



# Disciple

## *The Weekly Newsletter of The MCC of Manchester*

**Sunday 10th May 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.

**Today's Service** continues to celebrate our Easter joy. Jesus is risen, death is defeated, hell cheated and the new life that Jesus has is shared with those who follow him. Hallelujah! Philip looked at the words of Jesus "I am the vine you are the branches". Unless we remain in a relationship with Jesus we will find that our nourishment and spiritual energy stops and we wither – like a branch cut off from a tree.

**Thanks.** Thank you for your generosity last week. 45 people attended last week and gave £152 in the collection. We have seen over 90 people at least once a month in April with a weekly average attendance of 45.

**Help.** We could do with a few more volunteers to help wash up after church. If we get another two we you'd only need to help once every 6 weeks or so. Please let Andy or Philip know if you can help.

**Helping the GMIAU.** We have received another £50 towards our Lenten Smartie tube collection for the Immigration Aid Unit bringing the total to £450. If you still have a Smartie tube to return, or donation to make, please do so. We hope to send the money off at the start of June.

**Can You Sing or Play an Instrument?** We are always looking to expand our choir and musical input on Sundays. If you can sing – or at least want to explore singing - speak to Philip and turn up at 3pm on Sundays for the choir practice. If you can play a musical instrument again speak to Philip and we will try you out!

**Membership Class** – We are holding a membership class on Thursday 21st May. This helps you decide if membership of MCC is for you. Please let Andy know if you wish to attend.

### **In Your Prayers**

#### *Please remember*

Those who are ill in mind, body or spirit, especially Terry, Smiley and Elaine's mum.

To give thanks for the recovery of Andy's friend Elaine. The doctors have removed her lump and have now decided she doesn't need any more radiotherapy. She will have check ups every three months.

### **Birthdays in May**

12<sup>th</sup> Don Russell  
19<sup>th</sup> Steve Gray  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jane Caldwell

### **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

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