

# CONCORD ~ March 2012

Prayer for the Month ...

Almighty God, who gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly living; give us your generous help, so that we may always most gratefully accept these incalculable gifts of his, and also endeavour daily for ourselves to follow the blessed footsteps of his most holy life;

Through him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Northenden Rectory, Ford Lane.  
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Dear Friends,

Happy Lent! I don't claim that these remarks about it are original, but I hope that they are as relevant and helpful as when they were first made. It may be helpful to give something up for Lent ~ but I suggest that taking something up which brings us closer to God is a better discipline. So forget chocolate, and give up grousing, for instance, even if there is reason to grouse; look for something to commend, or be grateful for, and praise God for!

And so, now read on! *Greg Forster (Rector)*

## **The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)** **South Manchester Meeting**

**There is a meeting for worship**

**at the Friends' Meeting House, Wythenshawe Rd.,  
at 10.30am every Sunday.**

Children welcome. \*Details from Roger Hensman, 980-5158.

The main hall and smaller rooms are available for hire;

~ contact Peter Todhunter (Meeting House Warden) 834-5797

## **Encounters with Fair Trade producers in Peru**

Presentation by John Ling,

**Tues. March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm Quaker Meeting House,  
82 Wythenshawe Road, Northenden. (with corn fritters!)**

The South Manchester Quakers are hosting this talk. We are keen to invite other Church groups who support Fair Trade.

# Northenden Methodist Church

Minister: The Revd. David Bown,  
5 Kenworthy Lane, Northenden, M 22  
0161 – 998-2158

## Sunday Services.

***1st Sunday every month***

Family worship ~ Sunday breakfast club ~ MESSY CHURCH  
All start off with breakfast\*\* together at 9.00am, then do activities with your child(ren) followed by a story, songs, and prayer based on the activities ~ finishes about 10.30am.

\*\*Currently £1 per person.

For details contact Amy Carline, 07816 888 704

Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Morning Worship Mr. Phil Maltby
	6.30pm	United Evening Service @ Methodists
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship Northenden Team
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	The Rev. Malcolm Purdy
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	The Rev. Margaret Hall (Holy Communion)
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Messy Church
	11.00am	Mr. John Ream
	6.30pm	United Service at St. Wilfrid's
Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Good Friday Meditation
8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day	11.00am The Rev. David Bown Holy Communion

## Community Lunch

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> March, 12 noon - 1.30pm ~ normal arrangements  
Next lunch ~ Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> April.

## Fun Bingo

Usually last Sat. of the Month (Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>), 12.00 noon - 2.00pm.  
(to be confirmed in weekly notices)

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**Northenden Players Theatre Club:**  
25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March. (not Mon. 26<sup>th</sup>) 7.30 pm  
***Three Sisters.***

*at Northenden Methodist Hall, Victoria Rd.*

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## St. Wilfrid's Church, Northenden.

Ford Lane, M22 4WE

Rector ~ the Revd. Greg Forster,  
Northenden Rectory, Ford La., M 22 4NQ

Tel. 0161 998 – 2615

Email; gsf @ stwilfridsnorthenden . org . uk

### Services:

On Sundays there will be a communion service at 8.00am;

On Thursdays at 10am there will also be a communion service.

We run "Scramblers" ~ which I mustn't call a Sunday School ~  
for children from 3½ to 7 ~ in the Church Hall, ...

... and "Sunday Club" ~ for children from 7 upwards ~ in the  
Rectory, both between 10.30 and 11.30am Sundays ...

... except when there is a Family Service in church ~  
i.e. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & April 8<sup>th</sup>, &c.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Family Communion and Parade service  
3.00pm *Nigerian Congregation*  
6.30pm United Evening Worship @ Methodist Church

11<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Worship

**18<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service.  
6.30pm Holy Communion.

25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am **BST** Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Worship

April 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion ("Standard" service)  
6.30pm United Evening Worship @ St. Wilfrid's

**Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Apr. Maundy Thursday**  
**7.30pm Holy Communion ~ the Lord's Supper**

**Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Good Friday ~ 10.30am Hymns & Readings**

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> EASTER DAY**  
10.30am **Family Communion**  
6.30pm Evening Worship

*Please contact the Rector if you (or a friend or neighbour) can't get to church and would like communion at home around Easter time.*

Sun. **15<sup>th</sup>**; Communion at 10.30am, Evening worship at 6.30pm.  
**Jubilee**

As part of our tribute to the Queen on her diamond jubilee as our monarch a band of ringers attempted to ring a Quarter Peal on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February on our bells. Sadly they were not familiar enough with our bells, and the sequence broke down about half way through. They hope to try again at some stage.

The Jubilee theme will surface on other occasions through the year, so get out your red-white-and-blue glad-rags!

## Drop in on St. Wilfrid's ...

**On Sundays from 2.00 till dusk the church is open, for private prayer, for enquiries, or just to look around.**

On 4<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April the church will be open from 2 till about 2.45pm in this way, and then will be in use for a service.

**In addition, the church will be open on the last Saturday of each month, from 10am till noon (in parallel with the **Coffee Mornings**).** This is a new arrangement to compensate for the "lost" open hours on "first Sundays". If you want to visit specifically on a "first" week-end, please contact the Rector.

Dates for your Diary ~ it's all happening!



### March

*NB. Farmers' and others' Market on Palatine Rd., Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> March, 7.45 for 8.00pm Women's Group ~ Rectory.

Wed. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>. ... Bible Study, Rectory, 8.00pm.

Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm "Out of Africa" ~ music and film from David Drackley

Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> School Governors' Meeting.

Thu. 29<sup>th</sup> PCC meeting; Hall, 7.30pm.

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Coffee Morning, 10.00 – 11.30pm

Also Church Open, 10.00am – 12.00 noon

### April

Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Women's Group. Rectory, 7.45 for 8.00pm

Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Bible Study, Rectory, 8.00pm

( but not on Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>. )

Thu. 5<sup>th</sup> School Easter Service at about 9.15am.

NB the special services over the Easter period.

Looking further ahead, the Church's annual meeting will be on Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> April, after the 10.30am service (i.e. approx. 11.30am)

The Parish Registers –



Baptised on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Chlöe Rose Metcalfe

In Memoriam ...

Patricia Holmes (75) Wythenshawe Rd.

**Women's Group.** The next meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, in the Rectory as usual from 7.45ish for an 8.00pm start. Programme to be announced later. The next meeting should be on April 2<sup>nd</sup>; ~ timing as usual.

## Flowers in Church

We are grateful to Joan Tucker and Elizabeth Towler for the work they have done with flowers in church over the past year. They get a bit of a break now over Lent, but would like to share the load more widely after Lent too. If a couple more people could take on the flower arranging one week a month, perhaps, that would be a great help. The flowers are paid for, either *in memoriam* or by the church itself, and the timing of when you come in to do it can be arranged to suit you. And if you can't make it one week, don't worry ~ the Church of England is unlikely to disintegrate because of it.

G.S.F.

The flowers behind the communion table are often bought *in memoriam*, and if anyone would like to take on a particular week, let us know ~ or if you want to let "your week" lapse.

**Church Road**

**Chippy**

**78 Church Rd., Northenden**

## **Fish, chips, peas, sausages, pies, ...**



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Magpie...

... It now appears certain that Derek Fiske and Martin Rawlings, the developers of the green tower on the corner of Church Rd. will be appealing to the Government over the Council's refusal to grant them retrospective planning permission for its unauthorised top half-storey. What arrangements will be made for the hearing, if any, are not yet clear.

... The Spread Eagle is another vacant development plot in Northenden ~ on Royle Green Rd. Plans are afoot, we understand, for a small housing development, similar to the one next door on Bell Croft Close. As for the Right of Way mentioned in the last issue, that is being looked into. As noted last month too, if you want to see the right of way reinstated, contact the Rector, who has the appropriate forms.

... hears that although Morrison's supermarkets are interested in the Carpet Shop at the River end of Palatine Rd., and have obtained a licence to sell alcohol there, with a target date of April for the opening, no-one has told the people in the Carpet shop. Last month Magpie commented that competition in the High Street would be nice. He had not thought of competition in that sort of way.

... Oops, the British economy dipped badly at the end of last year. Magpie blames the weather. It's obvious, isn't it. Part of our gross national product is registered when gas or electricity is consumed; the greater the amount of power used the greater the national production level, and the better our economy, as far as the figures go. But, oh dear, last autumn was nice and warm, thank you very much, so we did not use much power, and so productivity plummeted. As a result we are in danger of a double dip recession, and all the horrors that go with it. So, in order for the nation to prosper we need the rest of the winter quarter to be bitterly cold, in order to push up energy consumption.

... but wait a bit. If we are paying more into our fuel bills, doesn't that mean we have less to spend on other items, so there

will be less production and consumption in other parts of the economy? And didn't they blame the economic stagnation a year ago on the bad weather, which kept people at home and disrupted transport? Perhaps we need to develop a new measure of economic activity which registers real productivity, not just consumption (and perhaps we should add, sustainable rather than destructive production.). Meanwhile, we can always blame the weather. Where would Britain be without it?

... and another measure of economic success or otherwise is the level of unemployment. Interestingly, in the February figures both the number on unemployment benefit and the number in work rose. No-one seems to have thought, in presenting these figures or arguing about part-timers, to add together the number who are formally "unemployed" and the number who are on various sorts of sickness benefit. Given that the Government are (rightly) trying to get those who could reasonably work into rewarding employment, it should not be beyond the wit of man (or woman, given that the head of National Statistics is a woman, as are some senior journalists) to put the figures together. Meanwhile of course, if you are one of the ones not in work your unemployment rate is 100%, and you can't get overtime or take a holiday from that either.

Out of Africa ~ an evening of film and  
music

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March., 7.30pm ...

The sand dunes of Namibia

A hot-air balloon flight over the desert

The Kruger National Park in South Africa

Life in the Shadow of Kilimanjaro

The Amboseli Wildlife Park in Kenya

An ascent of Mount Whitney

*The spectacular Millau Bridge in Southern France*

Patrick Jones' video setting of the slow movement from

Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony

performed by the Manchester Beethoven Orchestra

*A setting of the Benedictus from Carl Jenkins' Mass for Peace*

**Tickets £5 including a glass of wine on arrival and coffee and biscuits in the interval.**

Tickets from Anna & David Drackley



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*All proceeds after deduction of expenses to the Manchester  
Beethoven Orchestra.*

**In St. Wilfrid's Church Hall, Ford Lane, Northenden.**

Leaflets in connection with the **Macmillan** volunteers project, featured last month, are now available in St. Wilfrid's Church, and in our Hall.

## **Paco Peña brings Flamenco Mass to Manchester**

**Friday 20th April 2012 / 7.30pm / £32.50 - £38.50**

The world's foremost flamenco guitarist, Paco Peña, is set to perform his astonishing and utterly riveting '**Flamenco Mass**' with full choir, flamenco guitarists, singers and dancers live in the grand surroundings of **Manchester Cathedral** on **Friday 20th April 2012**.

Now considered one of his greatest works, Peña has re-written the traditional Roman mass for flamenco guitars, dancer and large-scale choir. By combining the melodic and rhythmic nuances from flamenco with the texts of the Liturgy, Paco Peña creates something that is revelatory and joyous to watch.

Presented by Band on the Wall.

**Tickets / Info:** <http://bandonthewall.org/events/3371/>

Tickets also available by calling 0845 2 500 500.

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## Book of Common Prayer hits 350 not out.

Last year it was the Authorised Version at 400; this year the old prayer book in its latest form makes 350, though in 1662, when it was reintroduced after the recall of King Charles II, it was already 110 years old. We shall certainly hear more about this this year, though I have not yet been able to discover the precise date on which the anniversary of its reintroduction falls. If I do find out I am tempted to do a special one off full scale BCP service that weekend ~ though is it right to mix historic re-enactment with worship?

I thank God for the BCP. It enshrines points which are central to and crucial to our faith. It is in English, for a start. To worship God in a language which we understand, and hear his teaching expressed in that language so that we can take it to heart, is vital for our relationship with him. What Cranmer wrote in 1552 was good, formal English. But by 1662 it was perhaps rather quaint, for all its sonorous cadences. For many people now it is beyond quaint; those cadences actually hide the core of what God has to say to us.

And it expresses clearly how we depend on the "grace" of God, ~ his freely given love, welcome and support expressed directly to

each believer ~ and not on our own moral or religious performance or the action of any intermediary other than Christ himself. That too is vital, though I fear that the medium of what has now become the grand old book can drown out that message. So I value the book, but want to express its values in fresher, newer language too.

Perhaps "re-enactment" means that every time it is used it must seem the first time, with cadences read as fresh conversation.