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Newsletter

The Bethel
Christadelphian Church



In Focus

– Our Church “Facts and Figures”

The Christadelphian Church Old Trafford is set in an old chapel, which is still known locally as the ‘Bethel’ (Bethel is also the name of the place where Jacob dreamt about the ladder to heaven!). The building was built in 1899 and a stone on the front of the Bethel has an inscription indicating that it was laid on 18th July so it’s almost a century old.

Earlier this year, before an evening service of the dozen or so people who had arrived earlier, there were eight different nationalities represented. There is also a wide age range of people who belong to our church, from those who have just committed their lives to Jesus, to those who were the first members, when the church moved into the ‘Bethel’ building in the 1930’s. We number on between 60 to 70 members with around 45 regularly attending.

There are others including many children and young people who regularly attend our services. Being a University City with at least 4 universities, plus other colleges of further education we have a good number of students who attend and contribute to church activities.



Thought

– “A New Year Thought”

In the weeks before Christmas you couldn’t wait to open those presents, especially if you are young (it seems that most of us adults have either got used to waiting or we could probably buy the thing ourselves so we are not so excited over a gift?). But when it comes to New Year things seem to swap around don’t they; going back to work, going back to school, the end of a holiday – and what about those resolutions. Yes, resolutions, amongst other things, are things we don’t mind waiting for. We know we should do them, that’s why we made them in the first place, but do we carry them out? You don’t have to wait before you do it, it’s not like waiting for a Christmas present remember, but I think we make ourselves wait till New year because we don’t really want to commit ourselves. Knowing God is a bit like all this. To know Him is a gift from Him, which we should be excited about. Also, deep down, we know that we should make the resolution to seek Him out. But with God there are some important differences too. There is no need to wait because God always holds His hands out to those who would come after Him. And, maybe unlike some of those New Year resolutions, we shouldn’t put Him off for, in the words of the apostle Paul, *“I tell you, now is the time of God’s favour, now is the day of salvation.”*

Sunday evening Services at 6:00...



What’s On?

(Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER(S)
Jan 3	Thank God For a New Year	Neil Brighthouse
Jan 10	Get a Life - Now	Tony Tasker
Jan 17	Archaeology Proves the Bible True	Andrew Johnson
Jan 24	What do we learn from Peter?	Lionel Taylor
Jan 31	The designer label - in Vision	Mike Griffiths
Feb 7	The Bible – The Books of Moses	Steve Tanner
Feb 14	The Bible – The History Books	John Downer
Feb 21	The Bible – The Poetry Books	Jack Fitzgibbon
Feb 28	The Bible – The Prophecy Books	Andrew Campion

Regulars:

Sunday

- Breaking of Bread Service 10:30
- Sunday Bible School 2:45
(From Kids aged 4, up to Adult Discussion Group)

Tuesday

- Evening Service 6:00
- Junior Youth Club 6:45
- “Learn to Read and Understand the Bible” Night Class
(New Class starting on January 19th every Tuesday 7:15 – 8:45 running till March 2nd at Chorlton Park Adult Education Centre – Mauldeth Road West)

This “no-pressure” course is FREE, no one will pressure you and you’re under no obligation. To book, write giving your name and address to “Learn to Read the Bible Course” freepost NWW 1240 Manchester M16 1SA.

“Our aim is to allow you to become familiar with the Bible so that you can draw your own conclusions about it”

For more information ring (0161) 286 6471.

Wednesday

- Learn to read the bible follow on course –
...currently studying James meeting at the Bethel at 7:15.
- Young Peoples Bible reading Group 8:00

Thursday

- Bible Class 8:00

Friday

- Senior Youth Club 7:30

Any Comments - We Want To Hear From You



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