

St Bride's

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St Bride's is part of the St Luke in the City Team Parish

Registered charity number 1152031

Website: stlukeinthecity.org.uk

St Bride Percy Street, St Michael Pitt Street, St Dunstan Earle Road, Chaplaincy to the Women's Hospital

Week beginning 30th April 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 30th April

10.00am Morning Prayer: including baptism of 18-month-old Benjamin Hall – A very special welcome to Benjamin, mum Laura, dad Graham, and their family and friends.

*Songs: 137 - All things bright and beautiful 771 - If you believe, and I believe
804 - You shall go out with joy*

Followed by **Fair Trade and Ethical Goods:** St Bride's regular monthly stalls selling fair trade and ethically sourced food, detergents, gifts and other goods. Please support.

6.30pm Poetry evening led by Dave Bradley. An informal gathering in which we will share poetry which has touched our hearts or opened us to the spiritual. It's helpful for Dave to know if you plan to bring something, but it's also absolutely fine to just show up - with or without poems. Refreshments from 6pm.

Monday 1st May

10.30am-12.30pm MRANG: Safe 'women only' space for women seeking asylum

Tuesday 2nd May

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7.00-9.00pm iChoir: singing, confidence, fun!

Wednesday 3rd May

9.00am Morning Prayer: followed by tea and coffee

6.00-7.00pm Yoga: Weekly sessions run by Natasha Wilksberg. Cost £6 a session or £20 for 4.

7.00-9.00pm Does Christianity make any difference? A six week course in the basics of Christianity, suitable for anyone considering Confirmation, led by our Team Vicar Mark Waters. At St Bride's, open to all the parish, refreshments from 6.45pm.

Session 1: Good & Bad Religion How do we work out what sort of faith is life-giving or life-denying? Is it possible for an ancient faith tradition to be rehabilitated for 21st Century living?

Thursday 4th May

12.30pm-2.30pm Hope+ food bank

7.30pm Homeless Meals Project

Friday 5th May

10.00am-2.00pm Red Cross Project: for newly arrived refugees.

Sunday 7th May

10.00am Holy Communion: We start a new theme for Eastertide: 'What resurrection means to me'. Our readings and reflections will be based on passages from John's gospel. Anne Lawlor will guide us through the stages of 'lectio divina' - *praying with a listening heart* - to start our series.

12.30pm Narcotics Anonymous

6.30pm Open Table Agape: An agape is a simple remembrance of Jesus' last meal with his friends. Please bring and share something vegetarian. Refreshments / setting table from 6pm, meal 6.30pm-7.30pm followed by optional sharing circle. **For more info about Open Table see our webpage: opentable.lgbt**

Upcoming events:

Thursday 11th May

8.00pm Women's Book Group: Currently reading 'Five Quartets of Oranges' by Joanne Harris. Meet at Chris Harland's home: 74, Alt Street L8 2UQ

Tuesday 16th May

5.30 - 7.00pm St. Dunstan's: An open meeting to plan Miranda's installation as rector on Aug 10th.

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th May

8pm 'Through the Wilderness' at Liverpool Cathedral: A new piece of musical theatre, part primitive ritual, part community hall event, fusing together a sacred choir of Liverpool Cathedral Youth Chorus, a choir of vulnerable adults from Genie in the Gutter, Tom Harrison House, Iranian community and Up4Arts Liverpool community choir. With performance from Fallen Angels Dance Theatre. Rehearsals have taken place in St. Bride's. Get Free Tickets on Eventbrite. Ticket Only Admission

Saturday 20th May

7.30pm Family folk-up: This musical evening which was a much-loved fixture on a Saturday evening at St. Bride's for about five years is coming back for a tenth anniversary celebration, which will be a fundraiser for St. Bride's.

Monday 22nd May

7.30pm Dementia Friends Awareness: Following the first successful and interesting session, a further opportunity for those yet to take part. Everyone should be 'dementia-aware' and it only takes an hour.

26th May – 5th June

Walking the North Wales Pilgrims Way: The Way is 134 miles. Our churchwarden, Dave Bradley plans to walk it in 11 days starting 26th May, raising money for the building project. Dave would be delighted if anyone would like to join him for a few miles. More details are on this page: mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/davebradley1 Do consider sponsoring Dave and encouraging others to do so.

Saturday 15th July

SAVE THE DATE: Advance notice for St. Luke in the City Team parish away day

The St. Luke's parish day on 'Centring Prayer' will be led by Elizabeth Smith, the founder of Contemplative Outreach UK. This promises to be a very special day in which we will join with St. Dunstan's and St. Michael's.

Thursday 10th August

SAVE THE DATE: Team Rector Induction: Bishop Paul will conduct the Service of Induction for our new Team Rector, Miranda Threlfall-Homes, on Thursday 10th August at 7.30pm at St Dunstan's. Please come to welcome and celebrate with Miranda and her family: husband Phil, who is a freelance chemical engineer, and their three children, Noah (15), Tobias (11) and Zoe (7). You can read the announcement of her appointment in the 'What's New?' section on the St Bride's website: stbridesliverpool.org.uk/whats-new

Bank holiday weekend – 25th-28th August

Greenbelt Festival: Last year, Dave, Rebecca and Lynn went to the Greenbelt Festival, held near Kettering on the August Bank Holiday weekend. In the past, Jonathan, Linda, Sara, Rachel and others have also gone, and our new Team Rector, Miranda Threlfall-Homes and her family are regulars. It's a wonderful, easy-going expression of creativity, faith, the arts, fun and thoughtfulness. **Just like St. Bride's it is Creative, Progressive and Inclusive. Talk to Dave if you are interested in going or check out www.greenbelt.org.uk. Tickets are always cheaper early on.**

Been to an event and want to share the experience?

If you can write a short review and share a photo or two, we'd love to share it on our blog: stbridesliverpool.org.uk/blog and on social media. It might be just the thing to encourage others to come to future events we host. **Email your review and photos to Warren: stbridesliverpool@gmail.com. Can't wait to see them!**

Other notices

Open Day and Grounds Clear Up: A big thank you to all who took part yesterday. Very worthwhile and much appreciated.

Margaret & Lydia UPDATE: Following the rejection of their fresh claim this month, Margaret and Lydia have a new lawyer and appeal hearings booked for Tuesday 16th May. If anyone is able to contribute to the fund Nadine from Hope+ Food Bank is holding for them, they would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Kieran, Warren or Nadine if you can help. **Please keep Margaret and Lydia and all who support them in your prayers, that they may be heard with justice and mercy this time and allowed to remain here in safety.**

Recycle your old Mobile Phones and empty Inkjet Printer Cartridges: Got an old mobile phone lying around? Hate throwing out your used inkjet cartridges? You can now bring them along to St Bride's and drop them off in the Recycle 4 Charity Collection Box at the church. The box will be emptied regularly, the items will be recycled and a donation made to St Bride's all at no cost. The more we recycle, the more donations we receive! For more details visit recycle4charity.co.uk.

Items for notices: Please email items for inclusion in the notices to: stbridesliv@gmail.com by 6pm on Thursday 4th May. Please include the word 'NOTICES' in the subject line of your email. Thank you.

GIVING TO SUPPORT ST BRIDE'S

At St Bride's it's not our custom to take a collection in the way that many churches do. At every service, there is a small basket on the kitchen counter for those who wish to make a gift. These gifts are always appreciated. What is even more helpful for us is if people are willing to set up a Direct Debit – please ask for a Parish Giving Scheme leaflet. If you are a UK taxpayer, and you would like to Gift Aid your donation - which means we can reclaim the tax on your gift - please ask for a form.

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