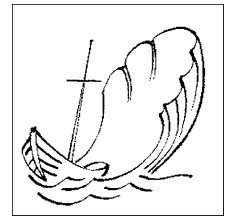


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GMCT VISION STATEMENT

The primary vision of GMCT is :

**The enabling of the flourishing of local ecumenism
for mission in its many forms.**

NEW BEGINNINGS

G.M.C.T. Strategic Development Group



The S.D.G.'s first meeting has now taken place and agenda items included : Vision, Governance, Resources and various other GMCT matters. The follow up meeting was with the Standing Committee who addressed these issues also.

It was agreed that GMCT is seen as vital and living resources for the local churches and church groupings across Greater Manchester.

The Autumn Assembly, which was very successful, raises important questions about responsibility, delegation, management resourcing and so on. This should involved the SDG, DEOs and Presidents continuing to meet jointly to focus on both vision and practical steps endeavouring to bring forth fruits.

The Constitution has been approved by the Charity Commission and this new constitution will be re-circulated as soon as possible to all members of GMCT.

The work of the Ecumenical Implementation Group will be the working arm of GMCT in its role as Sponsoring Body for LEPs supporting the LEPs and the Churches Together Groups. Guidelines for Standing Orders are in the process of being worked on.

Resources and budgets available are being drawn up .



Bishop Dr Doyé Agama
Chair of Strategic
Development Group



Revd Chris Shelley Hon.
Secretary of Strategic
Development Group

Other Committee members of the Strategic Development Group include:

Bishop Mark Davies, (Anglican Bishop of Middleton) , Revd Keith Davies (Moderator of Manchester/Stockport Methodist District), Bishop Terence Brain (R,C, Bishop of Salford), Revd John Fenner (Methodist Minister and D.E.O.), Ven. Mark Ashcroft (Archdeacon of Manchester Cathedral and D.E.O), Revd Carolyn White (Representative of LEPs), Revd Alan Kennedy (Representative of CTs).

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YOUR STORIES, EVENTS AND NEWS

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SADDLEWORTH CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME

Lent Series on The Lord's Prayer – every week for 6 weeks:

Tuesdays; 1.45pm to 3.15pm at Greenfield Methodist Church

Tuesdays; 7.30pm at St Thomas' Church Hall, Delph

Tuesdays: 7.30pm at The Swan, Dobcross

Thursdays: 7.30pm at the Sacred Heart Centre, Uppermill

Good Friday Procession of Witness - March 29th at 2.15pm

Meet in The Square, Uppermill for prayer before a silent Walk of Witness to Saddleworth Museum Car Park, where there will be a short Act of Worship.

Ascension Day –Thursday 9th May at 8am

There will be a short Act of Worship in the Saddleworth Museum Car Park, followed by tea and toast at the Sacred Heart Centre.

Saturday 2nd March

Saddleworth Pilgrimage 9:00am-4:15pm

Starting at St Anne's Lydgate and ending at St Thomas' Delph,

we will be visiting every worship centre in Saddleworth that is affiliated to Churches Together.

We will start with Morning Prayer, have Midday Prayer and end with Evening Prayer.

Bring your own lunch, drinks available on route.

9.10 St Anne's (Morning Prayer)

10.00 Christ Church Friezland

10.55 Greenfield Methodists (refreshments)

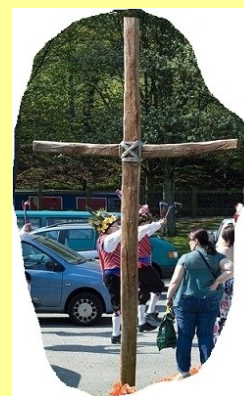
12.30 Ebenezer Uppermill (lunch and Midday prayer)

2.10 Kiln Green Diggle

3.00 Holy trinity Dobcross

4.00 St Thomas's Delph (refreshments and Evening Prayer)

www.churchestogether.org/saddleworth



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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ATHERTON

Lenten Talks in the Salvation Army Church every Thursday evening during Lent at 7.30 pm. A different minister will give the talk each week.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday morning at the Roman Catholic Church and then all churches join together at 11.00 am for a 15 minute silent vigil in front of the wooden cross outside the Parish Church. They hold this vigil each year and the number of people joining is increasing year by year.

CT Atherton are planning a Choir concert in the Parish Church during the summer which is a joint Christian Choir, this has been well received during the last two years.



CT MIDDLETON

Barbara's prayer text ministry is growing in numbers, reaching all kinds of people either directly or through others forwarding these prayers on. Her simple prayers are having a ripple effect.

Please send us your news, events and story items which we can publicise and share to encourage one another across Greater Manchester

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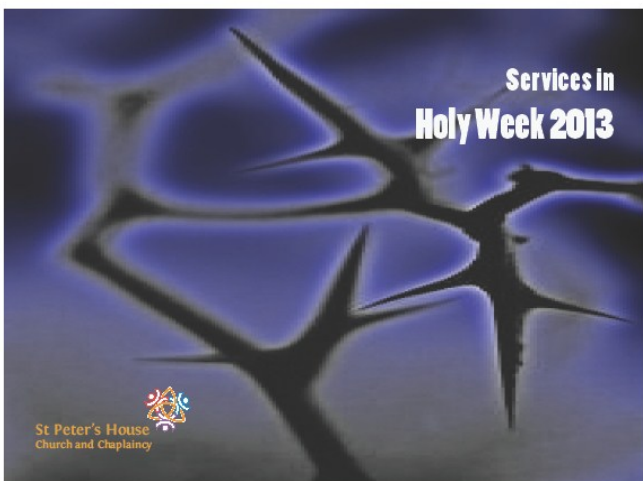
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

GREATER MANCHESTER CHURCHES TOGETHER PRESENTS
MANCHESTER PRAYS
 An Evening of Prayer for Greater Manchester

With
GMCT Churches
Maranatha
Redeeming our Communities
Street Pastors
Churches Together Groups
Local Ecumenical Partnerships
Manchester Airport Chaplaincy
Greater Manchester Industrial Mission
Greater Manchester Community Chaplaincy
Media City Chaplaincy
AND MORE...

DATE: Saturday 11th May 2013
TIME: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
VENUE: STRONGTOWER (RCCG) - 923-929 Oldham Rd, M40 2EB
HOST: Pastor Yomi Obadimeji (A President of GMCT)

GMCT = CHRISTIAN UNITY ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER!



Services in Holy Week 2013

Sunday 24th March
 11am Palm Sunday Service at St Peter's House

Thursday 28th March
 7pm Maundy Thursday Service at St Peter's House

Friday 29th March
 With Churches Together in Hulme, Moss Side, and Whalley Range
 10am Walk of Witness
 - from the Amani Centre, Quinney Crescent, M16 7DC
 10.45 am Ecumenical Service of Worship
 - at Our Lady Roman Catholic Church, Raby Street, Moss Side M16 7JQ

Sunday 31st March
 11am Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at St Peter's House

St Peter's Chaplaincy L.E.P.



Gethsemane



Simon helps Jesus carry his cross



John comforts Mary



Passion Play—St Peter's Chaplaincy and Avila House Chaplaincy

The Passion play took place on Oxford Road between St Peter's Chaplaincy and Avila House. This would not be a simple act of storytelling or presentation of events:

some in the audience would like to use it as an act of worship. It was important that time, reflection and participation was given. Taize chants were sung between each of the stations. The ending concluded in the dim auditorium of St Peter's with candles and hushed silence enabling people to leave this space when they were ready.

This play was a collaboration between St Peter's Chaplaincy and the Catholic Chaplaincy at Avila House and the cast was made up of students from Manchester University.

Well done Daisy and all who took part.

St Peter's Lenten Course was very successful and attracted a wide variety of staff and students. Stories and faith were intimately shared and it encouraged one person to find a call to church.

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Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby was announced as the 105th Archbishop of the See of Canterbury on 9th November 2012, officially becoming Archbishop on 4th February 2013 and enthroned at Canterbury Cathedral on 21st March



His Holiness Pope Francis I, former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio S.J., was elected Pope on 1st March 2013 and enthroned on 19th March 2013. He is the first ever Jesuit to be elected as Pope.



His Holiness Pope Tawadros II was chosen as the new Pope of Egypt's Coptic Christians and enthroned on 18th November 2012. He is the 118th Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church



His Holiness Abune Matias was enthroned as the 6th Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church on 3rd March 2013 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Addis Ababa. He previously served as the Archbishop of the Church in Jerusalem.

*Our prayers and thoughts go with them as they undertake their calling to be Leaders of their Christian Churches.
May they be blessed with wisdom, peace and a serving heart*

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND INFORMATION



Eden Network PROXIMITY 10-11th May for everyone with a passion to reach tough urban communities : Keynote speaker: Ash Barker, also Alan Hirsch (Forge) live via Skype from LA. Workshops, worship, inspiration, networking, neighbourhood visits. Tickets £55 day ticket £29 early bird. **More info at www.eden-network.org/proximity**



Bolton Prayer breakfast, Friday 19th April 7.30 am in Lancaster Suite of TownHall. Main speaker Chief Constable Sir Peter Fahay. Cost £10/person



Jesus in the City UK Urban Mission Congress, Manchester 6-8th September. Making Sense of the Fragments :Keynote speaker: Dr Tony Campolo. See www.jitc.org.uk

If you want to support and follow the **Christian Police Association**: Call Sargent Mike Russell on 0755 433 1134 or follow them on **Twitter@ManchesterCPA**



Redeeming Our Communities: for the latest updates and information go to: www.roc.uk.com



Street Pastors : for latest news , events and contacts in your area go to: www.streetpastors.co.uk



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