

PRAYER



If you would like private prayer after any of our services, please speak to one of the clergy team who will be pleased to pray with you.

MONDAY PRAYERS

Please join us at 7pm on Monday evenings in Church when we pray for the needs of others, our community, our church and the world. On the fourth Monday of each month the meeting will be at 8 pm.

BOOK OF HEALING

If you would like us to pray for anyone you know who is ill at this time or in any kind of need, please feel free to write their names in the Book of Healing (*available on the bookstall*) and we will pray for them.

BEREAVEMENT

Our love and prayers go to all those who have recently lost loved ones.

PRAYER LETTERS

Prayer letters (*available on the bookstall*) are produced monthly to help you in your daily quiet time to pray for the life and witness of our Church. Thank you for your prayers.

Matthew 21: 22 - "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer"

This Week

Monday 20th February

7pm Meeting for **PRAYER** - Church. Please join us as we pray for our world, our community and our church. All welcome.

Tuesday 21st February

10.30am **TUESDAY SERVICE** - 30 minutes of reflective worship. Tea/coffee available before and after the service. All welcome.

7.30pm **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Church Hall.

Wednesday 22nd February

9.45-11.15am & 1.30-3pm **BABY & TODDLER GROUP** - Church Hall.

7.30pm Service of **HOLY COMMUNION** for **ASH WEDNESDAY**.

Thursday 23rd February

7am Meeting for **PRAYER** - Church.

10.30am **MORNING PRAYER** - Church.

Saturday 25th February

9.30am-3pm **MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY** - Church.

MEN'S FELLASHIP meeting - Ainsdale National Nature Reserve

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Diary dates & news

If you missed our **VISION SUNDAY**, please ensure that you pick up a copy of the *Summary Staff Reports from the West End*. The service can be listened to on our website or a free CD is available in the West End. A reminder please to return any pink response forms to the box in the West End. Thank you.

UPDATE ON FRONT PEWS - As communicated on Vision Sunday, following our trial period, the PCC have unanimously resolved to make the removal of the first five rows of pews permanent (subject to a faculty from the Diocese giving permission). If you have any questions or concerns about this, please speak to myself or one of the wardens as soon as possible. Thank you. Richard.

MORNING PRAYER in Church following the book of Common Worship and Daily Prayer every Thursday morning at 10.30am for 30 minutes. Please come along and join us. For further information please contact Eileen Heaney 880463.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meet on **Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm** in the Church Hall Lounge when Rev. Eileen Heaney will be speaking on her role as a police officer and non-stipendiary minister. All ladies welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

22nd February at 7.30pm

MEN'S FELLASHIP Scrub bash, bonfire & BBQ **Saturday 25th February** at Ainsdale Sand Dunes National Nature Reserve. Hard graft will be rewarded with hot drinks, baked spuds and sausages on the fire! Please see poster in the West End for further information or contact **Mike on 07989594292**.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at St. John's on **Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm**. If you would like to take an active part in the service either as a reader or part of the singing group please place your name on the noticeboard in the West End.

PLEASE NOTE: NEW WINE WORSHIP CELEBRATION and training day on Saturday 3rd March with Mark Melliush - regrettably this event has had to be cancelled.

DEBT COUNSELLING MINISTRY: If you are interested in finding out more about a possible future debt counselling ministry run by local churches, and might consider becoming involved as a volunteer, please come along to an open information meeting on **Monday 12th March 7.30-9pm, at the Ministry Centre, Christ Church, Aughton**. There will be the opportunity to find out more, ask questions and prayerfully consider whether this ministry might be for you. For further information please call Jo Jones (01704 891640) or Eileen Heaney (01704 880463) or just come along on the night. Thank you.

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING 17th March from 9.30am-12.30pm. If you are able to help even for a short period of time this would be greatly appreciated. It may be helpful if you bring along your own dustpans, brushes, buckets and cloths with you. For further information please speak to Yvonne Taylor 822435 or Diane Edwards 896831- thank you.

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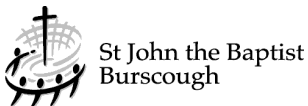
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Church is open for
refreshments or quiet prayer
Mon-Fri 10- 11.30 am.



All welcome to come along to the Church Hall on **Tuesday 6th March at 7.30pm** to hear more about **Brian Donnelly's mission trip** last year to **BURKINA FASO** with **International Needs** .

SPECIAL AID VISIT by the children from **BELARUS** arriving 28th March. If you would like to help in a practical way, visit the children during their stay at Shirdley Hill Guide Camp or donate various items, please see the notice in the West End, or speak to Sylvia Rankin 893665. Thank you.

Our **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** this year will take place on the evening of **Tuesday 8th May** at St. Paul's, Skelmersdale. Any adults interested in being confirmed please speak to Richard as soon as possible. Thank you.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who generously give financially to the work and witness of our church. If you would like details on how you can give, please contact Mal McConechy, Hon. Treasurer: 01257 464904. Gift Aid Declarations and Standing Order Mandates are available in the West End and on our website. Thank you.

"THE BRIDGE" magazine 50p, **February Prayer Letter** plus a new selection of Christian books and cards are available in the West End.

Sunday 26th February 2012 First Sunday of Lent

Journey to Freedom: Exploring the Exodus
"The Small Matter of the Golden Calf"
Exodus 32: 1-35

9am Holy Communion
11am All-Age Worship & Baptism
6pm Holy Communion

No Service at Hoscar
6.30pm Evening Prayer at Crabtree



St. John's News

Sunday 19th February 2012
Sunday next before Lent

Exploring the Exodus: "Speaking with
God - Moses on Mt. Sinai" Ex 19: 1-25

Welcome to our Services

9am Holy Communion
11am All-Age Worship
6pm Evening Worship

Exploring
Exodus



Services at our Mission Churches:

St. Cyprian's Hoscar
No Service Today

St. Andrew's Crabtree
6.30pm Evening Prayer

SPARKLERS CRECHE is open today in the West End area for children aged 3 years and under. Please feel free to bring your child out at any time. We also have activity bags (colouring sheets, crayons, story books) available for children who may feel restless during the service.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who supported the Haydock Male Voice Choir concert last Friday. **£331** was raised for Queenscourt Hospice.

Monday 27th February at 8pm in Church: ENGAGE (led by Richard) is a creative and worshipful time spent in God's presence with space to listen, wait and pray. All welcome.



WELCOME TEA at the Vicarage, 253 Liverpool Road South on **Sunday 11th March from 3-5pm**. If you are new to St. John's, or feeling that you would like to meet some more people, please do come along for tea, cake and friendship. All ages welcome! If you would like to come please speak to Richard and Jo or give them a ring on 891640.

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