


Jan-Mar 2009

# Newsletter

## Thought - "Contact at Christmas"

It is at this time of year I wish I had been more organised last year – and kept a Christmas card list. Because, at Christmas I do like to keep in touch – to make contact with people I may not have seen much during the year. And I also like the closer contact we sometimes get at Christmas when we can spend time with people we care about.

But then – making contact is what Christmas has always been about. The first Christmas was about God making contact – with us – with people he cares about. God had made contact before, of course – he has always been in touch, but that first Christmas was not just a card or a letter. It was a much closer, more personal contact – He had a son. God made contact with us through his own baby son. His son, born to a young Jewish mother, born into a poor family, in an occupied country, who lived with ordinary people – people God cares about and wanted to make contact with – people like you and me.

Christmas card contact is good, but it is not the same as spending time with a friend. God sent his son because he doesn't want his contact with us to be distant – not just a card once a year contact. The Creator of the Universe wants a closer contact with us – the contact of spending time with a close friend who knows you, and you can trust.

The message of Christmas is that God has come close to us through his son, and he invites us to come close to him – to spend time getting to know better the one who made us and loves us.

## In Focus - Old Trafford Community Choir

Did you watch last choir standing a few months ago? Did you think that you might like to sing in a choir? Did you know that singing is good for your health and that singing with other people gives you a real buzz? If you did, then maybe you would like to join Old Trafford Community Choir. Here is some information about our choir:

**WHERE?** We rehearse in The Bethel Church. Rehearsals are very important because that is where we have a lot of fun!

**WHEN?** Every Sunday evening during term time, except the 1st Sunday in the month. From 7:15pm till 8:30pm.

**WHO?** There are around 30 people in the choir. We range in age from 9 to 79!

**WHAT?** We sing a variety of different types of music.

**WHY?** We enjoy singing and have a lot of fun together.

The only thing required to join us that you enjoy singing, whatever your musical ability! Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to hear us, please come along to our **Christmas Concert on Friday 19th December at 8pm** where we will be collecting for children in the war torn Democratic Republic of Congo.

Sunday evening Services at 2:45pm 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and 6:00pm at other times.



## What's On?

(At Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

DATE	SUBJECT
4-Jan	<b>Learning to be content (2:45pm)</b>
11-Jan	God exists!
18-Jan	God exists! So what?
25-Jan	The message of John's Gospel
1-Feb	Lessons from 1st letter of Peter
8-Feb	Lessons from 1st letter of Peter
15-Feb	Lessons from 1st letter of Peter

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22-Feb	Lessons from 1st letter of Peter
1-Mar	<b>Learning to...act Justly (2:45 pm)</b>
8-Mar	Where does the Bible come from – Part 1
15-Mar	Where does the Bible come from – Part 2
22-Mar	What's Church for?
29-Mar	Bible Prophecies Fulfilled

### Regulars:

- Sunday
  - Breaking of Bread Service 10:30 a.m.
  - Youth Church 2:45 p.m. (From Kids aged 3 up to Adult Discussion Group)
  - Evening Service 2:45 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (See above for details)
- Tuesday
  - Junior Youth Club 6:45 p.m.
  - "The Bible Course" 7:15 p.m. at Chorlton Adult Education Centre
- Wednesday
  - Coffee morning 10:30 a.m. till 12:00
- Thursday
  - "Playtime" Parent & Toddler group 10am-12pm (Term time only)
  - Bible Class 8:00 p.m.
- Friday
  - Senior Youth Club 7:30 p.m.

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