

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

e-Spire

November  
2023



# Family Firework Fun!!!

Sunday 5th November  
4.30-6pm

A simple and safe event ideal for  
young children and their families.  
For more information contact  
Shauna.

shauna.stannefamchild@gmail.com



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## Coming up - dates for your diary

### 'Who is our neighbour?'

This is the title of a six session USPG study course asking what is it to be a good neighbour. We meet on Mondays at 10am, starting 6 November for six weeks at Margaret Ward's house. Further details from Margaret or Janice Mason. Please help yourself to a study booklet from the back of church. Come and join us.

### "The Advent Wreath - A journey to Christmas"

Come and join us on a journey of meditation and Bible study as we prepare once again for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas.

We meet, in Church, after coffee, from 11 am to 12 noon on  
Wednesday 22/11/23  
Wednesday 29/11/23  
Wednesday 13/12/23  
Wednesday 20/12/23

**Remembrance Sunday:** our annual service giving thanks for all who have served, and continue to work, in the armed services. Sunday 12 November at 10 am - in church and at the war memorial.



### Performing....

12.45pm Brooklands Primary School Choir  
1.20pm Glasshouse Bootleg Choir  
1.55pm Worthington Primary School Choir  
2.30pm Salvation Army Band  
3.10pm Holy Family School Choir

### And...

Mulled wine  
Brandy mince pies  
German cake, beer & sausages  
Christmas stalls

Don't miss this popular annual event at Walkden Gardens (on Derbyshire Road near the Marsland Road junction). Admission is free

## "Looking out of the window"

I am very much aware of the power of the environment in which we live as I sit down to write this having been looking out of the window.

Storm Babet has started pounding the NE coast of Scotland, and there are pictures of roads and houses being overwhelmed with water, with all the resulting distress and clearing up that will follow.

Yesterday we enjoyed seeing a swarm (well about a dozen anyway) of ladybirds flying outside our front window in glorious sunshine. Meanwhile a miniscule snail, which had been immobile on the same window three feet up for four days or so has disappeared today. Perhaps it has been washed off in the downpour ?

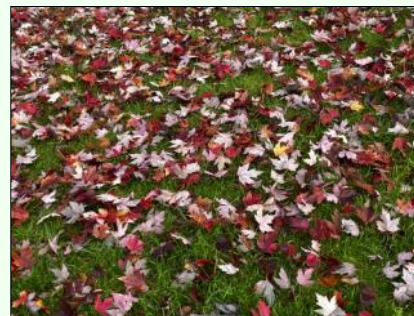
The pigeons and a blackbird are enjoying the berries on the pyracanthas, and the tiny birds -

finches and tits - are dashing in and out of the bushes. Grey squirrels are very much in evidence and can be accused of digging up some daffodil bulbs.

The rudbeckia, heleniums and cosmos continue to flourish, as do the yellow pansies, and the gold chrysanthemums are just beginning to burst into life - adding to the Autumn colours. The last red rose of summer appeared yesterday in the sunshine, but as the rain pours down the pampas grass plumes are getting heavier and heavier and many are lying down in the wind.

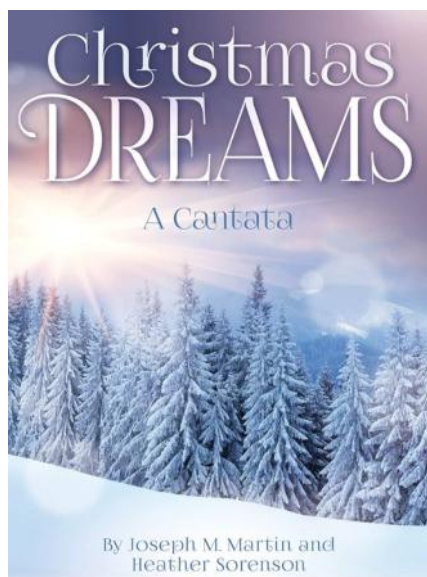
It has been a strange year for unpredictable weather, but nevertheless it has been very colourful and entertaining looking out of the window.

Bridget Beggs





# United Christian Singers present



Interval refreshments. Donations welcomed  
toward a new floor for Partington  
Methodist Church

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
6:30pm

Trinity Methodist Church  
Trinity Road, Sale M33 3ED  
[www.salemethodistchurches.org.uk](http://www.salemethodistchurches.org.uk)

## The Story Behind the Hymn

“O God, our help in ages past.” is considered one of the grandest hymns in the English hymnody. It is sung at the annual Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenotaph in London, and it was also sung at the funeral of former Prime Minister Winston Churchill in St Paul’s Cathedral.

The hymn was written by Isaac Watts in 1719 as a paraphrase of Psalm 90. It is a psalm of Moses, and carries a strong message of hope and faith in God’s loving care.

Isaac Watts was born in Southampton in 1674, the eldest of nine children. His father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was in prison for his non-conformist beliefs at the time of Isaac’s birth.

Watts had an outstanding aptitude for language. By the time he was 13 he had learned Latin, Greek, French, and Hebrew. He had also begun to write in verse, even speaking in rhyme in ordinary conversation – much to the irritation of some of his family!

By the time Isaac was 18, he had a particular bugbear – the deplorable state of congregational singing. It was mostly metrical psalms, which were heavy going and ponderous. But many

non-conformists thought that if congregations sang anything other than the actual words of Scripture, it would be an insult to God.

Isaac was complaining about this one Sunday when his father suddenly challenged him: “Why don’t you give us something better to sing, then?”

Isaac accepted the challenge. The next Sunday he produced his first hymn, and the congregation loved it. Isaac then wrote new hymn texts for his church - every Sunday for the next two years. By 1719, Watts had published a hymnal: *The Psalms of David in the Language of the New Testament*. He had paraphrased nearly the entire Psalter.

In all, Watts wrote more than 600 hymns. Other favourites include: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, I Sing the Mighty Power of God, and the famous Christmas carol Joy to the World.

At the time, some people felt Watts’s hymns were “too worldly” as they were not based solely on the Psalms. Yet Watts argued that the Christian

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## The Story Behind the Hymn - continued

...church should sing of Christ. He explained his approach this way:

"Where the Psalmist describes religion by the fear of God, I have often joined faith and love to it. Where he speaks of the pardon of sin through the mercies of God, I rather choose to mention the sacrifice of Christ, the Lamb of God. Where He promises abundance of

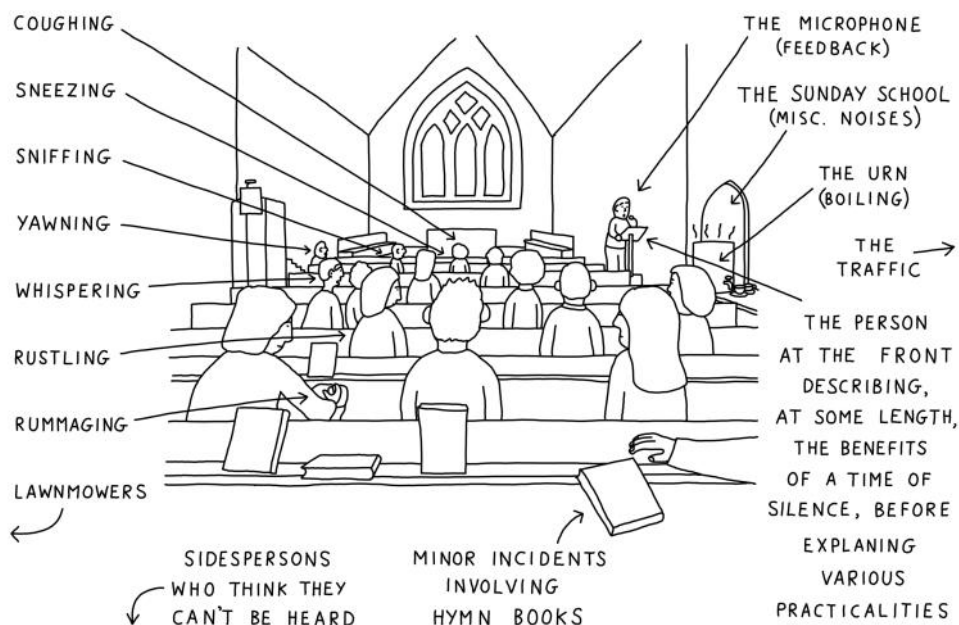
wealth, honour, and long life, I have changed some of these typical blessings for grace, glory and life eternal, which are brought to light by the gospel, and promised in the New Testament."

Watts died in 1748, having been a much-loved hymn-writer, scholar, pastor and preacher.

Parish Pump

### A TIME OF SILENCE

PLEASE IGNORE ALL DISTRACTIONS



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St Joseph's CAFOD Group

## Chilli Quiz Night

*(All proceeds to support the work of CAFOD)*

Join us for an evening Quiz and Chilli at

St Joseph's Parish Centre

At 7.00 for 7.30pm start

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Featuring *Kieron Walsh* as Quiz Master



Entrance **£10** (inc Chilli or Veggie or Non-Spicy Option)

Pay on the Door *Bring Your Own Drinks*

Reserve a table by emailing team details to: [cafod.sjhf@gmail.com](mailto:cafod.sjhf@gmail.com)

## Have you read Leviticus lately? - Thoughts on Bible Sunday

Over many years of Christian worship and church involvement, somehow the book of Leviticus had passed my mother by. When she finally came to it, despite a timid and conforming nature she summoned up the courage to say she found it unpalatable. I guess a lot of us would agree.

It's certainly not good news for animals, or at least, not for cattle, goats, sheep. All that slaughter, all that burning and flinging blood around! Priestly vestments were carefully defined but the laundry bill must have been enormous. Lots of complex rules, to be harshly enforced. Some universal and readily accepted, some perhaps only making sense in the context, health issues and climate of the time and some that just sound plain bonkers though that may be our lack of understanding.

Taking them as a whole, were these rules ever expected throughout the community? Ever practised? Ever

enforced? Did release of slaves in the seventh year and restoration at the jubilee ever actually happen? Looking at the history of the Old Testament, who wrote what, when, why, in what context, I'm sometimes tempted to wonder whether some of it was wishful thinking on the part of the authors, what they'd like to see happening rather than something like the Highway Code, generally accepted and for the most part observed.

Certainly scholarship has questioned who it was expected to apply to. Perhaps just the priestly and propertied class, those who had returned from exile and rebuilt the temple, and not the common people. There's plenty about managing one property and produce, about how to treat workers and slaves but little about what is expected from those workers and slaves. For example, the well known instructions about not reaping every last grain from one's fields but leaving it for the poor are addressed to

those who have fields and crops to reap, not to the poor, to the likes of Boaz rather than to Ruth.

Extracts from Leviticus are often quoted in isolation, not least in the debate on issues of sexuality. Before you are persuaded by any of these, do read Leviticus as a whole. The opening chapters on sacrifice and skin diseases can be hard going, but perhaps skim them to get the gist and persevere. Let me leave you with some gems, perhaps not the stuff on fabrics, tattoo and haircuts but some principles we'd do well to translate into a modern context and put into practice:

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap right into the edges of your field; neither shall you glean the loose ears of your crop; you shall not completely strip your vineyard nor glean the fallen grapes, and you are not to gather the gleanings of the harvest. You are to leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord....You shall

not pervert justice, either by favouring the poor or by subservience to the great... You shall not pervert justice in measurement of length, weight or quantity. You shall have true scales, true weights, true measures... When an alien settles with you in your

land, you shall not oppress him. He shall be treated as a native born among you, and you shall love him as a man like yourself, because you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." (Lev 19)

Howard Mason

### A new kind of Remembrance poppy



For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continue the Royal British Legion's commitment to sustainability.

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to "be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment". The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it is made from "bespoke red and green paper". The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use



## Mothers Union

My turn! As I write this the rain is pouring down my window and storm Babet is on its way, I wonder if by the time this article is being read if we'd have had the next storm, it will begin with C, I wonder what will it be, Charlie, Chris, Colin, Cliff? We actually succumbed and put our heating on last week as well, I was hoping to hold off till November but hey ho!

How are you all doing then? I hope you're all keeping warm and dry and managing to have at least one smile per day, look for something every day, it will be there I assure you. Life for me and Jackie has a degree of normality now, the rugby season has started back, mind we have both been glued to the World Cup. When you read this it will all be over, right now I'm wondering if England will do it and beat South Africa to get to the final again....

Last month at our meeting we welcomed Kate Pwaisiho to

come and speak to us. I'm sure many of you remember her and her family from when they were at St Anne's; Bishop Willie is such a character it's hard to forget him! It was so lovely to see Kate. She spoke to us about life in the Solomon Islands and how climate change was affecting them. One series of pictures she showed us really brought it home. A church that was once on a grassy mound was now gone, swallowed up by the sea, shocking. We see the changes here with our random weather patterns but there it was physical, something that was there is now gone, forever. We must keep doing our bit in the hope that our efforts will help.

On to this month, we are looking forward to welcoming Sarah Maunder from Stockdales. Stockdales is a long standing charity based in Sale. They work with children and young adults with learning and physical

disabilities. This year they are celebrating their 40th anniversary. Please come along to listen to Sarah and find out what wonderful work they are doing in our community. Our meeting is on Monday 13th November at 8 pm in the church hall. You don't have to be a member of the MU, all are welcome. It would be good to see you.

Our members are again this year going to donate Christmas gifts to the children whose families are being supported by TDAS (Trafford Domestic Abuse Service). If you would like to join us in donating a gift please get in touch with me or Jackie and we will happily come and collect your gift. We will need it before 1 December though.

Look after yourselves, and remember to look for that thing that makes you smile each day.

Love  
Carol & Jackie

## Spiders

On a chill November morning  
A spider's web, bedewed  
With the moisture of the dawning  
Will cheer our wint'ry mood.

'Tis one of nature's wonders  
'Tis lovely to behold  
Till a moth, unwary, blunders  
Into its sticky fold.

The spider's role is savage  
Its killing bite is sure.  
Sweet nature then will ravage  
'Tis red in tooth and claw.

Such goings-on we pardon,  
We do not moan or grouse  
If kept within the garden –  
But not inside the house!

For webs across the doorway  
Or underneath the bed  
Are pretty much a sure way  
To get me seeing red!

No house stays clean and tidy  
When spiders are about,  
Their webby messes spidery –  
You cannot help but shout!

I wish, to our eight-legged friends  
I could request, "Oh, please,  
"Just go outside, don't be a pest!"  
But I don't speak spider-ese.

Nigel Beeton, Parish Pump



## Miscellany

**Congratulations,**  
and thank you to  
Paul Edwards for his  
ministry here as a  
Reader for 40 years  
(and thank you for  
the cake!)



*"That's two t's in Matthew", said Osric*

### Anagrams!

Presbyterian – Best in prayer  
Astronomer – Moon starrer  
Desperation – A rope ends it  
The eyes – They see  
The Morse Code – Here come dots  
Dormitory – Dirty room  
Slot machines – Cash lost in me  
Animosity – Is no amity  
Election results – Lies; let's recount  
Snooze alarms – Alas! No more Z's  
A decimal point – I'm a dot in place  
The earthquakes – That queer shake  
Eleven plus two – Twelve plus one

19th century American evangelist Dwight L. Moody is quoted as saying that out of 100 people, one will read the Bible and the other 99 will read the Christian.

# Thank you

**St Anne's Church, Sale**

for your kind donation of:

**Harvest food**

The food you have given will help the Boaz Trust provide vital support for refugees and people seeking sanctuary in Greater Manchester and the surrounding areas.

*"I was a stranger and you invited me in." - Matthew 25:35*

**boaztrust**



"Housing is the key. Nothing else is possible without a roof over your head." With support from the Boaz Trust Aimee\* now has a place to live, finally has refugee status and is working and volunteering in her local community. She says, "Boaz has the understanding that we go through a lot and they don't count you as a number or as somebody who just lives in their accommodation. They treat you as a human being."

\*Name changed for security reasons



Harvest gifts from the church and the school were shared between the Food Bank and Boaz. We received the thank you above from Boaz.



A festive poster for St Martin's Church Christmas Tree Festival. The background is white with a border of green Christmas trees, some decorated with lights and ornaments. Yellow stars are scattered throughout. The text is centered and uses various fonts and colors (green, yellow, red) to create a cheerful holiday theme.

**St Martin's Church**  
**Ashton upon Mersey**  
Church Lane, M33 5QQ

# Christmas Tree Festival

**Thursday 30th November**  
**Friday 1st December**  
**Saturday 2nd of December**  
**10am - 4pm & 6 - 8pm**

**Sunday 3rd December**  
**12 - 4pm**

✦ Free Entry  
✦ Seasonal Refreshments  
✦ Trees from local organisations

 **THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND**  
Diocese of Chester

*Follow The Star*  
Join the Song

A festive poster for St Paul's Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival. The background is light blue with white snowflakes. A large green Christmas tree with red ornaments and a yellow star on top is on the left. A string of colorful lights hangs across the top and bottom. The text is in red and green, with a small photo of the church in the top right corner.

**St Paul's Parish Church,**  
**Sale, M33 7YA**  
**Tel: 0161 9620082**



# Christmas TREE FESTIVAL

**Free Admission**

**Friday 8th December**  
**2-5pm 6-8pm**  
**Saturday 9th Dec 10-4pm**  
**Sunday 10th Dec 12-5pm**

**For more information see**  
**[www.stpaulsale.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsale.co.uk)**  
**or St Paul's facebook page.**

**SEASONAL  
REFRESHMENTS**



## Fairtrade Update

What to do after Traidcraft went into liquidation? Well, we still want to promote fair trade, to focus our buying, where we can, on ethically produced goods that give the producers a fair deal. And so we are sourcing fairly traded foods, goods, crafts - some familiar and some new brands - from a range of sources. In particular we have been able to offer a changing range of crafts that Justicia in Bolton provide on a sale or return basis and that means a wider range and variety that we'd be able to stock ourselves.

Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange) bought the Traidcraft brand name in the liquidation process and are selling Traidcraft-branded Christmas cards - we have some on our stall. We were able to buy some remaining stocks of Traidcraft tea, the orange and blue packets, but those will soon be gone and sadly that's the end of Traidcraft tea. We're exploring alternatives and of course, some of the teas in the supermarkets are fairly traded too.

Brands like Divine, Zaytoun and Meru Herbs are still in production and we stock or can order some of their products. Meru was hit particularly hard by the demise of Traidcraft and that has caused some

supply chain problems but we expect Mango Jam any time soon!

Our present focus is on Christmas with cards from several charities, not just Traidcraft, and with Advent calendars, stocking fillers and other crafts. We usually sell on the first and third Sundays but leading up to Christmas, do come to the hall on after the 10am Sunday service and see what's on offer. Let us know what you think of what we're selling and what else you'd like to see.

Thank you for your continuing support.

The Traidcraft Team



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 newssheets from our clergy. If you don't receive these by email, please send your email address to Alison: [alisoncox19@hotmail.com](mailto:alisoncox19@hotmail.com)

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## Parish Directory

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2nd Sale Moor Rainbows:	Weds 5.15 - 6.15 pm in the Church Hall email <a href="mailto:2ndsalemoorainbows@gmail.com">2ndsalemoorainbows@gmail.com</a>	
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
2nd Sale Moor Guides:	Mondays 7.30 - 9pm in the Church Hall	0161 286 1623
7th Sale Moor Guides:	Tuesdays 7 pm at Sale Moor Methodist Church	
Sale Moor Rangers Unit:	Thursday evenings at Trinity Methodist Church	
Church Fellowship:	Monthly coffee mornings, Church Hall	0161 962 8946
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