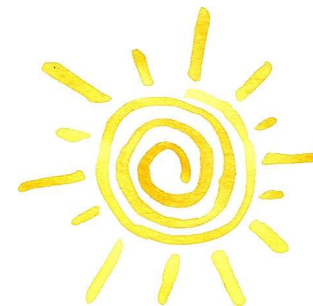


Welcome to St Mark's & St Peter's with St Andrew, Levenshulme



August 2026

Be gracious to me, O God, for people trample on me; all day long foes oppress me; my enemies trample on me all day long, for many fight against me. O Most High, when I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I am not afraid; what can flesh do to me?' – Psalm 56:1-4

Our Regular Activities for August

	Zoom	St Mark's	St Peter's
Thursdays	9.15am Morning Prayer		

Sunday 2 nd		10am MW	11.15am MW
Sunday 9 th		10am MW	11.15am HC
Sunday 16 th		10am HC	11.15am MW
Sunday 23 rd		10am Children & Family	11.15am HC
Sunday 30 th		10am MW	11.15am HC

HC = Holy Communion; MW = Morning Worship

News & events

In August we are on **reduced midweek activities**. Morning Prayer continues on Thursdays on Zoom and the other activities will resume in the week commencing 6th September.

Our **School Uniform Recycle** service will be giving out school uniforms at St Peter's on:

- 18th August at 1 - 3pm
- 22nd August at 11 – 1pm
- 25th August at 6 – 8pm

If you are able to help at any of these times then please speak to Katie.

Holy Communion at **Moseley Court** will be at 2pm on Thursday 20th August

On 5th September the **Men's Breakfast** moves to be at St Peter's church. Arriving for 8.45am for food, discussion and prayer. All men are very welcome. If you able to let Ralph, Paul Bishop or Peter Gibson know that you are coming, that would be helpful (but not essential)

The **next PCC meeting** will be on Tuesday 8th September at St Peter's. We will meet at 7pm for St Peter's, 7.30pm for both PCC's and 8.30pm for St Mark's only.

Prayers

God's healing and restoration for: Pat, Samantha, Claire, Julie, Nora, David, Judith, John, Jerry, Galina and Slaviana.

Prayers: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. You will increase my honour, and comfort me once again. I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. Amen (from Psalm 71)

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by George

How are you getting on with regularly reading your Bible. Maybe some of us find the discipline of a daily reading difficult. I don't think that it's a bad thing to admit that you struggle.

There are though options that you can turn to to help.

I know that some people use guidance to read the Bible in a year, whilst others use traditional daily Bible reading notes.

One thing I've been using recently is an App on my phone called Lectio 365. This is a daily devotional that invites you to pause in the presence of God and create space to pray with Scripture 3 times a day, morning, noon and night. You can listen to the Bible passage with a short reflection, returning again to the passage. The morning session is between 10 – 15 minutes, with noon and evening ones between 5 – 10 minutes.

I find that the Psalms are a great place to go and I fairly randomly asked AI to give me a short summary of the Psalms:

The Psalms remind us that every human emotion has a place before God. They give words for joy, gratitude, fear, grief, doubt, repentance, and hope, showing that faith is not about hiding our struggles but bringing them honestly into God's presence. Throughout the Psalms, there is a recurring message that God's love, faithfulness, and justice remain constant even when circumstances change.

Reading them encourages trust, deepens prayer, and offers comfort by reminding us that God hears every cry and delights in every song of praise.

As we continue into our summer, with less midweek church activity, maybe I can encourage you to consciously take a further step with God, making reading his word central to your life on a daily basis.

With my love and prayers

George

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