

Welcome to a.P.A.t.T., an avant garde band who will be in the St. Bride's upper room for the next three months, perhaps longer. Check out their music at apatt.com.

Soul Friend groups: Inspired by the Celtic tradition of Soul Friendship (Anam Cara). If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Helen Randall: helen.randall53@gmail.com / 07769553457.

Toilet twinning: St Bride's has achieved its first target of twinning a toilet with a loo in Guatemala. Many thanks to those who have given generously. See certificate in the loo, and take a leaflet. A fund is already building towards raising the £240 needed to twin the second toilet with a toilet block – £130 raised so far, see wardens Dave or James to donate. St Dunstan's has already twinned one of its toilets with a loo in Africa.

November is Will Aid month: Hundreds of solicitors are taking part in Will Aid. Instead of charging their normal fee, they will ask only for a voluntary donation (suggested donation for single basic will is £95). To find out more, and book an appointment with a local solicitor, go to willaid.org.uk.

Items for notices: Please email items for inclusion in the notices to: stBride'sliv@gmail.com by 6pm on Thursday 16th November. Please include the word 'NOTICES' in the subject line of your email. Thank you.

Find us online: stlukeinthecity.org.uk links to the websites of St Bride's, St Dunstan's, St Michael's, and the Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust.

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Contact us:  rector@stlukeinthecity.org.uk  07804 030006



St Bride's and St Dunstan's churches are members of Inclusive Church. We invite and welcome all, of any age, race, health or ability, social or economic status, gender, sexual orientation, or any other wonderful variety of human that God has created. Visit inclusive-church.org.uk

St Luke in the City Parish: Weekly Sheet

St Bride Percy Street, St Dunstan Earle Road, St Michael Pitt Street, and Chaplaincy to the Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust.

12th November 2017

3rd Sunday before Advent

Collect

Holy God, whose fire never goes out:
free us from the fear of scarcity
that keeps us out of love's own feast;
renew our trust in your abundance
which knows no death
and keeps no count;
through Jesus Christ, the oil of gladness. **Amen.** (Steven Shakespeare)

First Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.1-13

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th November

6.30pm at St Bride's: Fallen Leaves – a service to remember those who died. If you have been bereaved in the last year, or would value a chance to quietly remember family and friends who have died, this service is for you.
Refreshments before the service from 6.00pm.

Wednesday 15th November

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Bride's: followed by tea and coffee.

10.00am–12.00pm Making Space craft session at St Dunstan's: An opportunity for time out of busy or stressful lives to do something creative in a small supportive group. Call Diana on 07717 064847 to book a place.

12.00 Holy Communion at St Michael's followed by community lunch

Sunday 19th November

Brunching Out: St Bride's will be 'brunching out' at a local low-cost café after Morning Prayer.

6.30pm at St Bride's: Open Table service commemorating Transgender Day of Remembrance which honours those who have died this year through transphobic hate crime around the world. Doors open 6pm for refreshments. **For more about Open Table see opentable.lgbt**

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th November

6.00pm Making Social Justice Count – How to measure bigger difference: A Theology & Modernity lecture at St Bride's. Rev Dr Canon Ellen Loudon, Liverpool Diocesan Director of Social Justice and Canon Chancellor of Liverpool Cathedral, will lead us in an exploration of Impact / Flourish / Buzz, an asset based theology of social justice, generosity and grace. FREE - no need to book. Parking in church grounds. **Refreshments from 5.30pm.**

Wednesday 15th November

6.00pm Yoga at St Bride's An hour's gentle creative yoga with Natasha.

Friday 24th November

8.30pm An Evening of Opera St Bride's hosts an evening of opera led by international tenor Roy Weissensteiner. This promises to be an incredible evening, with all proceeds to St Bride's. Get your tickets at ticketquarter.co.uk/online/an-evening-of-opera

This was rescheduled from 20th October – if you bought a ticket for that date, these will be honoured or refunded if you can't make the new date.

Wednesday 29th November

9.45-11.45am Big Clean at St Bride's! Huge thanks to those who worked so hard recently. We need more hands, if you can spare the time.

Friday 1st December

Manchester 'Peace and Justice' walk: Walk Manchester's fascinating, historic 'Peace and Justice Trail' around the city. For more info visit

manchesterpeacefestival.wordpress.com/manchester-city-centre-peace-and-justice-trail or contact Dave Bradley: davebradley80@hotmail.co.uk

6.30pm Quiz night at St Dunstan's A repeat of last year's successful event with quizmaster John Lawlor. Great fun for all ages. Hot meal provided. Tickets £7 for adults and £3 for children. Tickets from churchwardens.

Saturday 2nd December

10.00am-3.30pm Advent Reflection Day organised by Kairos Britain and Friends of Sabeel, Trinity Hale URC, Altrincham, WA15 9NT. Some returned walkers from the recent Just Walk to Jerusalem will speak about this Amos Trust initiative to mark the Balfour centenary and 50 years of occupation. There will be time for reflection and worship, and a buffet lunch for £5. To register contact Deborah: deborah.darnes@talktalk.net or 01772 813567.

Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th December at St Dunstan's 7.30pm: The Spirit of Advent The time of sacred waiting for Christmas which Advent represents easily gets lost in all the other Christmas preparations. So there will be some times of quiet reflection using poetry, music and art to allow space for anticipation and fruitful waiting for the outrageous promise of God which emerges from darkness.

OTHER NOTICES

Open Table needs you! In 2008 we lit the spark that started Open Table - on 5th November we lit a sparkler to start our crowdfunder campaign to make our tenth year the best yet. We are crowdfunding to raise £15,000 by 31st December - If you value Open Table please share this link and give if you are able: crowdfunder.co.uk/open-table-community-for-lgbtqia-christians-in-uk

Own a limited edition print of historic St Bride's and support its future THANKS to the talent and generosity of local artist Keith Smith, you can now own a limited edition print (one of 250) from an original watercolour painting of St Bride's, and support our plans to re-imagine the building. These prints are £20 each, 50% of which will be donated to St Bride's building project. Available at the opera night and carol service, or email Warren: stbridesliverpool@gmail.com. See the 'What's New' section at stbridesliverpool.org.uk.