



St Anne's,
Sale with
St Francis,
Sale Moor

e-Spire

October
2025

Harvest

We celebrate Harvest at our 10 am service on Sunday 5 October. During the service, there will an opportunity to bring your gifts to the high altar as we give thanks for all we have been given and ask God to bless our donations.

Harvest gifts will be shared, as in previous years, between South Trafford Foodbank and Boaz. Here is a list of the high demand items that would be particularly welcome, mostly tins, bottles, packets and toiletries.

Foodbank:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Soup
- Mashed potato
- Sponge puddings
- UHT milk (whole)
- Biscuits, sweets, chocolate
- Deodorant



Boaz

- Supermarket vouchers (so people can choose their own food)
- Vouchers for 'treats' such as for chain coffee shops like Cafe Nero, Costa Coffee
- Rice
- Tea
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Cooking oil (olive oil if possible)
- Tuna
- Spices (e.g. cumin,

- coriander, paprika, chilli etc)
- Treat items such as biscuits, chocolates etc.
- Shower gel
- Shampoo and conditioner (not miniatures, sorry)
- Deodorant
- Toiletry gift sets
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Cleaning supplies (for cleaning starter packs for people moving on from Boaz into their own tenancy)



Church Warden Needs Your Help

I feel I am letting you down as Church Warden with the number of outstanding jobs that I have.

Below is list of some of them and not all I need to do, and the church needs to be open for someone to do them.

1. Drain blocked by the entrance to the church
2. Drain blocked in front of the hall
3. Notice board to be put up by the hall entrance
4. Put back up the hand wash dispenser in the kitchen.
5. Weeding around the hall
6. Weeding around the church.
7. Removal of the extra wood around the hall grounds and tidying it up.
8. Blocking of the holes in the floor in the hall.
9. Replacement of an outside vent.
10. Put new extension lead round the right-hand room (headmasters' room) for the Audio equipment.
11. Put a shelf in the cupboard where the dishwasher is in the church.
12. Keeping the downspouts hoppers clear. (This needs a two or more person team depending on the heights)
13. Replacing the lights in the hall. (This needs a three-person team)

14. Keeping the grid by the main entrance clear of leaves especially at this time of year

This is not the full list but examples of what I have outstanding.

Before Covid we had a maintenance team that did some of these jobs, sadly due to age and mobility issues it is no longer around. It is now left to me to do the maintenance, but it should be all of us.

If you can help with any of these jobs, please let me know or if it is weeding, please just do it. The garden rubbish can go on the compost heap behind the hall.

Otherwise, we will have to get contractors in to do some of these jobs which will involve cost which the church cannot really afford.

On Saturday 8 November between 10am and noon we have a spring clean of the church. Do come and help.

Andrew Egarr
Church Warden

REPARATION WORKSHOP



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12 noon - 3.30 pm
St Anne's Church Hall, Sale**

why is it so much money?

is it necessary?

who makes this decision?



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Mothers' Union

Hi everyone, it's my turn this month. As I write this I look outside to beautiful blue sky, if only it was a tad warmer(!), mind you, after the downpour we had on Saturday I'm grateful for dry weather!

Last month we opened up after our summer break with our Eucharist in church led by Alison and stayed in church for a brew and a chat. It was a lovely evening, thank you to everyone who came, it was good to relax and catch up with each other wasn't it.

This month we meet on **Monday 13th October at 8pm** in the hall to listen to Alison, our Vicar, talk to us and demonstrate her quilting. She did this for us a year or so ago and everyone said how much they enjoyed it. Please come along, remember our meetings are open to anyone and everyone. You'll be made welcome and we'll even give you a brew and a biscuit!

The committee met a few weeks ago to discuss and sort out our programme for 2026, the wheels are in progress and we'll update you as soon as we have confirmation from everyone we've approached to come and speak to us. Fingers crossed here!

By the time you read this Elizabeth Mills will have received her certificate from our Diocesan President congratulating her on her 40 years of membership of the Mothers' Union. Congratulations from all of us Elizabeth, we'd be lost without you, you do so much behind the scenes!

So what else does the "new start" bring us then.... For me personally it brings the beginning of the rugby season, although I've been watching a lot of rugby lately, the English women have been doing brilliantly in the world cup. I think the final against Canada (which at the time of writing hasn't taken place) will be a tough game, hopefully England will come out on top though. As for my team, Sale Sharks, I'm counting down the days for our first game of the season, which is at home so that's a plus. Hopefully we'll start the season as we mean to go on with a win. More things crossed for that.

I hope to see those of you who can make it, member or non-member, to our meeting on the 13th, we'll have the kettle on for you!

Look after yourselves, love

Carol and Jackie

The Rich Fool

God was so good to the rich man,
That his fields yielded much grain;
He came to wondering which plan
Would yield him the best long-term gain?

Well, he'd worked hard at his farming.
He needed a well-deserved rest!

Retirement? Well, that sounded charming-
'Eat, drink, be merry' is best!

But God disagreed with this scheming -

He'd granted that grain for the poor!

So God put a stop to his dreaming,
That night the fool lived no more.



Invest in the hearths of the homeless.
Buy food for the plates of the poor.
Your funds will not then have grown less -
They'll grow in God's bank ever more!

Nigel Beeton

Plastic carrier bags

This year marks ten years since England introduced the 5p charge for single-use plastic carrier bags. The charge has had a dramatic effect – with a reduction of 98% in sales.

In 2014, 7.6 billion single-use plastic bags were used in the UK. By 2023, 133 million single-use bags had been sold in the major supermarkets. The average person in the UK now buys only about two single-use plastic bags per year.



Open day
11th October
12-2pm



Any questions, do get in touch.

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YOU
KNOW?**

Worship is not part of
our admissions criteria –
**we welcome children of all
faiths or none**, and celebrate
the richness that diversity
brings to our school family.

Fairtrade Community Status

Local campaigners are celebrating Greater Manchester's new status as a Fairtrade Community, awarded by the Fairtrade Foundation for their work in promoting Fairtrade throughout the region.

The award recognises the unsung heroes of Greater Manchester who promote fair trade in many ways, including selling fairly traded goods in places of worship, organising events in community centres, and running and supporting local fair trade shops such as Justicia in Bolton and Fair For All in Rochdale, as well as teachers who introduce ideas about social justice into their classrooms.

The Greater Manchester Fairtrade Network is a county-wide collaboration, including campaigners, stall holders and shops. Janice and Howard Mason attend meetings on behalf of St Anne's. Following this award, the group has launched Fairtrade Greater Manchester on Facebook, to publicise local and national events. [Here's the link.](#)

Several events are coming up, see the poster opposite for the "Fairtrade Ecofest" in Chorlton. There will be a fair trade presence at Manchester Cathedral for their performance of the Messiah on 6 December. And we're really looking forward to the Fair Trade and Eco Christmas Fair in Stockport on 15 November. Thank you for your support of fair trade at St Anne's.



FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR OUR

Fairtrade Ecofest

Fair trade Footballs

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

2.00 - 4.00PM

Clothes swap

Performances
Balalaika music,
Singing

Chocolate fountain

Fair trade Stalls

Refill station

Home made cake stall

Refreshments

Henna hand painting and craft activities

AT CHORLTON CENTRAL CHURCH
ON THE CORNER OF BARLOW MOOR ROAD
AND ZETLAND ROAD M21 8BF

A colorful poster for the Fairtrade Ecofest. It features a yellow banner at the top with the event name and date. Below the banner, various activities are listed with corresponding icons: a soccer ball for 'Fair trade Footballs', a clothes rack for 'Clothes swap', a microphone for 'Performances', a chocolate fountain for 'Chocolate fountain', a shopping bag for 'Fair trade Stalls', a water bottle for 'Refill station', a cupcake for 'Home made cake stall', a teacup for 'Refreshments', and a henna hand for 'Henna hand painting and craft activities'. The bottom of the poster shows the location at Chorlton Central Church with a small illustration of the church building.

Eco Group

Our Eco group turned out seven stalwart volunteers for another local litter pick. No surprising finds like April's ceremonial sword this time, just a dead squirrel for the Council to remove, but a fine crop of bags full of litter.

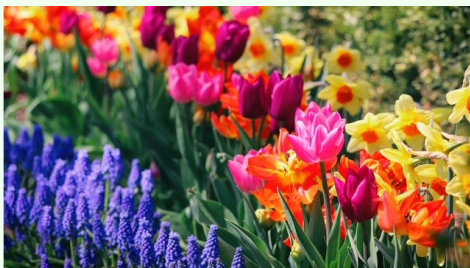
Thanks to all who helped.



We no longer collect empty **blister packs**. These can be handed in at Boots in Sale but they prefer them in small amounts so please take them along yourself.

Bulbs

The Eco Group are asking for donations of bulbs that we can plant around the church this November hoping for a lovely display of flowers to brighten the garden next spring.



Please leave them in the eco box in the porch.



Birds

We are continuing to feed the birds on the church field. As winter is approaching we are in need of donations of bird seed, peanuts, fat balls and spare bird feeders. Please leave any donations in the eco box in the porch or give to Louise.



Recycling

We are continuing to collect **printer cartridges** similar to these in the image. Money raised is being donated to Water Aid.



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FAIR TRADE & ECO CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 15th November 2025
10.30am - 3pm
Stockport Guildhall
169 Wellington Road South SK1 3UA

Stalls with a choice of Fair Trade, sustainable and environmentally friendly gifts and foods from around the world

Free Admission

Music from Manchester Community Choir, children's activities, raffle, refreshments and homemade cakes
Free car parking behind the hall

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 Stockport Fairtrade Group

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Come, see, buy

We now have stocks of this year's fair trade Christmas cards and wrapping paper, but they're selling fast. Come and have a look at our stall after church on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

We've also got a range of crafts on a sale or return basis from Justicia including a number of low-priced items that could be useful stocking fillers.

Make your Christmas cards count

Traidcraft Christmas cards fund Transform Trade's work with producers around the world – supporting them to increase their incomes, and grow their businesses, so that everyone can earn fairly for their hard work and help their communities to thrive.

**NEW
for 2025**
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PLASTIC FREE
packaging!**

Nativity Quad Pack
(20 cards,
5 each of 4 designs)
125 x 125mm **£6.99**



Over Hill and Dale
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£3.99



Rainbow Trees
Pack of 10, gold foil finish
150 x 150mm
£4.99



Hitching a Ride
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£3.99



Stained Glass Doves
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99



Angels at the Manger
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99



Peace Candles
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£3.99



Rainbow Trees Christmas Gift Wrap
£3.99



Village Christmas Gift Wrap
£3.99

All wraps include 4 Sheets (2 of each design) plus 8 sticker tags. Flat wrap size: 500 x 695mm.



Stained Glass Quad Pack
(20 cards, 5 each of 4 designs)
125 x 125mm **£6.99**



Robin Christmas Gift Wrap
£3.99



Festive Food Gift Wrap
£3.99



Fluffy in the Foliage
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99



Kings Bearing Gifts
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99



In the Town Square
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99



Joy to the World
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99



Follow the Star
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99



Follow Yonder Star
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99



Partridge and Golden Pears
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99



Joy to the World Wreath
Pack of 10
150 x 150mm
£4.99

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Woodprint Nature Quad Pack
(20 cards, 5 each of 4 designs)
150 x 150mm **£6.99**



Nativity Triptych
Pack of 10
100 x 200mm
£4.99



Stained Glass Window
Pack of 10
171 x 121mm
£3.99

Sustainability

Our cards and wrap are:

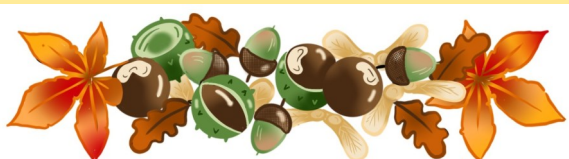
- Made in the UK
- 100% recyclable
- Made with eco-friendly materials, vegetable inks & water based coatings.

To purchase Christmas cards, visit
traidcraft.org/cards

All Christmas card orders must be placed through our online store. Unfortunately, we are unable to take telephone orders.

Table Top sale

Many thanks for all your support for our sale last month; we made £900 for church funds. Thank you all - organisers, stallholders, helpers and customers.



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Cakes for the Bible Society

Thank you for supporting our quarterly cake stall in September. This time we were raising money for the Bible Society. We were able to send £133 towards the cost of healing therapies and Bibles in Ukraine. And they have match funding so this amount will be doubled.

The acknowledgement from Bible Society says "Victoria, who leads Bible -based trauma healing in Ukraine, is

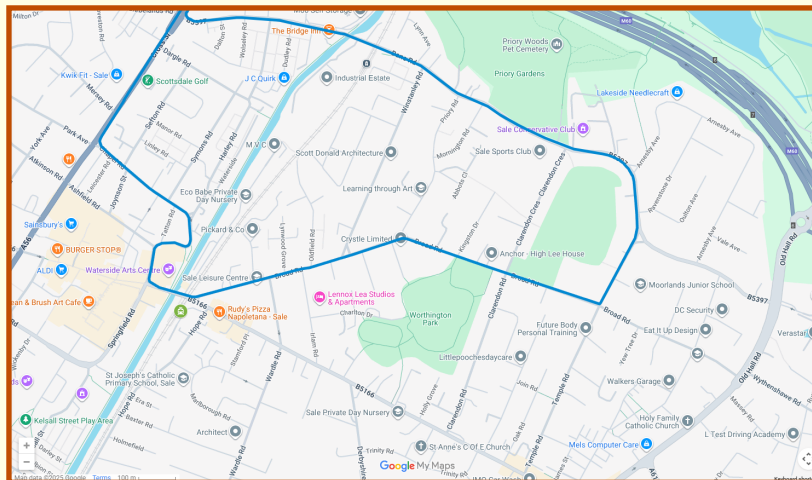
so grateful for your support. She's been running the programme for almost ten years and has seen demand increase enormously through the war. As they lose everything, people are turning to a God many of them have never known before. Your support will offer them a way through trauma that's only found in the Bible."

Thank you for your support.

The Overseas Group

Manchester half marathon

It's that time of year again! Sunday 12 October sees the half marathon making its way round part of Sale. St Anne's church is largely unaffected and fully accessible by road but an area bordered by Washway Road, Broad Road, Temple Road and Dane Road is cut off. And this means the short stretch from Northenden Road at Hope Road to Sale town centre is also closed to traffic. All should be clear from the map. And if you're directly affected, you should, by now, have received a leaflet with the necessary details.



OUR COMMITMENT TO THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S NATIONAL
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS
WITHIN CHESTER DIOCESE.

Here's a summary of what you can expect:

**SPEAK OUT
STAY SAFE**

VICTIMS & SURVIVORS



We are a church that engages with victims and survivors.



We are a church that hears, respects, believes and genuinely cares for those who are reporting abuse.



We are a church that responds to safeguarding disclosures appropriately, transparently, in a timely manner and in a victim-centred and trauma-informed way.



We are fulfilling the support requirements set out in the 'Responding Well to Victims and Survivors of Abuse' House of Bishops' Guidance.

Christian Aid is 80

Guatemala

Seeds of resistance

Thanks to your support of Christian Aid Week 2025, farmers like Sofia are defending their land and sowing seeds of hope.

Sofia belongs to the Indigenous Q'eqchi' community of the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala.



This year saw Christian Aid celebrate its 80th anniversary. Not always under that name: it was founded as Christian Reconstruction in Europe at the end of the Second World War, shortly afterwards renamed the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service and finally renamed Christian Aid in 1964 though it had used the "Christian Aid Week" title since 1957. So many milestones across those years as Christian Aid has pursued justice, aided development and provided disaster relief. Some of us have

been involved in it for longer than we can remember. So many doors knocked on, so many envelopes collected.

Christian Aid Week is still going, though not what it was, and Sale churches between them were able to send £2,700 this year. This included £144 from our cake sale as well as individual donations. Thank you. And do keep giving.

A current priority is their Afghanistan Earthquake Appeal. You can read more and donate [here](#).

The view from the window

Autumn appears to be here. Leaves are already on the ground and the pyracanthas are magnificent, much to the delight of the blackbirds when the pigeons aren't in residence.

One morning a pigeon flew into the kitchen window with a huge bang, leaving its ghostly silhouette on the glass. I went out to inspect it and found it stunned on the floor, but it slowly wandered off to the safety of a large group of cosmo plants, blinking hard. Ten minutes later it flew away, apparently recovered.

Squirrels are very busy, foxes are on their rounds on a regular basis, and little birds are dashing in and out to the feeders between pigeon and parakeet visits.

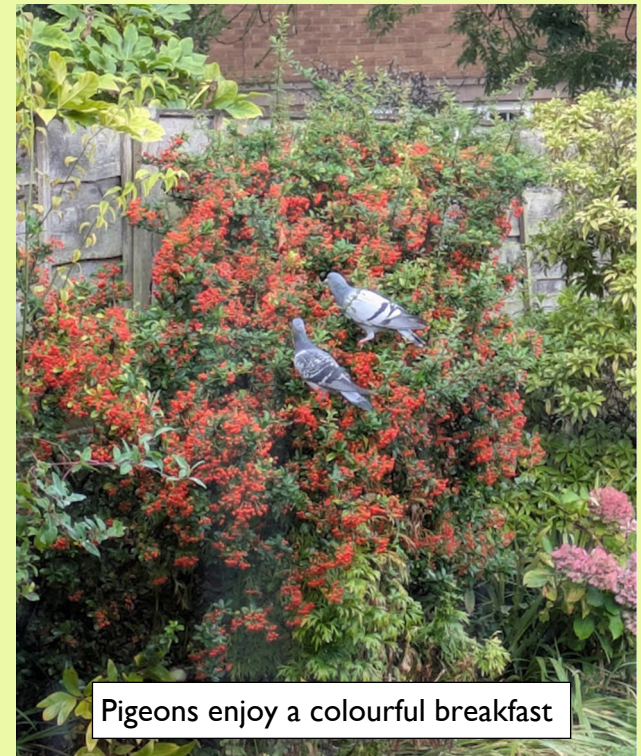
The acers are beginning to change colour, and the pampas grass is waving its beautiful feathery fronds in the gentle (or otherwise!) wind.

The fruit crop has been much bigger this year, but sadly the enjoyment of its quality has been minimal - pears like large round bricks, and

small apples completely tasteless. Perhaps too much sun and too little water at the right time had the wrong balance for the best results.

The view never fails to entertain, both in the colours of the plants and the activity of the wild life.

Bridget Beggs



Pigeons enjoy a colourful breakfast

Edward the Confessor

If you approve of giving money to help cathedrals survive, then Edward the Confessor (1003 – 66) is the saint for you. This early King of England was the virtual founder of Westminster Abbey. And never mind entrance charges - at one point in his life, Edward was giving a full tenth of his income to the Abbey.

Edward was the son of King Ethelred the Unready and his second, Norman wife, Emma. After various ups and downs which included a brief exile in Normandy, Edward became King of England in 1042.

As King, Edward had a tricky time of it – trying to keep the peace for over 20 years while various Danish and Norman magnates struggled for power (which eventually led to the Norman Conquest). Scholars have argued over how much of a success he was as a king.

As a Christian, there is no doubt: Edward's holiness was evident to all. He made himself accessible to his people, he was generous to the poor, and chaste. He was also reputed to have seen visions and

even achieved miraculous cures for people through prayer.

Edward did much to help the Church. His lasting contribution was the original Westminster Abbey - a huge Romanesque church, 300 feet long, with a nave of 12 bays. Westminster Abbey became the place of coronation and burial of kings and queens of England. It was finished and consecrated just before his death. Edward was buried there, and his relics are undisturbed to this day.

The Church remembers King Edward on 13 October each year.

The **e-Spire** is our alternative to a hard-copy parish magazine. It is to supplement what appears on our website and in the weekly pastoral letter and newssheets from our clergy. If you don't receive these by email, please send your email address to Alison:

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Mothers' Union:	2nd Monday, 8pm, St Anne's Church Hall	0161 283 0563
Mums & Tots:	Fridays 9.15 - 11am, contact Janet Plumb	0161 905 3895

Guiding

Rainbows

- 1st Sale Moor : Mondays 5 - 6 pm in the Church Hall
email 1stsalemoorrainbows@gmail.com
- 2nd Sale Moor : Mondays 6.15 - 7.15 pm in the Church Hall
email 2ndsalemoorrainbows@gmail.com

Brownies

- 1st Sale Moor: Weds 6.30 - 8 pm, Clarendon Rd Scout Hut 973 3894
- 2nd Sale Moor: Weds 6.30 - 8 pm in the Church Hall 0161 976 5972
- 3rd Sale Moor: Tues 6 pm at Moorlands School
- 7th Sale Moor: Tues 6 pm in the Church Hall 0161 973 2108

Guides

- 2nd Sale Moor: Mondays 7.30 - 9pm in the Church Hall 0161 286 1623
- 7th Sale Moor: Tuesdays 7 pm at Sale Moor Methodist Church

Rangers

- Sale Moor Unit: Thursday evenings at Trinity Methodist Church