs with the entire bible spoken on them. Perfect for anyone struggling to read or with poor eyesight. Ask the office if you would like them.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Foodbank: Urgently needed this week: tinned meat, tinned fish, cream crackers. They are running low on tinned fruit and UHT milk. See the foodbank app for latest details. This year, usage is up 30% and donations down 18%. Can you help?

CHURCH FAMILY

Ian Sweeney Ordination: Ian will be ordained Deacon to service his curacy in this parish in Coventry Cathedral at 4pm on Sunday 3rd July. If you are able to go to support Ian, please be seated by 3.30pm.

That evening, we will welcome Ian to the parish with a **Cheese & Wine reception** between 7.30 & 8.30pm. Please come along to give him a good welcome.

If you are a regular giver: please will you check the church pigeonholes for a thank you letter detailing the total donations received for the tax year 2021-2022 & the amount of tax claimed, if applicable.

Funeral: The funeral for Revd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, vicar of St Margaret's Church in Prestwich and wife of Andrew Pickles, will be at 11am on Monday June 27th June at St Margaret's Prestwich. Please continue to pray for Andrew and Deborah's wider family as they come to terms with her death.

Platinum Jubilee Memorabilia: We have some left-over prizes from the Fete which we are selling on. If you would like to buy them, contact Jane Hulme 01788 330442. Please note, we are selling in the bulk quantities stated, not in small numbers.

- 44 Snap on Union Flag bracelets £15
- 52 Hi Bounce Balls £10
- 21 Pencils £5
- 55 Memo pads £15

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

Side Hall Refurbishment:

- Good progress is being made and we are ahead of schedule.
- Thank you to everyone who helped on Friday evening to get the church ready for today. Contact Chris Haistead cshaistead2@gmail.com if you can help on a coming Friday.
- After Refreshments today, we need people to set the church up ready for Connexions.

PRAYER POINTS FOR W/C MONDAY 13th JUNE:

1. Give thanks for the new people whom God is bringing through our doors during the week.
2. For our growth as a church community in faith and in thankfulness.
3. For the building works in the side hall taking place over the next few weeks; for the contractors working there, for safety and for wisdom in the decisions that need taking.
4. For Ian as he starts to prepare for his ordination on Sunday July 3rd

JUST FOR FUN



Yes, we know it is probably a Dean, but the caption was too funny to miss!

Church Office: The church office at 1a New Street is open from 9.30am - 1.30pm Mon - Thursday. To keep office staff safe, we are still asking visitors to remain in the foyer and not enter the offices.

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Missed Something?: We try not to repeat too much in the e-bulletins, so if you missed a week, pick up last week's sheet too.