

Inspiration sheet

your weekly update of what is happening at St Anne's

SUNDAY SERVICES

This Sunday - 8 March

10 am **Lent 3:** We hear from our Reader, Dr Bipasha Choudhury this morning at our service of Holy Communion.

Next Sunday - 15 March

10 am **Mothering Sunday:** Our service of Holy Communion with free flower posies for mothers.



SUNDAY SCHOOL runs during the service in church.

All our services are live streamed; watch via our YouTube account 'St Anne, Sale'

Lent Lunch

We host a Lent Lunch as usual on Sunday 22nd March in the hall following morning worship to raise funds for our contribution to CAP (Sale) debt support project.

Coffee and Chat

Our monthly coffee morning in church is on Thurs 12 March at 10.30 - 12 noon; all welcome.

Fairtrade Stall

Come and visit our stall in the church hall after worship this Sunday - we have new crafts & are now selling Easter cards.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting takes place on Sunday 26 April when we receive reports on our activities in 2025.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Please email the vicar (alisoncox19@hotmail.com) with your prayer requests. Deadline for inclusion in the Inspiration Sheet is 9 am on Saturday.

For those in any kind of need:

- Doreen Cropper; David and Ruth Getgood, the Revd Dr Colin Greene, Chris Lawlor, Darren Armstrong, Eunice Wright, the Revd Julian Heaton, Allan Pickford and Gemma Tingay.

For those who mourn: we pray for the family and friends Jean Roberts whose funeral will take place in church on Thursday 19 March at 12.45 pm.

For CAP (Christians Against Poverty): we pray for those struggling with debt and financial worries; we pray for our project here in Sale and our project worker Funa Joseph who is coming to preach at St Anne's this month.

For peace: for the conflicts in Iran, Ukraine and Russia; Gaza and Israel.

For our land sale: We pray for the land sale process as our site on Budworth Road - St Francis - is now up for sale after two years of delay; the deadline for receiving bids is Wednesday 22nd April (the proceeds of this land sale will pay for the refurbishing of St Anne's church).

LENT BIBLE STUDIES

- On Wednesdays at 11 am in the choir vestry, we will be using the Methodist Church Lent bible study for 2026.
- On Monday morning using USPG material 'For Christ is our peace' at 10 am at Margaret Ward's house.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK:



Monday 9 March

9.00am Mindful Mondays
8 pm Mothers' Union meeting
in the church hall.

Tuesday 10 March

3 pm School assembly
6 pm Eco Group
6.45 pm Choir practice

Wednesday 11 March

10 am Holy Communion
11am Lent bible study
2 pm Yr 5 and Yr 6 visit church

Thursday 12 March

10.30am Coffee morning in church
1.30 pm Craft and chat in the hall
7.30 pm The Bible Course in the
choir vestry

Friday 13 March

9.15 am Toddler group in the hall

Saturday 14 March

9.30 am Morning Prayer via zoom
(email Alison Cox for access code)
10 am Making posies in church
12 noon - 6 pm Concert in church

Clothing for the Homeless

Please leave items for men only (we have been asked by the project leaders) and of course, sleeping bags. These items can be left in the church porch (*church open Sundays and Wednesdays from 9.30 - 4 pm in winter*)

Trafford Youth for Christ
There will be a special 45th anniversary quiz night at The Life Church on Saturday 25 April. Speak to Brian Durham if you want to go along or know more about this charity which St Anne's supports.

LENT AND EASTER 2026

Mothering Sunday - 15 March

Members of the MU will be assemblies posies in church on Saturday 14 March at 10 am.

Guest preacher - 22nd March

Funa Joseph is our new CAP Centre Manager for our joint project in Sale. This will be followed by our Lent Lunch to raise funds towards our contribution for CAP (Sale) project.

Palm Sunday - 29 March

The donkey leads us from the hall to the church to mark the events of the first Palm Sunday in Jerusalem.

HOLY WEEK

Monday 30 March - Musical meditation with Glasshouse Choir at 7 pm

Tuesday 31 March - Stations of the Cross in church at 7 pm

Wednesday 1st April - Tenebrae service of light and stillness in church at 7 pm



Maundy Thursday 2nd April - Last Supper and Holy Communion with the washing of feet in the hall starting at 6.30 pm



Good Friday 3rd April - Meditation at the Cross at 12 noon in church

Easter Sunday 5 April - Holy Communion as we celebrate the Risen Christ with us for ever.

Gratitude - Recording our Thanks

Reader Bip writes: Lent is a season where Christians are called to reflect on our lives and seek God through prayer. A large, but often neglected, part of prayer is thanksgiving. Thanking God for who He is, for what he has done, for what he is doing and for walking with us day by day is life giving.

This Lent we will have a 'Wall of Gratitude' displayed at the high altar in church. Please come and prayerfully interact with this, writing down those things we are thankful to God for and in turn realising His abundant daily provision for each of us.