



Disciple

The Weekly Newsletter of The MCC of Manchester

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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 email please let us know.

Worship Today We started a new sermon series looking at how God worked through the Jewish people leading to the birth of Jesus as the long promised Messiah. Andy started the series looking at the creation stories in Genesis. Genesis was actually written around 500 years before Jesus but it's placed at the start of the Bible so people think it's the oldest book. Genesis presents in written form the old stories about the origins of the Jewish people which had been told for generations. The first of these stories, appropriately enough, concerns God's creative activity in making the universe. The point of the story is to show God's sovereign action as creator of all, the need for rest and respect of God who made all things. We are stewards of God's creation and will one day give account of our stewardship of the earth.

Thanks. Thank you for your generosity last week. 56 people worshipped with us and gave a £159.50 in the collection; this is on top of the £1,300 or so that is given by monthly standing orders to our bank account.

Pride Thanks to all who helped out with our outreach efforts at Manchester Pride. We staffed the stall in the Lifestyle Expo on Saturday, Sunday and Monday last week and talked to many people about MCC. Thanks to Andy P, Geoff, Sarah, Dan, Alan, Clint, Margaret, Gwen and Andy J for all helping and thanks to the Rev Dwayne Morgan from MCC Bournemouth who came and helped all weekend.

In Your Prayers

Please remember

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

Elaine Bailey, our member in Brighton, recovering from spinal surgery.

Smiley Robinson preparing for surgery on Monday.

Our congregation in Cologne as they continue to grow, develop and reach out with the message of the Gospel.

Birthdays in September

Masoud 8th
Chris Wyatt 16th
Mary Starkey 21st
Neil Whitaker 29th

The Move is now complete and all our property has been moved from St Chrysostom's to Wilbraham St Ninian's. Thanks this week to Jo and Masoud who helped move the last bits on Friday. We still have to buy some more cabinet lights and the mini fridge. Thanks also to Duncan for all his work on the storage cupboard which he will be finishing off the storage cupboard this week. Please note our new phone number 0161 881 6050. We hope the new BT answering service will be online soon! Thanks to Ian who took some great photos of worship last week – one of Dan celebrating Holy Communion is on the front page of the website.

Our new elders, the Rev Diane Fisher took a service at MCC Newcastle this week and Gwen and Margaret attended. Diane passed on her good wishes to all of us at MCC Manchester. Diane is a Canadian who lives in the north east of the United States and is spending a short time in the UK and Germany. The Rev Darlene Garner will be working with some of the churches in our region to help encourage growth (Diane will be working with the others). Darlene and Andy are having a telephone meeting on Tuesday to start this work.

Not the Only Gays in the Village Bury LGBT presents an evening of music and comedy celebrating diversity in Bury on Thursday 24th September at 8pm at the Met, Market Street, Bury. Tickets from 0161 761 2216 or via <http://themet.biz>

Parking & Smoking There is plenty of space in the streets around church to park. If you really get stuck try the Morrisons' supermarket just past church on the way into Chorlton. The places immediately at the front of church, when they are available, **are only for blue badge holders**. On the first and second Sundays of the month it is unlikely there will be any space there due to groups using the hall. You are welcome to smoke on the pavement at the side or front of the church – but not on the church grounds please!

Paper Cups We don't have access to the kitchen on the first Sunday of the month until 6.30pm so we have decided to use good quality paper cups on these Sundays. These are recyclable and only need to be rinsed before being put out for collection. We will put a few mugs out for those who are unable to use paper cups safely. We have cardboard sleeves for the cups too so that they are safe to handle. Due to increasing numbers we are wondering about using these every week – they are easier to store and don't need such intensive washing up. Please let Andy or Philip know what you think – particularly if you are on the washing up rota!

Gardening – A Chance to Help Our Hosts. The good folk of Wilbraham St Ninian's organise gardening days to keep their church grounds neat and tidy. The next one is on the morning of Saturday 10th October and they would love to see some of us helping! No experience of gardening necessary (not even the ability to tell a weed from a flower evidently!). Please let Andy know if you can come and he will pass on the names to WSN.

Getting to the Office If you need to come and see Andy during the week he is available on an appointment basis. Come to the rear of the church on Egerton Road South and between the old church (now the old hall) and the new church ring the bell next to the black door at the end of the passage. This sounds in Andy's office.

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.

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