



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

e-Spire

October
2024

Harvest

We celebrate Harvest at our 10 am service on Sunday 6 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 Soup
- Coffee (small jars)
- Tea (small packets)
- Hot chocolate and malted milk
- Sugar (small packets)
- Instant mash
- UHT milk (whole or semi skimmed)
- Cordial
- Biscuits, sweets, chocolate and other treats
- Toilet rolls

Boaz

- Spices eg cumin, coriander, garam masala, paprika.
- Dried Goods
- Tinned tomatoes
- Beans eg kidney, black eye (not baked beans)
- Tea (80 bags)
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Basmati rice
- Long life milk
- Red lentils
- Chickpeas
- Sunflower oil

- Tuna in sunflower oil
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Salt

Toiletries:

- Body cream (moisturiser)
- Shampoo and conditioner (for men/women)
- Shaving foam
- Deodorant (for men/women)
- Toiletry gift sets for men and women



St Francis – an 800th anniversary



The Church celebrates St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. But 17 September marked the 800th anniversary not of his birth or death but of the granting of the stigmata, the appearance of the five wounds of Christ on his body. (The five wounds were the mark of the nails in Christ's hands and feet and the wound from the spear piercing his side.)

It is impossible now to know exactly what happened, how and why, but Francis was a real celebrity (in the best sense) in his day and was canonised within two years of his death. His life and character are well documented from the time, though of course all sorts of legends about him sprang up too. And images of Francis with the stigmata appeared from the 1250s or earlier, maybe even from the time of his canonisation in 1228

Apparently Francis went to Mount La Verna in Tuscany, spending 40 days there in imitation of Christ's temptation. During this he had a vision of Christ on the cross with the wings of a seraph and almost immediately the marks of Christ's

crucifixion appeared on his own body.

St Francis was by no means the first person to show the stigmata, nor the last. St Paul refers to showing the marks (Greek "stigmata") on his body in Galatians 6. Some people created the marks themselves but in other cases, including St Francis', they were considered to be of miraculous origin.

However it happened, whatever happened, the stigmata have been recognised over 800 years as showing Francis's likeness to Christ and his closeness to God. We may no longer use the building bearing his name but Francis is still a saint for us to celebrate.

St Francis was born in around 1181/1182 and died on 3 October 1226.

I have been helped in preparing this article by pieces in the Church Times from Dr Michael Hahn. We always try to include an illustration in our October magazine and this year's is of stained glass at Chesterfield Parish Church.

The books are back!



Thanks to Elaine Thompson we can now enjoy sharing novels and jigsaws from the trolley in the Church Hall. The trolley came from Trinity Methodist Church when it closed its doors last month.

Donations of novels (fiction) only, and jigsaw puzzles can be left in the box in the Church Hall. To keep the eco project manageable, sadly we are not taking large books or non-fiction.



Trinity Methodist Church

As you probably know, and as mentioned in the article above, Trinity Methodist has closed, moving to join Sale Moor Methodist Church on Northenden Road. The combined church is now known as the Village Methodist Church.

Please pray for our Methodist friends as they adapt to their new life together, for the sadness some of them feel, and for Glayne Worgan as she leads the combined congregation.

"Looking out of the window"

I have spent a few minutes re-reading the e-Spire reports of "life seen through the window" over the last five months.

Back in May I had mentioned that we had two fruit trees, both with "spectacular blossom". Well for those people who might wish to share the crop with us I hate to disappoint you. The apple managed seven very small (but actually very tasty) ones, and the pear produced the grand total of one tiny rock hard one which is being left, hopefully, to ripen and maybe Hugh and I can have half each!

The cool wet summer has not been the best of growing conditions - apart from the lawns. They are lush and beautifully green, as are the weeds. Heleniums are extremely colourful and Busy Lizzies are holding their own, as the Pelargoniums begin to lose their enthusiasm. The fading glory of the hydrangeas still demand admiration as Autumn announces the passing of the year, the contents of the planters are looking a bit tired, and a brisk Easterly wind is producing a sizeable pile of silver birch leaves on the drive.

Life on the bird front is changing too. The little birds are very busy still and a nuthatch visited earlier this week, but the parakeets are not so numerous and

we wonder if the cooler weather is sending them south perhaps.

The highlight of one really wet day was to see a pigeon standing in a puddle and slowly stretching one wing vertically as though to get its "armpit" wet. Then, believe it or not, it did exactly the same thing with the other wing. We don't charge for a shower service! Squirrels are busy digging around and a magnificent healthy looking fox came through the garden one evening.

The other event seen through the window has been the re-tarmacking of the road. The problem has been though that there is a very large tree which leans over the road so the tarmac truck had to go round it, leaving a semi circle of no tarmac. However men with a barrow and some tools arrived and filled the gap by hand. One lasting effect of the whole job is that lots of bits of sticky grit get stuck on shoes which then walk into the house. Basically the road looks better. The pot holes have been filled, but we now have more shallow puddles than previously, after it has rained!

As always life is never dull when we can look out of the window.

Bridget

"Dunromin" - the names we give our homes

Many people name their homes, and there is certainly a dizzying variety of names out there.

It seems that nearly all the most common property names have something to do with nature. And in Britain, the most popular house name of all is short and sweet: 'The Cottage'. Next in line? 'Rose Cottage'.

Other popular house names include Ivy Cottage, Garden Cottage, Orchard Cottage, Yew Tree Cottage,

The Barn, The Stables, Orchard House, The Lodge and The Granary.

Dr Lynn Robson, Fellow in English at Regent's Park College, Oxford said the trend seems "to reflect a nostalgia for a rural past."

The survey also found that Newcastle has the greatest number of named homes, followed by Glasgow and Sheffield. The survey was carried out by Admiral Home Insurance.

Thank you

We've had a letter of thanks from Christian Aid for the £100 we sent from our cake sale in September. And thank you to all who baked or bought and tasted.



Growing up

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Save the date.....

CAROLS AROUND THE DOVECOTE
BRASS BAND * SCHOOL CHOIRS * CHRISTMAS STALLS * MINCE PIES
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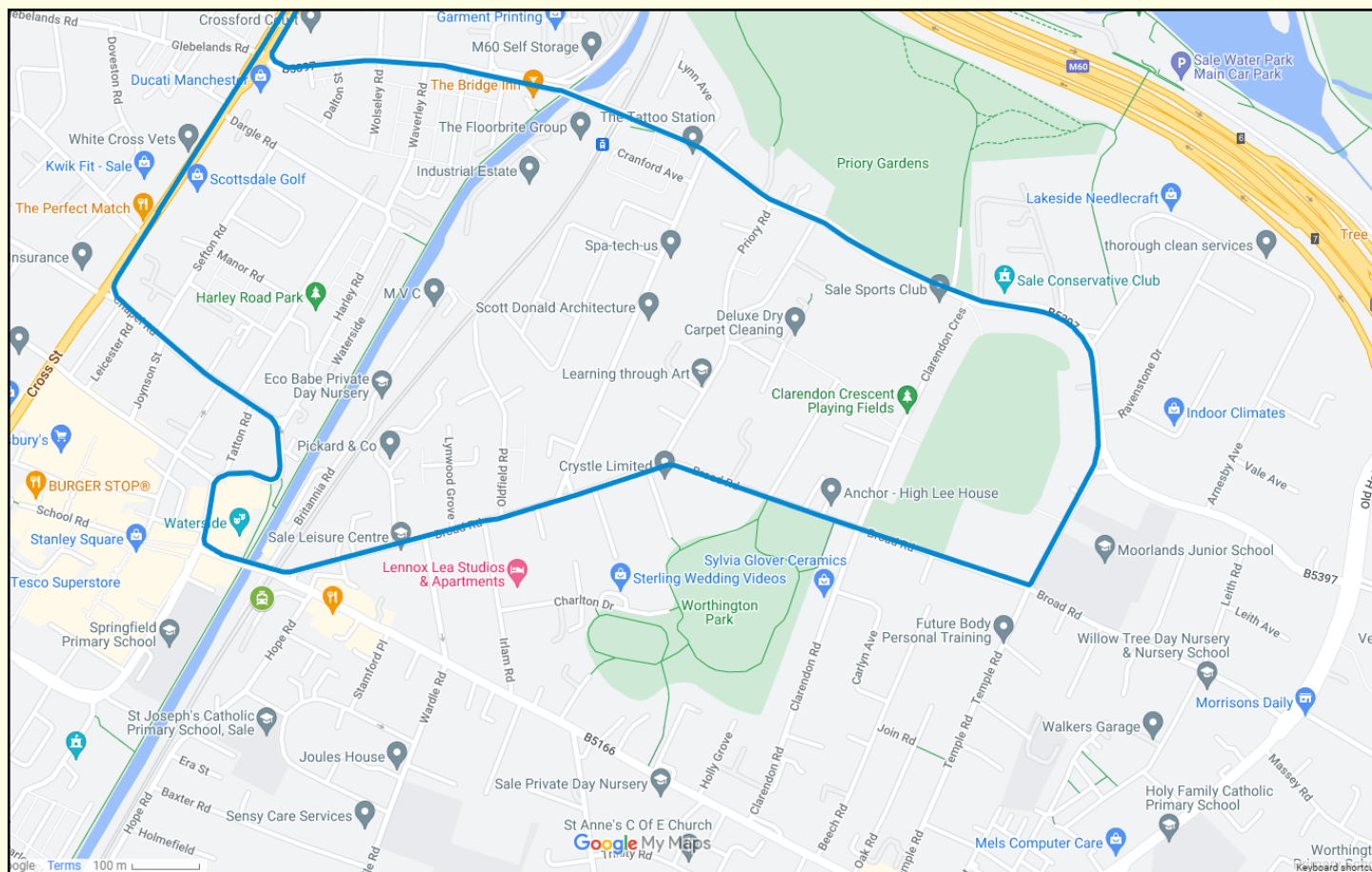


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Manchester Half-marathon: Sunday 13 October



It's Marathon time again, or to be precise, half-marathon. As usual it will involve road closures round Sale but these are more limited than for previous races. If you're affected, you should have had a leaflet through the door. Sale Moor and St Anne's church will remain accessible by road.

The runners come past Sale station, along Broad Road, up Temple Road and back along Dane Road to Washway Road. So some of the parish will be cutoff, unable to get from home to church by car, but outside the area shown on the map above, you should be able to travel as normal.

Full information is online at www.manchesterhalfmarathon.com

Thank you Paul

Paul Edwards has retired as a Reader. He is now a Reader Emeritus. We could hardly let that pass by without marking this and thanking him for over 40 years of service to St Anne's and beyond. We are grateful for his support for worship, the studies he has led and the many other ways in which he contributes to parish life. Thank you Paul!



"But did they plough the fields and scatter at a safe distance?"

Mothers Union

It seems autumn is arriving, I hope you enjoyed the last few days of warm weather we had in September. I went up to Coniston for a couple of days, we couldn't have wished for better weather to go walking in, absolutely beautiful. It made me appreciate the wonders of our world in all it's glory seeing different birds soring in the sky and perfect views of the lakes and hills, even the jets passing overhead fitted in!

It was good to meet in September for our Eucharist and chat in church this month and share what we've been up to since last meeting. This month there is a change to our programme. We will be hearing from Alison our Vicar, she's coming to speak to us about her holiday in Denmark. From what she's said it sounds like a fabulous place. If you're free come along and listen to her speak and enjoy the slide show. We meet in the hall at 8pm on Monday 14th October, it would be good to see some new faces, our meetings are always

open to everyone, you don't have to be a member to come and enjoy some company, a chat and a brew with us.

I recently received my copy of Connected from the MU. Inside was an aid to prayer too good not to share with you, especially if you're like me a lover of chocolate! You need to buy yourself a tube of smarties, though these days they're in a hexagon shape - what was wrong with the round tube I'm wondering! Anyhow this is what you do: while eating them you pray for a specific thing depending on the colour of smartie you are eating, what's not to love about that eh? Their suggestions are below but obviously you can adapt the colours to fit whatever you want!

Red	pray for peace
Orange	pray for your loved ones
Blue	pray for the work of the Mothers Union
Green	pray for environmental issues
Yellow	pray for those who

	are sick
Pink	pray for your church
Violet	pray for your community
Brown	pray for yourself

A brilliant reason to buy smarties, not sure dentist will agree but if we all promise to brush our teeth after I'm sure they'll let us off! On top of this, if you want to, you can fill your empty tube with some loose change and donate it to the MU via any member or give it to a charity which is close to your heart.

October is a month for my family full of birthdays and sport with our annual family trip to the Rugby League Grand Final, always great fun regardless of who is playing. Our team, Hull FC, are definitely not in the equation this year, I'll let you look at the league table yourself to see why if your interested! I hope your October is kind and fun for you as well,

Look after yourselves!
Carol and Jackie

He is Always There

It is funny that when we're in trouble
We immediately kneel down and pray,
And expect that the good Lord in heaven
Will all of our fears allay.

It's amazing that when we're in crisis
We turn to the Lord straight away,
But we barely spare Him a moment
When everything's going our way.

We seem to seek God when it suits us
And we fail to keep in touch each day,
Yet regardless how badly we treat Him
His love means He's not far away.

So perhaps we should stop for a moment
And give thanks to the Lord in a prayer,
For no matter how neglectful of Him we may be
For us, He will always be there.

Colin Hammacott, Parish Pump

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65 years ago, on 11 Oct 1959 Britain began introducing postcodes. They began in Norwich, and by 1974 had been rolled out across the whole country.

The smallest postcode area is WC in London, covering one square mile. The largest is IV, Inverness, at 6,243 square miles.

Fair trade on our travels



On our travels we always keep an eye out for how people are promoting fair trade. Sometimes it's quite a surprise, like a little garden section near the station at Melton Mowbray celebrating its status as a fair trade town. Pictured here is a display at Southwell Minster. You'll probably recognise some of what's shown but we thought it worth quoting the text section:

Fairtrade Impact on farming

- Fairtrade standards cover environmental protection:
- Energy and greenhouse emissions
- Soil and water quality
- Biodiversity protection
- Prohibition of genetically modified organisms and harmful chemicals
- Waste management

The impact of climate change on fairtrade products:

Bananas – Caribbean and Central America – hot dry spells

Cocoa – all Fairtrade countries will be affected by heat waves and drought

Tea – heat stress in Asia and Africa will affect crops

Coffee – extreme temperatures and lack of rainfall will affect coffee production in Central and East Africa, South and South East Asia, Caribbean, Central and South America

Reflecting Faith: Window Glass

Why do we have so much coloured glass of all shapes and sizes in church buildings?

to create a sacred space that is set apart from the secular world.

Stained glass in churches is similar to wall paintings in that it adds colour as well as traditionally serving the purpose of teaching non-literate people the great events and characters of their religion.

But glass is so much more than that. The techniques used to create these windows have been refined over the centuries, and their intricate beauty has inspired countless artists and designers.

The way the light shines through the glass creates a unique atmosphere that is often described as ethereal or heavenly. In this way, the use of stained-glass windows helps

The light shining through the glass is shown on the brickwork or stonework surrounding the glass and depending on the



original colours, the intensity of the light, the angle of the sun's rays as well as the height and angle away from the watcher, these colours can range from vibrantly strong to softly muted.

Hundreds of years ago people saw the changes in light in this way as

being very significant. It was thought that the light passing through was transformed or transmuted and because of this it had a healing and revivifying effect on people who placed themselves within its light.

Rev Dr Jo White

St Anne's School



We are delighted to share our Ofsted report with the St Anne's community. On 25 and 26 June we had a section 8 inspection. The inspection was a short inspection but despite this, I believe the report captures our school well. It is an overwhelmingly positive report.

School staff and governors are extremely proud that the inspector could see that our school's vision 'Let your Light Shine' is central to all our activities. Over the past three years, we have spent considerable time developing our 'ambitious curriculum' which was acknowledged by the inspector and he commented on the thorough design that allowed pupils to build knowledge.

Our pupils shone during the inspection. It was clear to see that they were 'happy in school' and enjoyed 'positive relationships with each other and with staff'. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their contribution to the inspection. He observed our children behaving well in lessons and in the playground.

Our school staff, demonstrated that we have 'high aspirations for all pupils' alongside the warm and caring environment we provide. The inspector recognised that 'staff morale is high' and that we are all proud to work at our school. Our staff always strived to focus on the development of the whole child, so feel delighted that the inspector states that 'the school excels in fostering pupils' broader personal development'.

Thank you to our parents, pupils and staff who voiced their extremely positive views on our school during the inspection. It was heart-warming to read how much our school is valued.

We hope you enjoy reading the report and will join us in celebrating our success.

www.st-annes.trafford.sch.uk/key-information/ofsted

New beginnings for our youngest learners

September brings the start of the new academic year. The new start fills all our school pupils with excitement and anticipation, and none more so than the youngest learners of the school. We are immensely proud of the children in our Nursery and Reception classes who have successfully started school for the first time in these last few weeks and are already living out our school vision to 'let their lights shine'.

The children have enjoyed being able to get to know their new friends as they play and learn together in our outstanding early years setting. They have been able to enjoy the last of the summer sunshine exploring the walk-in sandpit. Buckets have been filled and castles have been built, giving everyone an opportunity to develop muscle strength and exercise their motor skills ready for holding a pen or pencil to learn to write. They have pretended to be a variety of vehicles as they cycle around the roadway track and talk about the things they know about their local streets and community. Everyone enjoyed calling in at the role play Costa café to introduce ourselves and enjoy



using their speaking and listening skills whilst chatting over an imaginary milkshake.

Inside our carefully planned inclusive classrooms, children have been talking about themselves and their families as they play together in the Home Corner during hours of imaginative role play. Our art galleries have been filled with the colourful pictures we have painted of ourselves and the classrooms have been filled with the sound of children's voices singing the ever-popular nursery rhymes and the new songs we have learned. Everyone has enjoyed listening to stories and immersing ourselves in the imaginary worlds of high-quality picture books during the many story times we have experienced alongside each other.

We have enjoyed our first few visits to church to worship together with songs and stories introduced to us by a friendly puppet called Jack. We look forward to learning more about Jesus and watch our friendship with God continue to grow over the course of the academic year and beyond.



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Please do contact us if you would be interested in finding out more about our early years foundation stage unit, where everyone is warmly welcomed and highly-skilled staff support children to achieve well as part of the St Anne's Family. We have places available throughout the year. Further details can be found on our website <https://www.st-annes.trafford.sch.uk> or follow us on

Instagram @stannesschoolandnursery.

...gathering winter fuel...

Are you going to be able to pay your fuel bills this winter? Given the age and income profiles of most church congregations, many church members will be among those losing their Winter Fuel Allowance. Does this worry you? Are you up in arms about the cut? Given the make up of many church congregations, is it going to spill over to reduced giving?

The allowance has till now been given purely on the basis of age: King Charles, Sir Alan Sugar, Sir Paul McCartney and other well known oldies are entitled. Universal benefits have the advantage of simplicity and avoid issues of take up but universal benefits are poorly targeted. I've always felt a bit embarrassed to receive the allowance unasked, I don't need it and I give it away.

But between people like me and people who will still get the allowance because of their recognised low income, there are some for whom the allowance provided the confidence to have their heating on when they needed it.

So the challenge for politicians is to refine the policy decision they've taken to make the allowance to those on incomes a little higher than those who will get it under the latest decision. How could this be done.

It's far from easy, which is why the government is, at the time of writing, sticking to its harsher decision. One solution would have been to extend the allowance to those getting means-tested help with Council Tax. This would, by definition, target

householders, thus covering most of those responsible for fuel bills, with incomes not much above Pension Credit level. But it does not work for those under pension age because the last government abolished the national scheme for people of working age. Now their help with Council Tax comes through a multiplicity of local schemes, every Council has a different one. Even so, this approach could work for people over pension age though with some bias towards more expensive houses.

Another approach has been proposed, to tie it to properties with lower Council Tax banding. But Council Tax bands are still based on 1991 property valuations, so that doesn't inspire confidence. Manchester would do very well out of this approach because very few of its properties are in the higher Council Tax bands but it would do little for London and the South East where banding is higher because of much higher property prices.

Perhaps there is a way of tying the fuel allowance to taxable incomes no more than £x above the tax allowance but this would have to refer to taxable income in the last complete tax year which for some people would give an inappropriate result.

Public debate has focused on older people. This fails to recognise the extent to which pension incomes have risen, and continue to rise, faster than inflation, under the "triple lock". One consequence of this is that the minimum basic income for older people under Pension Credit is

well over twice as much as the amount for younger people under Universal Credit. Fuel poverty is more about health and mobility than about age.

So let's hope for sophisticated debate and responsible campaigning - so far conspicuously lacking. Government is not easy and our public finances are in a dire state.

Howard Mason



Closing churches cuts worship numbers

'In person church attendance' can fall by almost a third (29%) if a local church closes, a new opinion poll has found.

The poll, commissioned by the National Churches Trust, revealed that when a local church closes, 22% of the churchgoers are unwilling or unable to worship in a different church. A further 7% said that they would only attend services online. A further 7% said that they would attend less often than at present.

Churchgoers in the North East and North West of England are the most likely to stop going to church at all

(30% and 31% respectively). Those in London are least likely to stop going to church at all (14%).

The poll also found that there is little interest among current church-goers for any alternative style services held in a cafe, community centre, school or a mission hub.

Obviously, many church people don't like change, but we do need to consider what might prove attractive to those who are not church members.

☺ "Change was OK once but it's gone on too long." ☺

Save the date

We are planning a Christmassy event. It's still taking shape but is likely to involve selling, singing, socialising, supping. This will be on Saturday 30 November. We'll need both helpers and customers: do put it in your diary before that busy time of year fills up.

The **e-Spire** is our replacement for a hard-copy parish magazine. It is to supplement what appears on our website and in the weekly pastoral letter and newsheets from our clergy. If you don't receive these by email, please send your email address to Alison: alisoncox19@hotmail.com

For comments on e-Spire and to contribute to a future issue, mail the **editors**, Howard & Janice Mason at howard.mason1@btopenworld.com

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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