

Oct-Dec 2008

Newsletter




Thought - "How much?"

In the two years from May 2006 to May 2008 mortgage interest has gone up 27%, electricity by 21%, gas by 19.6%, food by 11.3%, and petrol and oil costs are also rocketing. Despite the increase in the cost of these items we are generally still prepared to pay these prices so that we maintain a quality of life. We consider these items worthy of the expense.

In 1948 Jackson Pollock produced a piece of contemporary artwork (called No. 5) that was 8ft by 4ft and in the style of abstract expressionism. The painting was produced by drizzling thick amounts of brown and yellow paint to create a nest-like appearance. In 2006 this painting was sold to a private collector for close on £73M.

It is beyond comprehension that somebody could value a piece of art work so highly, or is it? Can a painting that has striking similarities to something a 6 year old might produce be worth so much money?

Well it was to somebody!

In 1 Peter 1: 18 – 19 we read: *"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."*

Also, in 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 1 Corinthians 7:23 we are told that we were bought at a price.

The worth of an item is determined by what somebody is prepared to pay for it at the point of transaction. The item's value is not lessened by the fact that others would pay less.

In John 3: 16 we read: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"*

To God we are worth the life and death of his Son Jesus.

In Focus - Youth Clubs at the Bethel

Q: Who can come? **A:** We run two evenings, Tuesday for 7 - 11 year olds and Fridays for 11 - 18 year olds.

Q: What time? **A:** Tuesday club starts at 6:45 and finish at 8:30. Friday club starts at 7:30 and finishes at 9:45.

Q: Is it fun? **A:** We think so. Some of the activities that we've had this summer were: Dodgeball in the park, Mini Olympics, an art evening and BBQs

Q: How much does it cost? **A:** There is no weekly cost but a charge is made for special activities.

Q: Who runs the clubs? **A:** A dedicated team that includes voluntary youth workers, parents and grandparents.

Q: What about CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checks? **A:** It is our church's policy that people coming in contact with children have a CRB check and we follow "good practice" to keep children safe at all times.



What's On?

(At Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

Special Presentation: "What is the Christian hope?" 7:30, Fri 14th Nov 2008.

Sunday evening Services at 2:45 **1st Sunday of the month** and 6:00 pm at other times.

DATE	SUBJECT
5-Oct	Family Harvest Service
12-Oct	Guest speaker
19-Oct	Jesus: the storyteller
26-Oct	Jesus: showing us how to overcome evil
2-Nov	Jesus: a different kind of leader
9-Nov	The Cost of Peace (Remembrance)
16-Nov	Jesus manifesto, part 1

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23-Nov	Jesus manifesto, part 2
30-Nov	What does God say about a compensation culture?
7-Dec	The Parable of the Sower
14-Dec	Countdown to Christmas - Prophecies about Jesus birth
21-Dec	Carol Service
28-Dec	Seeing God in everyday things

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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