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Prayer for the Month.

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things and Lord and King;

Keep your Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, for he is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever; Amen.

The prayer now set for the last week in November.

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Dear Friends,

A slightly shorter Concord this month, but you can read about the Civic Society's ideas for the Village, the activities of Year 6 at St.Wilfrid's School, and the usual round of diary events, and births, marriages and deaths.

Note that the Remembrance Day service is at the Methodist Church as is now usual. This is to avoid asking the veterans to make the long march down from St.Wilfrid's to the war memorial.

And even the beginnings of the Christmas programme! I suppose I shouldn't apologise; catalogues began arriving two months ago ~ but it does seem that the year has flown away. So now read on.

Yours faithfully,

Greg Forster

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 Lesley Thomson (491-1323)

The main hall and smaller rooms are available for hire;

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

Northenden Methodist Church.

Palatine Road.

Minister: the Revd. David Bown,
5 Kenworthy Lane, Northenden, M 22 4 JF
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Sunday Services.

- Nov. 8th 10.45am The Revd. David Bown
Remembrance Sunday Parade Service
(followed by wreath-laying at the war memorial)
- 15th No Service at Northenden.
11.00am United Circuit Service at Baguley Hall
The Revd Dr. Lesley Griffiths (former President of Conference)
- 22nd 11.00am Preacher to be announced.
- 29th 11.00am Mr. T. Fawthrop
- Dec. 6th 11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm United Service at St. Wilfrid's (to avoid Players)

Community Lunches ...

... Wednesday 11th November, from noon till 1.30pm

Christmas Dinner will be on 16th Dec., by ticket only, price £7.00.

Fun Bingo Sat. 28th Nov. Noon till 2.00pm

CHAPTERS @ *St. Wilfrid's*

An ongoing date for your diary ... on Saturdays from 10am till noon we are selling second hand books in the Church Hall to raise money for St. Wilfrid's church.

We need books to sell, and people to come and buy them, so please tell your friends and ask them to tell their friends about us. (Psst! ~ there's tea cakes too!)

If anyone would like us to pick up books, please call Sandy or David Latham on 946 1377.

See you at CHAPTERS !

Northenden Players.

The Players' next production is *Hindle Wakes*, by W. S. Houghton, beginning on December 6th in the Hall at Northenden Methodist Church.

St. Wilfrid's Church,

Ford Lane. (Off Church Rd.)

Rector: Greg Forster (998-2615)

Organist: Arthur Mellor (928-0472)

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Services:

Communion on Sundays at 8.00am

and on Thursdays at 10.00am

There is a "Sunday Club" for 7 – 11+ year olds meeting in the Rectory at 10.30am, for about an hour, ...

... and "Scramblers", for children from 3½ to 6+, meets in the Church Hall from 10.30 till about 11.30am.

Sun. 8th 10.30am Holy Communion

(NB the Remembrance Day Parade Service is at the Methodist's)

6.30pm Evening Worship.

15th 10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship

22nd 10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship.

29th 10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Dec. 6th 10.30am Family Communion & Parade Service

6.30pm United Service at St. Wilfrid's (to avoid Players)



Drop in ... 2 – 5pm.

St. Wilfrid's church is open each Sunday

from 2.00 – Dusk,

for prayer and peace, visiting and just looking round, enquiries about baptisms, weddings, ancestor hunting, ... &c.

It's All Happening ..., for your diaries ...

Don't forget Northenden's very own Farmers' Market,

on the first Saturday of the Month ~

food that's good for you and good for the village.

Weds. 4th Bible Study 8.00pm Rectory.

Sat. 7th Antarctica 7.30pm, Church Hall (see panel)

Weds. 11 th	Bible Study ~ as above.
Monday 16 th	School Governors' Meeting. 6.00pm
Weds. 18 th	Bible Study.
Mon. 23 rd	Deanery Synod Meeting. 7.30pm.
Weds. 25 th	Bible Study
Thursday 26 th	P.C.C. Meeting. Church Hall, 7.30pm.
Sat. 28 th	Christmas Fair.
Thursday 3 rd Dec.	Carol & Folk Music concert, 7.30pm in church (see panel)
Mon. Dec. 7 th	Women's Group.

And don't forget Chapters every Saturday (except 28th) from 10.00am till noon. Books and toasted tea cakes.

FROM THE REGISTERS;

Married in the Parish Church on Sat. 26th Sept.

Kellie Louisa Robinson to Kieran Paul Huscroft

Baptised, ... on Sun. 18th October

William John Webster, Lilia Joy Owen,
Stacey Leanne Marie Worsley.

In Memoriam ...

Edna Walton (Brett St.) 94, Dorothy Dyson (Fallowfield) 77,
Carol Carr (W.Didsbury) 42, Brian Jenkinson (Bucklow Drive) 76

Harvest ~ Many Thanks. *Greg Forster*

Goods from the harvest services ~ both the church one and the school's ~ have been taken to the Salvation Army social service centre in town, and to the Booth Centre at Manchester Cathedral. A number of parcels have also been distributed locally, and other goods have been bagged up for use as people ask for support from time to time from the church. The organisations and individuals who have benefitted have been most grateful. Thank you to everyone who brought or sent goods for our Harvest Festivals. It is much appreciated.

Antarctica !

Make a date to see stunning pictures of Antarctica, accompanied with music and commentary on Saturday 7th November at 7.30 in the Church Hall, with David and Anna Drackley.

There will be refreshments, and a retiring collection in aid of the Booth Centre, supporting Manchester's homeless.

Magpie ...

... is not a weather-cock. He leaves that to his friend Chanticleer, who swings with the wind for ever ~ but Magpie cannot help noticing how often Chanticleer up there on the church tower seems to have been pointing to the North or North-West this past year. Has anyone else noticed this too?

... heard some stories about children from St. Wilfrid's School the other day. And such stories. They were up the pole! They were off the wall! They were out of their depth! (almost, anyway). They were at Loggerheads! They were hanging by a thread! They were totally in the dark! Lost in the woods! Holed up in a cave system; Up the creek (or at least, in the pool) without a paddle! All of those things and more, and they seem to have enjoyed it all (except the cold and wet ~ but they still soldiered on.) All singing (especially the moose song), all dancing (on Thursday night, anyway), ace reporters catching bin Laden, and the girl who stole Mary's little lamb ...

... puzzled? If you were there you'd understand. Most of Year Six were living it up on a "camp" at a place called Colymendy, outside the village of Loggerheads near Mold, enjoying good food and fresh (sometimes very fresh) air, and learning to trust themselves and each other. The Rector went too, and is relieved and not a little surprised to find that he can still keep pace with a ten-year-old over 100yds.

... looked over the gravedigger's shoulder as a new grave was dug next to the dead stump of the yew tree in St. Wilfrid's Churchyard. It is right on the ancient boundary of the old church ground, with the stump on the boundary bank. What would come up? Would the metal detector show up anything? (He'd just heard about that gold in Staffordshire.) Almost immediately there was a buzzing! Excitement! Oh, dear! a car spanner, and a coke can! And there, just under the turf; a coin! Clean it up, quick! Oh! A 1921 penny. Someone's pocket-money? Some white! No, not a bone; a piece of clay pipe. Very

little to be seen, in fact. And where the old ditch should have been, yes, the soil was darker and softer than the rest, ~ what you might expect from leaf mould mixed with sand and dust, but nothing to write home about.

... and a last chance to see. If you care to look at your TV before we are deprived of analogue sets, tune in to a channel where there is no broadcast. You should get a snowstorm of fizzling black and white dots. One dot in a hundred is very special; it is the last echo of the electronic noise made by the creation of the universe ~ the big bang. Don't miss your last chance to see it! Then look around you and thank God for all that is good in the end product (so far) of that bang!

Northenden Civic Society "Village Plan".

Northenden Civic Society issued its ideas for the future of the village at a launch event at The Palatine, in the heart of the village, on October 1st. The proposals, entitled Northenden 2020?, cover a wide range of planning, transport, economic and environmental issues as they apply in the Village ~ the area roughly bounded by the M56, the M60 and the Princess Parkway extension.

The project was prompted by the City's consultation in 2007-08 on its Local Development Framework, which will shape planning policy for the next 20 years or so. It is modelled on a similar exercise conducted a couple of years ago by Chorlton Civic Society. In preparing it members of the Society held two public consultations, received over 180 written responses, and discussed the results in their regular monthly meetings. They invite further local reaction, and will use the plan in their discussions with the council and other agencies in coming years.

"We are glad that this launch coincides with the City Council's consultation on their ideas for the centre of the Village," said the Society's President, Greg Forster, "but we would not want people to confuse the two. Our proposals were ready in June, but we avoided a launch in the holiday period. We have welcomed contributions to our work from all of our ward councillors and informally from council officers. We naturally hope they will take note of what the Society proposes, but our aims and scope have been different. We have looked at the whole area, not part of it, and have taken account of bigger issues such as climate change, as well as local economics."

The Society's ideas cover Transport, Housing and Heritage, the concerns of Young People, Trade and Business, Leisure, the use of Green Space, Crime and Public Order, and Waste Management. They also survey the whole neighbourhood block by block, suggesting ideas and inviting people's reaction.

Three overarching principles are identified:

- Climate change is an issue which cannot be ignored in any planning matter, from the new patio to the M-way extension;
- Northenden is a distinct area, which is a good place to live in with a rich heritage, but it is also interconnected with its neighbouring districts, and is a Gateway to Manchester. A tatty Northenden proclaims a tatty City.
- And most controversially, perhaps, unrestricted Economic Growth is not sustainable, for an urban village any more than for the region or the nation as a whole. Long term future planning needs to recognise this.

The 16 pages of proposals are difficult to summarise, but they endorse the city council's aim to make Manchester Britain's "greenest" city, and make some practical proposals for achieving this, both to do with our green spaces, and with transport. The original vision of the district as a Garden Suburb should be maintained.

They recognise the historic nature of Northenden, and look for an extension of the existing Conservation area and the creation of new protected areas at Moor End and in Kenworthy Lane. They are at the same time open to energy saving alterations on existing buildings, and want all new building to be up to the best in eco-friendly design. They do not believe Northenden is the place for any extensive new housing projects, despite City and National targets for new accommodation.

They call for the encouragement of "proper shops" and the parking to make these viable; for a limitation on potentially anti-social premises such as bars or late night take-aways bordering on residential property; for "start up" provision for local and small scale industry; and for alterations in the way the business rate is managed so as to encourage enterprise. The waste disposal site at Sharston might become the basis of more local industry, so long as it is managed with respect for its neighbours.

They welcome the extensive informal leisure facilities in the neighbourhood; they look for better leisure facilities for teenagers, for more extensive allotments, and for development of

the library to include wider community provisions. They note the exciting range of cosmopolitan cuisines available in Northenden's many excellent restaurants.

The Proposals were prepared for the Society by Anna Bunney, Lance Crookes, Greg Forster, Conor Jerram and Barbara Lally. They consist of a set of proposals (Part 1); the detailed background papers arguing for those proposals (Part 2); a gazetteer of ideas site by site around the village, and copies of the reports on the two consultations. Copies were circulated on 1st Oct. and may now be obtained from Greg Forster (0161 998-2615), gsf.m22@amserve.com, either on paper or in electronic form (CD or email).

Christmas Folk ...

Advance notice of a musical event just into
December ~ our annual folk music and carol
concert (and singalong) with Kieran Hartley and
Friends on **Thursday December 3rd** at 7.30pm in
St. Wilfrid's.

The proceeds from this will go to the Booth Centre,
Manchester Cathedral's work among the street
people of the City.