

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**They saw where he lived and stayed with him.**



What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the ordinary season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus' life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: Come and see. This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying "Speak, Lord; your servant is listening." The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.* We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i>		
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 185; <b>Readings:</b> page 188; <b>Preface:</b> at priest's choice		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 6pm Churches in Tonge Moor Service for Christian Unity Week (St Andrew's) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Dylan Crosby, Pat Hall, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Bernard Neyland, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Mrs Dennehey, Olivia Crupi, Harold Clegg, Pat Barnes, Doreen Eckersall, Michael Kennedy, Shirley Bird, Brian Dumbell, Arthur Dewhurst, Mrs Rothwell, Kathleen Hopwood, Rosemarie Perry, Barry Hutchinson,</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Bernard Burke, Frank Kilfoyle, William Hurst, Cynthia Winstanley, Veronica &amp; Doug Sweetland</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Michael Axford (Birthday Remembrance), Bernard Burke, Frank Kilfoyle, In honour of Our Lady, Grateful thanks to St Anthony, St Jude &amp; the Sacred Heart, Mrs Dennehey (USA), Vera &amp; Fred Boatfield, John McCormick, Olivia Crupi, Harold Clegg, John &amp; Mary Carter, James &amp; Mary Mathen, Carter &amp; Mathen family &amp; friends, Doreen Eckersall, Cynthia Winstanley Pat Barnes, William Hurst, Joyce Knight, Veronica &amp; Doug Sweetland</p> <p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed</p>
<i>Peace Day</i>		
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Service for Christian Unity Week (Christ's Church) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
<i>St Agnes</i>		
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB) - Listening	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	11am Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
<i>St Francis de Sales</i>		
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 7.30pm Holocaust Concert with the Brixi Singers (St Osmund's Church, Brightmet)	
<p><b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</i></p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p><b>Gift Aid:</b> <i>If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks</i></p>		

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**Peace Sunday:** *Slavery and its ending* is the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer for Peace in England and Wales this Sunday. Pope Francis chose the title, *Slaves no more, but brothers and sisters*. At the Last Supper Jesus told his disciples, 'I call you not servants but friends' and in the Letter to the Ephesians Paul speaks of a similar transformation for his Gentile readers: 'So you are no longer aliens or foreign visitors; you are fellow-citizens with the holy people of God and part of God's household'. We pray also for the ongoing work of Pax Christi, who work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

**Congratulations:** To Seth Peter Longworth who was baptised at St John's last Saturday and Evelyn May Woodcock who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that both they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

### **Salford Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage 31 July - 6 August**

**2015:** A number of parishioners have asked about the possibility of organising a 3 Parish group to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, this year led by our new Bishop the Rt. Rev. John Arnold. Teresa and I are intending to go anyway and would be only too pleased to organise a group booking if others are interested.

The Pilgrimage runs from 31 July – 6 August 2015 (6 nights) travelling by air from either Manchester or Liverpool and will be organised by Joe Walsh Tours in Manchester.

There are fewer hotels offered for selection this year than in previous years and having checked on line I would suggest that the Hotel Astoria Vatican offers good value. It scores highest on Trip Advisor and is the cheapest price. It states that the Hotel is slightly further from the Domain (300 metres as opposed to the 80 metres from the Hotel Irlande where we have previously stayed). This doesn't seem too much further to negotiate but should, perhaps, be considered if you have walking difficulties. We would hope to get wheelchair assistance if so required.

The price is £629 with an additional £26 if you take out the company insurance. Those requiring a single room however would need to pay an additional £150 and bearing this in mind it would be sensible to consider the possibility of joining in with friends in either a twin or triple room.

For booking purposes and in order to keep our proposed group together in the accommodation of our choice, I would be grateful if you could let me know your wishes as soon as possible. If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage, please contact me on 01204 531197 or by email at [terencesmith4@virginmedia.com](mailto:terencesmith4@virginmedia.com) or Teresa on 01204 305832 or by email at [teresataylor1@virginmedia.com](mailto:teresataylor1@virginmedia.com). *Terry Smith.*

**St John's Christmas Draw:** Thank you to all the people who sold and purchased tickets and those who donated vouchers as prizes. The total raised was a fantastic £1,005!

**Appeal:** St Brendan's Church requires Eucharistic Ministers to help either in Church or taking Communion out to the housebound. If you are interested please see Peter Carolan or contact us at the Parish Office (301927) email: [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**Ceilidh:** The CAFOD group are organising a Ceilidh on the 8 May 2015 at Walmsley Parish Hall. Please save the date and come along and enjoy! Further details will be available in due course.



**Theatre lovers:** *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* is coming to the Lowry Theatre in April from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th (it was a Book Club choice some years ago). If enough people are interested I will do a group booking. There are only six performances altogether and just two are matinees (Thursday 16 April & Saturday 18 April at 2pm). The prices for stall seats range from £13.50 to £19 but with a group discount it will be much less. Whichever day is the most popular I will book. If you are interested please ring me, 01204 303505. *Madeleine*

**Red Mission Boxes:** St John's require a new Treasurer who will bank the money from the Mission Box collections. Also needed is a collector for the Egerton area (there are five or six boxes to be collected quarterly). Both are needed as soon as possible. Please telephone Margaret O'Kane (592348). Thank you.



**St John's Church Cleaning:** Thank you to all who currently help clean at St John's Church. With a view to the future, i.e. the Patmos Room extension, it may be a good opportunity to revise the current list of volunteers by having a quick get together to discuss future rotas. Perhaps we could change the way we work by looking at larger teams to reduce the time, or choose a day to clean? More importantly, there's always an opportunity to come together afterwards for a cup of coffee and a chat! There will be a quick meeting after the 9.15am Mass this Sunday (18 January) in the Patmos Room for existing volunteers, and indeed, anyone who would be willing to come along and help in the future.

### **Think Vocation**

"Speak Lord, your servant is listening". In order to discern what the Lord is calling us to do with our lives, we need to listen. Today there are so many voices calling out with conflicting messages, Let us ensure we create time of stillness for prayer each day to hear Christ's voice clearly directing us.

### **Marriage Matters**

[www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

### **Welcomed in His name**

When Andrew and Simon Peter met Jesus, they asked Him: "Rabbi, where do you live?" He said: "Come and see." They went, and stayed for the rest of the day. Did Mary, His mother, return to find strangers in her house and welcome and serve them in her Son's name? Do we welcome and serve one another in His name?

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