

**PARISH OF ST PAUL KERSAL MOOR AND  
ST ANDREW CARR CLOUGH**

**NEWSLETTER  
17 March 2024**



**Services**

**Sunday**

**17 March Lent 5 Passiontide**

St Paul's **Holy Communion** 10am Revd Daniel Mullaney presiding: guest preacher Russell Phillips

St Andrew's **Holy Communion** 11am Revd Avis Gordon presiding

Readings: (St P) Jeremiah 31: 31-34; John 12: 20-33

**Wednesday**

**20 March St Paul's Holy Communion**

10am Revd Mike Dyson presiding

Readings: Daniel 3: 14-28; John 8: 31-42

**Reflection for Passiontide**

This Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Lent, which marks the beginning of what is traditionally



called 'Passiontide' in many Christian churches. This is the time when we turn our attention toward the last days of

Jesus before he suffered on the cross on Good Friday. Although many great minds have tried to find a way to resolve it, there is no definitive answer to the problem of suffering in our world. But the Christian story in Passiontide may help us to understand, not why we suffer, but how to respond to it. The story from now until Easter Day, is the story of Jesus engaging in our human suffering and his steadfast response to it. That response is unconditional love, the sort of love that in the face of suffering and death, shows that even these can be transformed. Passiontide is a time for us to take time out to focus on the purpose of Jesus' suffering on the cross for us, and through this to think of and pray for those we know and love who are who are

suffering at this time because of the problems life brings- including illness, grief, depression, despair. May they and we know something at this time of the transforming power of Jesus' unconditional love.

*With thanks to the church of St Barnabas, Reading.*

**Marion Garrod**

It is with great sadness that we announce the



death of our dear friend and long-time servant of St Paul's, Marion Garrod, who passed away on 5 March. She will be greatly missed for

her friendship to all and her tireless church work, including Christmas fairs, flower arranging, welcome team and choir membership past and present. Our love and prayers go to Jane, Mark and the family at this sad time.

**Prayers**

We pray for those known to us who are sick or in need at this time, including Beryl Woods, Val and Les Cope and Brenda Laithwaite. We pray for communities in conflict throughout our world, especially Israel and Gaza, Haiti, Sudan, northern Nigeria: that peace may come.

**Services and Events this week**

**Mon 18 March** 7pm St Paul's **PCC**

**Tue 19 March** 1.30pm **Time Out** - all things Easter

**Tue 19 March** 6.30pm St Paul's **Alpha course**

**Wed 20 March** 10am St Paul's **Holy Communion**

**Advance notice**

The next **Drop-in** at St Andrew's will be from 12 noon on Thursday **28 March**.

Event for Holy Week: **St Matthew Passion** at Manchester Cathedral 4.30pm Maundy Thursday 28 March: Manchester Baroque with the Cathedral Choir. Tickets from £10.

There will be a **Confirmation Service** at St Paul's on **9 June**. If you are interested in being confirmed, please see Revd Daniel.

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