



Disciple

The Weekly Newsletter of The MCC of Manchester

Sunday 1st November 2009

Welcome to this newsletter and to the ministry of MCC Manchester. If this is your first contact with us, know that you are welcome. You can take part in our ministry through attending our worship services or mid week meetings, or by using the various resources on our website. You can keep in touch with us in person, by email, or by text. It is our prayer that our people grow as committed disciples of the Lord Jesus. If you no longer wish to receive this simply email back and let us know.

Worship Today We celebrated All Saints day giving thanks for those Christians who are now with the Lord and whose lives have inspired us. We realise that the New Testament use of the word "saint" means any Christian so we are saints and, just as we have been inspired by those who have gone before us so we too need to inspire, love and support each other. The saints of old surround us like a mighty cloud of witnesses and cheer us on our way through life.

Thanks. Thank you for your generosity last week. 42 people worshipped with us and gave a £164.50 in the collection; this is on top of the £1,300 or so that is given by monthly standing orders to our bank account. Our Sunday average attendance in October was a little lower than normal and worked out as 40 a week. In total we saw 73 people at least once during October.

Handel's Messiah. 12 of us are off to see this on the 14th November. Andy has tickets for those who have paid. There are a very few tickets left, please let Andy know at once if you wish to come!

This and That **Elaine Bailey**, our member down in Brighton, had a second operation on her spine but sadly this has not been successful. She is still of work and in some pain. She is considering having a different type of operation which will remove the two discs that are causing the problems and having a rod inserted in their place. Please keep her in your

In Your Prayers

Please remember

Those who encountered us at Pride –that they may come along and check us out.

MCC Bournemouth as their numbers continue to increase.

Amanda Styles recovering from surgery.

Birthdays in November

Robin Fox 3rd

prayers as she reflects on this. **Neil's evening of music** and song for the Congo Children's Trust raised **£200**, some people have asked if we're re-using our **paper cups**. We are not! They are rinsed before being put in the paper recycle bin. The council ask that such cups are rinsed to stop any smell in the bins.

Advent Retreat. We are having a 24 hour Advent Retreat from Friday 4th December until Saturday 5th. We will start with the evening meal on Friday and end at tea time (around 5) on the Saturday. The cost is £40 and this includes lovely en suite accommodation, the evening meal on Friday night, breakfast and lunch on the Saturday as well as teas and coffees throughout our stay. The retreat is being led by Elaine Ambrose from MCC South London; Elaine is studying for the ministry in MCC. Booking forms are available in church – please return them with a £20 deposit.

Annual General Meeting & Christmas Meal Our AGM this year will be after worship on Sunday 13th December at 6.15pm. We will elect Board members, adopt a budget for 2010, approve the audited accounts for 2008 and receive an update on the financial position for the first 11 months of 2009. We will also receive Andy's report. We will put much of this information on line so you can read it before the AGM. After this we will go for a Christmas meal together at the Horse and Jockey on Chorlton Green. This is a lovely recently refurbished pub and the food is superb (a few of us sampled it last week). The Christmas meal costs £20 for a three course meal (including the service charge). We need a £10 deposit in order to book and must finalise numbers in the next couple of weeks! Forms giving the menu choices are available at the back of church. Please return these, with your deposit, to Ian or Andy.

Visiting Preachers We welcome Nigel Biggs from the Boaz Trust to preach for us on Sunday 22nd November. The Boaz Trust is a Christian charity housing and feeding destitute asylum seekers in Manchester. On 6th December we welcome Elaine Ambrose from MCC South London to preach for us again. Elaine preached for us in January this year and it's good to welcome her back amongst us. On Sunday 27th December we welcome the Rev Mia Andersen, pastor of our congregation in Copenhagen. Mia and her partner, Laurence, will be staying in Manchester for Christmas and it's a delight to welcome Mia as she preaches for us.

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Daily Devotional

You can get our daily devotional in church or on our website. It is designed to help us grow spiritually by giving a resource for our own daily prayer times. It consists of a short "order of worship" of a Psalm, other Biblical reading and a reflection. It also gives ideas of things to pray for.