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# Newsletter

## Thought – “Do you believe in God?”

In 1998 the National Statistics Office recorded that 58% of the population believed in God, but what does this mean? For the majority of people it means that although they accept God exists, they feel he has little relevance to their everyday lives. Careers, families, friends, entertainment and daily problems, these are the things in life that are real to most people. God on the other hand can seem far off and unimportant. But he has great plans for the world and the impact on us, as individuals in Old Trafford will be enormous. There is going to be a day when Jesus will return to this world and set up God’s Kingdom here on earth. With God’s power he will destroy all evil, injustice and suffering. There will be no more muggings or robberies, no more ill health or pain, no more fear of terrorism, no more oppressive regimes and no more war.

Isaiah 2:4 *“... nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more.”*

Revelation 21:4 *“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

Is this something that we want to miss out on because we can’t be bothered to find out more?

Jesus said about the Kingdom of God:

Matthew 13:44,45 *“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”*

The story illustrates that The Kingdom of God is worth so much, it will be such an amazing place that we should be prepared to give up everything to be there.

But not only is God offering us this wonderful treasure in the future, but he is also offering us something right now; a relationship with both him and his son Jesus. God and Jesus only seem irrelevant if we choose to shut them out but let them in and they can transform our lives.



## In Focus – “Sport in our Church”

There are many types of activities organised in our church and we try to give you a little taste of these in this section of the Newsletter. In this edition it might be a bit of a sweaty, salty taste as we are talking about sport. Every Monday night a group of people of both sexes and all ages and abilities get together to play 5–aside football. We always start the game by praying together and asking God to be part of our game, and thanking him for the amazing bodies he’s given us. It’s a great opportunity to share time and fellowship with the other people in our church and keep physically fit at the same time!

There are many other sporting events that get organised too... Volleyball in the car park, Table Tennis in the Clubroom, Badminton at the sports centre, Ten-Pin-Bowling with Youth Club, and for those who consider themselves to be a bit more refined, a quiet game of golf.



## What’s On?

(At Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

Sunday evening Services at 6:00 pm...

DATE	SUBJECT
6-Apr	Jesus the Healer
13-Apr	Jesus the King
20-Apr	Jesus the Saviour
27-Apr	Jesus is alive now
4-May	(Service held at Whalley Range High School)
11-May	God's promises to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
18-May	(Speakers choice)

DATE	SUBJECT
25-May	How to be a Christian at work
1-Jun	Praise Evening
8-Jun	Women in the Bible - Mary
15-Jun	God promises to listen to you
22-Jun	(Speakers choice)
29-Jun	The Celebration (Time 3:00)

Good Friday service, 18<sup>th</sup> April - 7:00 pm

### Regulars:

- Sunday
  - Breaking of Bread Service 10:30 a.m.
  - Sunday School 2:45 p.m. (From Kids aged 4, up to Adult Discussion Group)
  - Evening Service 6:00 p.m. (See above for details)
- Tuesday
  - Junior Youth club 6:45 p.m.
  - “The Bible Course” – [www.thebiblecourse.com](http://www.thebiblecourse.com)  
7:15 p.m. at Chorlton Adult Education Centre ☎(0161) 286 6471
- Thursday
  - Bible Class 8:00 p.m.
- Friday
  - Senior Youth Club 7:30 p.m.

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