



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

**e-Spire**

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## Pentecost, not a Ghost but a Gift

We used to call it Whitsun – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. There are no processions nowadays, and we’ve even changed its name. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It took place on the well-established Jewish festival of First Fruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest, seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter. A feast day to celebrate the country’s wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Pentecost, they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3,000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn’t helped by the earlier title ‘Holy Ghost’. The spirit is not spiritually a ‘ghost’ but a precious gift.

*We celebrate Pentecost this year on Sunday 19 May.*

## A Matter of Life and Death

We have a new and important addition to the street furniture in Sale Moor village. This emergency bleed control kit is located on the wall outside the Temple Inn, opposite the car wash), on Temple Road/ Northenden Road.

**Catastrophic Bleed?  
Is this an emergency?  
Call 999 or 112, ask for the ambulance service and follow  
their instructions.**



Give your location. They will advise you on how to open the box to access lifesaving dressings and equipment for you or others to assist the injured person until the paramedics / ambulance arrives.

The operator will remain on the line and ask a series of questions and advise on what steps to take to assist in the emergency.

***Early intervention is crucial as victims with catastrophic injuries can die within three minutes.***

Every day is a gift; that's why they call it the present. Anon

Be kind. Everyone you meet is fighting a tough battle.

## "Looking out of the window"

How do I begin to report on the month of April when the garden has changed so much, despite all the rain and strong chilly winds ?

The apple and pear trees have had spectacular blossom. The cherry tree next door is laden with lovely pink petals, but because of the wind coming in from the east and north the blossom is landing in its own garden rather than the normal carpet of it on the lawn on our side of the fence; this eases the necessity of raking it all up! The magpies are still digging up a great deal of the moss so the leaf rake has a job to do there.

Two brave rosebuds appeared on a bush in early April. Yellow polyanthus and pansies began to peer out of the "wilder" aspects of the garden, as did the lily of the valley - such secretive little plants. There is nothing secretive about the forget-me-nots, they are rampant, and the bluebells (and their white cousins) are catching up fast. The azalea and rhododendron bushes are waking up as is the aubretia and lavender. The scarlet tulips have been magnificent but are being blown to bits now.

There is obviously a robin's nest nearby with hectic feeding activity going on, and blue and great tits joining in the fun. The parakeets are as usual, busy, noisy, and acrobatic. One was showing off one day hanging sideways with one foot holding onto the feeder and the other onto the washing line a couple of inches higher. Bumble bees have been "bumbling" along as they have emerged into the warmth of some sunshine. A butterfly has wafted by and ladybirds are numerous.

There is much tidying to do with the debris of spring bulbs but that will create space for the summer plants to come.

Yet again there seems to be plenty to report when gazing out of the window whilst washing up, or watching the world go by from the front of the house. One such event again involved an enormous crane delivering some steel girders to a house a few doors away from us, and reaching right over the roof with its long jib carefully manoeuvring its swinging load.

Bridget Beggs



## Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. This year TKC takes place from 9 to 19 May.



Since it began in May 2016, TKC has grown from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is hoped that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus

Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

### How to get involved

- Pick up a copy of the little Prayer Journal from church. It includes QR codes that you can scan to view short videos.
- Pick up a copy of Novena, a daily study guide, from church.
- Go on the TKC website: [here](#)

### In stock!

Our Fairtrade stall has a new selection of crafts which we hope will appeal to you. Meru Mango Jam is back in stock (under new branding by the UK distributors, True Origins). There's some new lines in tea and coffee. And we have a few short sell-by date items at a reduced price – strawberry jam and marmalade. Do come and take a look on the first and third Sundays each month after the 10 am service.

## The Brick Show is back!

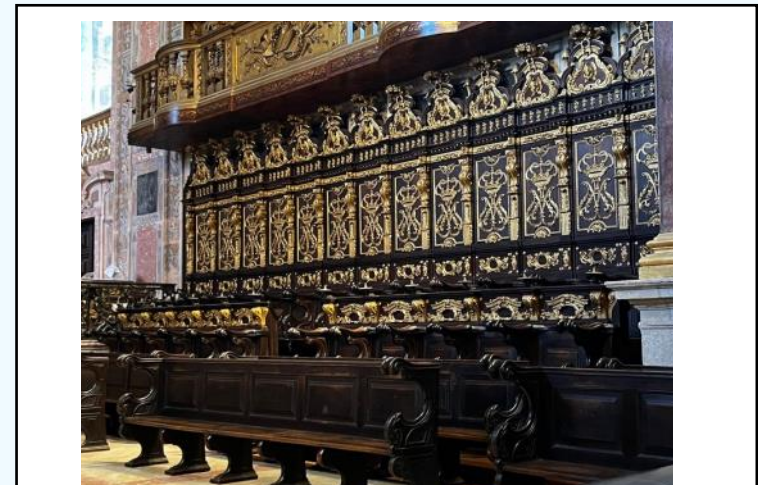


Sale Brick Show is back at St Anne's as a one day event for all Lego fans:

**Saturday 13 July - 10 am to 4 pm**

in Church and in the church hall

More details and the link to book tickets in advance coming soon. And you could talk to Tom Newby who is organising it again.



The Future Foundations Project was not convinced by the choir's ideas for improved choirstalls!

# Mothers Union

As I write this we are actually having a day without rain and though windy and chilly the sun is shining. SURELY Spring must be on its way. I keep thinking I must go in the garden to tidy it up but every time I have a free moment, I look out and it is raining. A couple of weeks ago we did actually have two nice days and I managed to get washing dry on the line and weeds cleared from the flower beds.

Before I report on what has been happening and what will happen, on behalf of St Anne's Mothers Union we send congratulations to Olwyn as she celebrates 30 years as an Ordained Priest.

I have taken some flowers to Sylvia Webb to wish her well after her operation and painful recovery. When I called to drop the flowers off the District Nurse arrived to dress her legs but Cliff thanked us. Carol and myself are also planning to go and see Mavis sometime in May

and we will take her some flowers too.

At our last meeting in April you welcomed Linda Goodchild who spoke about 'Women in the Bible' and I believe it was very interesting. I was unable to stay for the full meeting as I had my Grandson Noah staying overnight. He came in quite useful as he collected the entrance money and marked people off as they arrived. I did get informed by him that it would be easier if I had listed people's first names alphabetically instead of their surnames. Also I am not sure how many biscuits and chocolates he managed to eat.

In May we welcome Janet Plumb who will talk about 'My Life in Fabric'. A few of you will also know that Janet runs St Anne's Mums and Tots in the church hall on a Friday morning. On 20 May we are meeting for our 'Wave of Prayer' at 2.30pm.

This will be held in church and the Order of Service is in the centre of your last Mothers Union Matters.

Our June meeting will see us welcome a speaker about 'Blood Bikes' where we will learn about how donated blood is used and transferred. There will be an opportunity for you to donate to this organisation personally, if you so wish. The Mothers Union as an Organisation cannot give to another charity but you can as an individual.

At the next two meeting I will have a list with me for you to sign up if you wish to come to the meal out at The Boat House. This is on Monday 8 July and will be booked for a start of 7pm. I do know that Carol will not be there this year as she is tootling off on another holiday. I have lost count this year!

Love and Prayers  
Jackie and Carol

## ST. ANNE'S CHAT AND CRAFT GROUP

meets every Thursday at 1.30pm  
in the church hall  
£1.50 per session includes refreshments

We also have fun with craft workshops on the first Thursday of every month. Why not come along, enjoy a chat and maybe renew forgotten skills or learn a new one.  
Everyone Welcome.

2<sup>ND</sup> MAY Beginners Card Making- An ideal way to re-use and recycle with matting and layering techniques.

6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE Easy Paper Roses- Make a simple but personal table decoration or gift bag/parcel embellishment.

4<sup>TH</sup> JULY Decopatch- Not sure what that is? Then come and try!

5<sup>TH</sup> SEPT Knitting and Crochet- Start as a beginner, bring along a difficult pattern you need help with or come and share your skills.

3<sup>RD</sup> OCT Watercolour Flowers- Anyone can do it! Please bring a small brush and watercolour paint box.

7<sup>TH</sup> NOV Gift Boxes- Get ready for Christmas.....

I am not what I might be, I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be; but I thank God I am not what I once was, and I can say with the great apostle, 'By the grace of God I am what I am.' - John Newton, former slave trader and writer of "Amazing Grace"



## Christian Aid Week: 12-18 May



Christian Aid Week still matters. Last year it contributed £5m of the £65m raised from its supporters. Another £15m came from legacies, perhaps a sign of the age of those who have supported Christian Aid from the start (it was founded in 1945 to help refugees from the Second World War).

Christian Aid is involved all over the world, particularly in central America, central Africa, south Asia and the Middle East. Much of its work is about development and justice but sadly humanitarian relief was a big feature of 2023, particularly among refugees from Ukraine and Syria.



We are again inviting donations with envelopes available at the back of church - you can leave them in the plate there on Sundays; don't forget to Gift Aid what you give. Or you can donate Sale Christian Aid's online option [here](#). We're no longer knocking on doors so please do use these ways to give instead.

### Christian Aid's values

★ Dignity   ★ Love   ★ Justice   ★ Equality

### Pentecost with Churches Together in Sale

The next joint service organised by CTiS will be on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May from 4 to 5.30 pm at the Avenue Methodist Church. Do come!

## The perfect church

If you should find the perfect church without one fault or smear,  
for goodness sake don't join that church, you'd spoil the atmosphere.  
If you should find the perfect church where all anxieties cease  
then pass it by lest joining in you spoil the masterpiece.  
If you should find the perfect church then don't you ever dare  
to tread upon such holy ground, you'd be a misfit there.  
But since no perfect church exists, made of perfect men,  
let's cease on looking for that church and love the church we're in.  
Of course it's not the perfect church, that's simple to discern.  
But you and I and all of us could cause the tide to turn.  
What fools are we to flee the past in that unfruitful search,  
to find at last, where problems loom God proudly builds His church.  
So let's keep working in our church  
Until the resurrection.  
And then we each will join that church  
Without an imperfection.

Mavis Williams

### John Wesley's rule

Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can

John Wesley 1703 – 1791



Shirley caught the flower ladies  
red-handed, dealing trugs

## Parish Pump is 25!

One of the sources we use for this magazine is Parish Pump. Each month it provides us with articles and artwork, cartoons, jokes and much more.

With the June release, Parish Pump reached a significant anniversary: a full 25 years of production, every single month since July 1999, regularly reaching many tens of thousands of readers in the UK and overseas.

And its based in our diocese. Journalist Anne Coomes has edited the subscription service throughout the quarter century from her home near Macclesfield. Looking back, Anne says: "It has been a real labour of love to edit and produce Parish Pump over all those years. I have a wonderful group of contributors who write on a wide range of subjects, and we receive so many grateful messages from magazine editors.

"Parish Pump is a key part of my vocation to serve the Church. I feel passionate about church magazines, as they may be the only Christian literature that many people ever see, and so they are a wonderful way in which local churches can communicate the gospel to their

communities."

The increase in online communications and the difficulty in recruiting editors has led many churches to stop producing a printed magazine. Anne said: "Each month, I receive news of magazines closing down – but also of new ones opening up. Overall, the trend is downwards, and that's a shame as not everyone is able to go online. Magazines can reach people who would never search out a church website.

"The suspension of printed magazines during Covid was very difficult for many churches and editors. Many began posting their magazine online and that trend has continued."



## Beatitudes for the aged

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.  
Blessed are they who know my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know my eyes are dim and wits are slow.

Blessed are they who look away when coffee was spilt on the table.  
Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say you've told that story twice today.  
Blessed are they who know the way to bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are they who make it known I'm loved respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey home in loving ways.

Esther Mary Walker

## 10 rules for an easier life

- 1 Never judge a day by the weather.
- 2 The best things in life aren't things.
- 3 Tell the truth: there's less to remember.
- 4 Speak softly and wear a loud shirt.
- 5 Goals are deceptive. The unaimed arrow never misses.
- 6 He who dies with the most toys still dies.
- 7 Age is relative - when you are over the hill you pick up speed.
- 8 There are two ways to be rich - make more or desire less.
- 9 Beauty is internal, looks mean nothing.
- 10 No rain no rainbows.

*Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction. - Antoine De Saint-Exupery*

## Book Group

We continue to meet by Zoom and our next gathering will be on Monday 3 June at 7.30 pm. The book under discussion is *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak. An unusual book but a good read.

We also pencilled in a second book for the next time: William Boyd's "The Romantic".

You're all welcome to join the discussion; to get the Zoom link, please contact Margaret Blowey [here](#).



## Our new PCC

Our annual meeting on 30 April appointed new members to the PCC. Its new membership is:

Alison Cox  
Paul Edwards  
Sue Heath  
Val Taylor  
Helen Thorley  
Lynda Bywater  
Rachel Boyle  
Ann Hunt  
Claire Tattersall  
Chris Jones  
Olwyn Marlow  
Pauline Stacey

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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

## Guiding

### Rainbows

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