

Notices (continued):

Organ: As you know the organ is currently out of action as the blower needs repairing. This will cost £3,780 to do. There is a box at the back of the church for any donations you might like to make towards this cost. Please do gift aid your donation if you can. Thank you.

Used stamps: Don't throw them away as they can raise money for the Leprosy Mission. Please place any of your used stamps in the box at the back of church. Please would you cut them off envelopes, leaving a very small margin around each stamp.

HOST is an organisation whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend.

Please consider becoming one of their volunteer hosts. HOST operates all year round and would very much welcome you to join in offering hospitality. More information can be found on their

- website: www.hostuk.org
- Email: info@hostuk.org
- Telephone: **020 7739 6292**

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Welcome to St Matthew's Sunday 10th February 2019 The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Today's Hymns:

- 313 Lord of all hopefulness
106 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
30 And can it be
536 We sing the praise of him who died
164 Go forth and tell

This week's services and events:

Today:

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist
followed by Publicity Meeting

Tuesday 12th February:

9:45am Ecumenical Prayers

Wednesday 13th February:

10am Midweek Morning Prayer
followed by coffee in Hall

Friday 15th February:

9am Morning Prayer

Saturday 16th February:

10am Coffee morning in Choir Vestry

Sunday 17th February:

The Third Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion
10am Worship @ 10 Eucharist

For prayer:

- Anne Pledsted now in Bethlehem with CMS
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - illegally held in Iran

Today's Collect:

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Today's Readings:

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

****Please see the end of the newsletter
for both readings****

Post Communion Prayer:

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting
life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Next Sunday's Reading:

Luke 6: 17-26

Notices:

Cruz: The Diocesan monthly newsletter for February, is now available along with this month's diary dates and letter in the place of the magazine. These are **50p** each. We do encourage you to have a copy to know what is going on.

Notices (continued):

Bible Study: our next one will be looking at Hannah (1 Samuel 1) on Tuesday 19th February 7:30pm in the Hall.

Book Launch: On Saturday 23rd February at 11am we have Henry Martin coming to talk about his book *'Eavesdropping: Learning to Pray from those who talked to Jesus'*. This will be in Church. All welcome!

There will be a **Messy Church Eucharist** at Manchester Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd March:**

- ❖ 9:30 Refreshments
- ❖ 10:00 Activities
- ❖ 11:00 Eucharist
- ❖ 11:45 Refreshments

This is a free event but booking is essential.

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/event/s/2019/03/02/messy-eucharist/>

On **Sunday March 3rd 1:30-4pm** **The Altrincham Islamic Cultural Centre** (Grove Lane, Hale, Altrincham WA15 8JQ) will be open as part of the annual national #VisitMyMosque initiative. Anyone is warmly invited to drop in for a tour, talk, coffee and cake.

The Big Church Tidy Up: will take place on **Saturday 9th March 10am-4pm**. All help will be gratefully received for as long or as short a time as you can give. There are sitting down jobs as well as more active ones to help us clear the balcony, storage cupboards and pews. Donations of medium and large plastic boxes with good fitting lids would be most welcome. If you have a car and are happy to take things to the tip, that would be most welcome too!

Today's Readings:

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5: 1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.