

St Margaret's Vicarage
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Dear Friends,

There is a story about a little boy who on coming home from Sunday school, told his mum that the vicar had said that God is everywhere.

'That is true,' said his mum.

'Is he in the oven when it's hot,' the little boy asked.

'Yes', replied his mother.

'How about in the cupboard?'

'Yes', said his mother.

'How about the fridge when the door is closed and the light is off?'

'Oh yes', his mother answered.

'How about the cake tin?' asked the boy as he took the lid off the tin.

'Well, I suppose he is', said his mother

The boy slammed the tin shut and announced triumphantly, 'Got him!'

Of course, his mum had a lot more explaining to do after that!

Although a humorous story, there is some truth in it. Often, we can view God in a similar way to this boy – we can think that God is small enough for us to put into a tidy package, which we are able to control and understand completely. We want a God of our own making, on our own terms and we can create god in our version of the human image rather than the fact that we humans are created in God's image.

Pentecost breaks through our narrow image of God. On the day of Pentecost there was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit (in Acts 2). On that day, God couldn't be contained. The disciples had been hiding behind locked doors in fear following the resurrection and then in waiting after the Ascension as Christ commanded them. They went out and were

filled with the Holy Spirit, giving them courage and boldness. The word of God came from them in many languages and people were amazed and astounded. The power of God was manifested.

That power is at work today within us. The Holy Spirit gives us the voice that we need to speak about our faith that we hold 'the faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in every generation' (from Anglican declaration of Assent).

In Genesis, the Spirit of God breathed life into the dust and created human beings. In Acts the Spirit of God breathed new life into the Christian community and goes on doing so, bringing renewal to minds, refreshment to bodies and an overwhelming desire to witness to God the world.

Pentecost reminds us that that our God is a God of power and a God of surprises. He calls and equips us with his power to enable us to do things that we never thought possible through the Holy Spirit.

Every blessing,

Rev'd Deborah

Thank You

We would like to say thank you to the family of George Smethurst, a long standing, dedicated member of our church family at St. Margaret's. In memory of George, ten lanterns have been purchased which will go with the candelabras which were given in memory of George's wives.

We have also received fifteen Bibles for use in church and three Common Worship prayer books for use in our church services.

All the gifts are very practical, as was George, a leading light of the 'working party'.

Once again, Thank You to all of George's family.

On behalf of our church family.

CALENDAR for JUNE 2017

Morning Prayer will be said in the Chancel Monday-Friday at 8.30am:
On Tuesday and Friday the Peregrini Service will be used. Parish Office
is every Thursday, 7.00-8.00pm at the vicarage

Sun 28th May

8.00am

9.45am

11.15am

12.30pm

1:00pm

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Family Sung Eucharist (St. M's)

Holy Communion (St. G)

Baptisms (St. G's)

Baptism at St. M's

Tues 30th May pm

8.00pm

Bishops walking from Heaton Park Station
to St. Margaret's and visiting the deanery.

The Way Forward Meeting at Zandra's

Wed 31st May 10.00am

Holy Communion

Thurs 1st June

Family staycation day -activities for
families Meeting at Heaton Park Tram
Station to go to the Museum of Science
and Industry. Children must be
accompanied by an adult

Sat 3rd June 2.30pm

Rev'd Deborah's parachute jump in aid of.
Alzheimer's Society, The Christie and
Church Funds (NB Weather dependent)

Sunday 4th June		The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.45am	Family Sung Eucharist at (St. M's)
	11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G's)
	2.30pm	Churches Together Pentecost Praise in St. Margaret's Park. BBQ at 1.00pm, music and worship at 3.00pm
Mon 5th	6.45pm	Espresso Church at Costa Prestwich
Wed 7th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sat 10th	9.30pm	Churches Together 5 Churches Walk Starting at St. Gabriel's

Sunday 11th June		Trinity Sunday
	8.00am	Holy Communion (St. M's)
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist (St. M's) with the laying, on of hands
	11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G's)
Mon 12th	7.00pm	Meditation and Peregrine Prayer
Tue 13th	TBC	Y6 Leaver's Service at the Cathedral
	5.30pm	St. Margaret's School Governor's meeting
Wed 14th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sat 17th	10.00am	Confirmation Rehearsal
	4.00pm	PMP Confirmation Service

Sunday 18th June		The First Sunday after Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.45am	Family Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
	11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G's)
Mon 19th	9.30am	Ministry Team meeting
Wed 21st	10:00am	Holy Communion (Laying on of hands)
	4.00pm	Messy Church (St. G's)
Sat 24th June	Sunday School activity day at Ski Rossendale	

Sunday 25th June		The Second Sunday after Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.45am	Family Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
		Sunday School Anniversary Service
	11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G's)
	12.30 onwards	BBQ at the vicarage
Wed 28th	10:00am	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Bible Fellowship (Vicarage)
Fri 30th Jun – Sun 2nd July	Parish Retreat at Parcevall Hall	

REREDOS FLOWERS

4th June - Zandra Lewis
11th June - Alec Latchford Vera Swallow
18th June - Doreen & Ron Mitchell 0161 798 6561
25th June - Sunday School

Any queries - Please phone Barbara Edwards - 0161 773 4499

HEALING ROTA

Sunday, 11th June 2017 - Mary Simmons & Andrew Ginn

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

We welcome to the church family

7th May 2017 **Ruby (Derbyshire) VENOSA**
Parents - Vito VENOSA and Emma DERBYSHIRE of Whitefield

7th May 2017 **Reeva VENOSA**
Parents - Vito VENOSA and Emma DERBYSHIRE of Whitefield

7th May 2017 **Ella Rose WARREN**
Parents - Graham and Rosie WARREN of Prestwich

11th May 2017 **Matthew O'KEEFE**
of Prestwich (adult baptism)

21st May 2017 **Sophie MARSHALL**
of Prestwich (adult baptism)

Baptisms - Continued

We welcome to the church family

21st May 2017 **Tamara JANISSEN**
of Prestwich (adult baptism)

21st May 2017 **Ellis Ian MARSHALL-ROWE**
Parents - Craig ROWE and Sophie MARSHALL of Prestwich

28th May 2017 **Lily BRIGGS-GILES**
Parents - Thomas GILES and Rachel BRIGGS of Simister

28th May 2017 **Grace BRIGGS-GILES**
Parents - Thomas GILES and Rachel BRIGGS of Simister

28th May 2017 **Wren Primrose Jill RILEY**
Parents - Stephen & Verity RILEY of Prestwich

Weddings

We congratulate

Daniel GALBRAITH and Rachel SCOTT from Prestwich on 27th May 2017

Funerals

We commend to God's loving care

JEAN PICKERING of STAND, whose funeral took place at
St. Margaret's Church on Friday 26th May 2017

The Church Office at the Vicarage will be open every Thursday from
7.00pm - 8.00pm to arrange Baptisms, Weddings etc.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, SIMISTER

June 2017 at St. George's

You are invited to: -

Whist Drive -7:30 start

Saturday 10th June

Everybody welcome why not try!!
All proceeds go to the church

Teapot Time - 1:00pm-3:00pm

Monday 5th June

Monday 19th June

Barbara would like to thank everybody for the knitting and donations to charity

All welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat!
Thank you to Barbara and her helpers we do appreciate it.
For information ring: Barbara Lashwood 773 6244

Messy church

Wednesday 21st June at 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Lady Wilton hall.
Join us for fun, faith and food for Children, Parents and Grandparents.
All welcome

Craft Group

The group will meet regularly on Tuesday 7.00pm in the Lady Wilton Hall
Everybody welcome.

General Election Thursday 8th June

The Lady Wilton Hall will not be available all day.

Altar flowers

June 4th	Family of Linda Shaw
11th	Mrs. J. Hall
18th	Vacant
25th	Vacant

In Memory

June 4th	Family of Linda Shaw	Linda Shaw
11th	Mrs. J. Hall	Nora and Fred Pitt
18th	Vacant	
25th	Vacant	
July 2nd	Mrs. B. Cass	Family
9th	Mr. and Mrs. Jackson	Jackson Family
16th	Mrs. D. Birtwistle	Robert and Colin Birtwistle
23rd	Mrs. S. Bradley	Family
30th	Vacant	

If you wish to put flowers in church or have any problems, it would be appreciated if you could confirm

Please contact: Barbara Ashurst 07922 655013
Joan Knott 0161 773 6879

Cleaning rota for week ending:

10th June	Joan and Carol
24th June	Margaret
15th July	Lois and Jeanne
29th July	Joan and Carol

Thank you to everybody for all your help.

Joan Knott and Carol Knaggs

St. George's Festival

The sun shone, the banner was out and Besses Boys Band played. The procession was led by Reverend Deborah and Christine Hardy with 28 children, parents and congregations from both St. George's and St Margaret's churches. It was wonderful to see so many people take part (just like the 'Old Days').

The bouncy castle, poor thing was exhausted, many thanks to the Woodcock Family for their kind donation, it was enjoyed by all the children. We had princess', dragons and George's prizes given to all. Thank you to all the children from the village and Messy Church for joining in. Many said how they had enjoyed the day and when was the next one? **Hopefully we have the children back!**

The scarecrow competition was taken over by the 8th Prestwich Cub Scouts, well done, hope to see your fantastic scarecrows again next year. There were more scarecrows throughout the village even Donald Trump greeted us. I would like to thank everybody for your hard work, support and generous donations. We were able to bank £1074 when all expenses were paid, this money will go towards the repair of the church porch roof.

Joan Knott



Thank you all for your contributions for the Deanery Festival
Remember that our big lunch out is on 9th June 12.30 pm for 1 pm
at Fairways Lodge. If anyone needs a lift please see me to sort it out

We have the coffee evening at St Thomas with St John Radcliffe also
in June on the 14th at 7.30 pm this is a bring-and-buy event they also
need cakes to sell, and there will be a raffle

Prayer for June

It was not enough for God, to make his Son our
guide to the way. He made him the way itself
that we may travel with him as leader,
and by him as the way

In Faith and Fellowship Jean



Messy Church takes place in the Lady Wilton Hall, Simister.

Wednesday 21st June 4.00-5.30pm

The next Messy Church session will be Wed 19th July.

ESPRESSO CHURCH

Monday 6th May at 6.45pm

Costa Coffee, Prestwich.

Mark Gale & Andy Smith

GREETINGS CARDS

I am collecting old birthday cards, anniversary cards or any others that you don't want

If you have any would you please give them to Zandra they will be given to the children of Park View Primary School to cut up

Many Thanks

Mavis Collinge

St. Margaret's Sunday School

Anniversary Weekend

In order to celebrate Sunday School's Anniversary weekend, we have organised a fun afternoon at Ski Rossendale on Saturday 24th June - 3-5pm. All families are welcome for a skiing 'taster', tubing and food. Please book your place with any Sunday School teacher.

Sunday 25th June is Anniversary Sunday when all Sunday School children will be church for a special service and to receive book prizes. The children will be contributing to the service by singing. After the service, there will be a family BBQ for all the church family on the vicarage lawn starting at 1pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come to the BBQ, indicating any dietary requirements. There will be games and races for all after the BBQ.

Sunday School will close for the Summer Holidays after Anniversary Sunday reopening in September.

Gillian McConville

Family Fun Afternoon



at



Ski Rossendale

Saturday 24 June, 3-5pm

All families welcome for a skiing 'taster', tubing
and food

£18 per person, including all equipment hire, tuition
and a tasty meal

Please book and pay a £5 deposit with any Sunday
School staff

PCC Committees 2017-18 taken from 2016-17 sheet

Churchwarden to act as **Vice Chairman**

Churchwardens: Carol Olive, David McConville

Assistant Churchwarden St. Margaret's: Laurel Avery

Assistant Churchwardens St. George: Joan Knott, Carol Knaggs

Treasurer until July 2017: Anne Orrell

Assistant Treasurer:

Secretary: Minutes only Joan Evans

Deanery Synod Members: Andrew Ginn, Laurel Avery, Gail Prosser, Diane Hill

Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee: Priest in Charge. Two "curates" Chris Wedge, and Steve Williams, Andrew Ginn as deanery Secretary, Carol Olive

Gift Aid Secretaries: Hedley Cox, Angela Cox – Gillian McConville continue to shadow

Electoral Roll Secretary: Millie Meeley

Safeguarding Officers: Jacqui Jackson – Children; Andrew Ginn - Vulnerable Adults

Christian Aid Co-ordinator: Karen Gale

Health and Safety Committee: Rev. Deborah, David McConville, Gillian McConville, Gail Prosser, Zandra Lewis

Standing Committee: Priest in Charge, Churchwardens, Assistant Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer. (Other people to be invited as the agenda requires.)

Youth and Community Management Committee: Priest in Charge, David McConville (Churchwarden), Anne Orrell (Treasurer), Gillian McConville (Secretary), Diane Hill, Yvonne Storey (Booking Secretary), representatives from Uniformed organisations.

Social Committee: Joan Lane (Chair), D Young (Treasurer), Laurel Avery, Stephanie Caldwell, Laraine Darlington, Angela Hardman, Judith Murphy, Lindsay Savage, Lesley Wilkinson, Karen Gale, Gail Prosser, Vera Swallow

Churches Together: Christine Hardy, Mark Gale

Way Forward Committee: Andrew Ginn, Judith Hall, Diane Hill, Jacqui Jackson, Joan Knott, Zandra Lewis, Gillian McConville, Carol Olive (Warden), Gail Prosser.

St. George's District Church Committee: Priest in Charge, Carol Olive (Warden), Barbara Ashurst, Jeanne Green, Christine Hardy, Joan Knott & Carol Knaggs (Assistant Wardens), Margaret Stewardson, Muriel Woodcock, Barbara Lashwood (Rep. of Village Residents as required), PCC Secretary and PCC Treasurer to attend meetings when there are issues concerning Lady Wilton Hall.

Worship Committee: Priest in Charge, Churchwarden – Mrs. Carol Olive: Ministry Team – Mrs. Carol Olive (ALM) / Mrs. Christine Hardy (Reader): Lay Eucharistic Assistants – Andrew Ginn : Music – Sunday School – Carol Porter : St. Georges – Barbara Ashurst

Communications Committee: Priest in Charge, Carol Olive (Warden), Christine Hardy (Reader), Richard Ashurst, Judith Hall, David McConville, Carol Porter

Dates for 2017 PCC Meetings:

Main Meeting (7.30pm)

26th July

13th Sept

29th Nov

24th Jan 18

Standing Committee (Vicarage)

Receive Annual Reports: 6th Mar 2018

APCM: 15th April 2018 at 11.30am

Elections from Annual Parochial Church Council 2017

Election of Churchwardens & Assistant Churchwardens

Churchwardens:

There were two nominations for the post of Churchwardens:

Mrs. Carol Olive

Proposed by Mrs. P. Coleman and seconded by Mrs. I. Kellett;

Mr. David McConville

Proposed by Mrs. Z. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. C. Olive.

Elected to serve for the year May 2017 - May 2018.

Assistant Churchwardens:

St. Margaret's –

Mrs. Laurel Avery

Proposed by Mrs. Z. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. C. Olive.

St. George's –

Mrs. Joan Knott

Proposed by Mrs. B. Ashurst; seconded by Mrs. C. Hardy,

Mrs. Carol Knaggs

Proposed by Mr. A. Pickles; seconded by Mrs. J. Knott.

It was agreed unanimously by those present that the above nominees should be elected to serve for the year May 2017 - May 2018.

PCC Members - 11 nominations Received, Proposed and Seconded, and all having indicated their willingness to serve, the following were elected: -

Mesdames:

B. Ashurst*, J. Evans, J. Hall, J. Jackson, I. Kellett,

J. Knott*, C. Knaggs*, Z. Lewis, G. McConville, A. Orrell, C. Porter

Deanery Synod members elected:

L. Avery, A. Ginn, D. Hill, G. Prosser

Appointments

Sides persons: The following were appointed as Sidesmen and Sideswomen:

St. Margaret's –

Mesdames:

J. Evans, S. Caldwell, P. Coleman, S. Johnson, I. Kellett, Z. Lewis, J. Murphy, A. Orrell, G. Prosser, A. Rowe, P. Waghorn, L. Wilkinson

Messrs:

R. Coleman, M. Richards, S. Watson, D. Young.

St. George's –

Mesdames:

B. Ashurst, J. Green, L. Kirby, M. Stewardson, M. Woodcock.

Mr:

R. Ashurst.

Help needed for the following Job Vacancies:

1. **Treasurer:** Help & Training provided, some basic computer skills required.
2. **Secretary:** Help and Training as above, will be shown how to use the duplicator.
3. **Gardeners:** To join enthusiastic team, weekly Thurs Morn 9-11am.
4. **Church Cleaners:** Once a Month, Fri or Sat am; 1 hour approx.
5. **Flower Arrangers:** Again, enthusiastic team; training given.
6. **Table and Chairs:** Help required to put these items out prior to the Sunday Service; Once a month.
7. **DIY & Odd jobs:** Help required around Church doing General Maintenance.

Lord, I am rich. I'm rich because you love me, and I know it. Rich beyond anything the world can give. Rich because the world can't take it away. It's there, your love, and nothing I will do will change it. I can reject it, forget it, but it's still there. I ONLY HAVE TO REACH OUT AND IT'S MINE. Eddie Askew.

“The Bible in One Year”

(Over 12 months the daily readings below will make up the complete Bible)

Thursday 1st: 2 Chronicles 15-16 & John 12:27-50

Philip & James Apostles: Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory.

Friday 2nd: 2 Chronicles 17-18 & John 13:1-20

Day planners are great for organising our days... but God is the only One who can organise our life. “You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe” **Psalm 139: 16.**

Saturday 3rd: 2 Chronicles 19-20 & John 13:21-38

Father we thank you for our daily work. Whatever the difficulties, help us to do it with cheerfulness and courage. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Sunday 4th: 2 Chronicles 21-22 & John 14

Jesus never changes. Yet, knowing Him changes everything. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. **Hebrews 13:8**

Monday 5th: 2 Chronicles 23-24 & John 15

God has given you something you can give back to the world-in a way no one else can. Give generously, your gifts will return to you later. **Ecclesiastes 11: 1**

Tuesday 6th: 2 Chronicles 25-27 & John 16

Merciful Father, create peace and gentleness in our hearts. Bind together the nations of the world in love, hold the chain in your hand and let each link signify each one of us. Amen

Wednesday 7th: 2 Chronicles 28-29 & John 17

Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives. **Psalm 90:14**

Thursday 8th: 2 Chronicles 30-31 & John 18:1-18

“Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence.
Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance.
Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence.
Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance.” — **Yoko Ono**

Friday 9th: 2 Chronicles 32-33 & John 18:19-40

Columba of Iona Almighty God, who filled the heart of Columba with the joy of the Holy Spirit and with deep love for those in his care: may your pilgrim people follow him, strong in faith, sustained by hope, and one in the love that binds us to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Saturday 10th: 2 Chronicles 34-36 & John 19:1-22

Dear Lord, these three things I pray: to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly – day by day. Amen

Sunday 11th: Ezra 1-2 & John 19:23-42

Barnabas the Apostle: Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

Monday 12th: Ezra 3-5 & John 20

Prayer will never do our work for us; what it will do is to strengthen us for work which must be done. **William Barclay**

Tuesday 13th: Ezra 6-8 & John 21



Do you know God's phone number? It's Jeremiah-333. You can call it anytime. His line is never busy. It won't go to voicemail. He'll always pick up. "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" **So call him-Jeremiah 33:3!**

Wednesday 14th: Ezra 9-10 & Acts 1

Every morning we enter a new day. Who knows what that day will bring? God knows. In the morning, we can put our day in God's hands, then in the evening we give it back to him. And trust him with all that has happened in it.

Thursday 15th: Nehemiah 1-3 & Acts 2:1-21

Radar tells you about things that are there, but are too far away for your eyes to see. Faith is like a radar and tells us what is there – even when we can't see it with our eyes. We can't see God with our eyes, but faith tells us he is there! "Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it. Hebrews 11:1

Friday 16th: Nehemiah 4-6 & Acts 2:22-47

Dear Lord, there are times when I find it hard, when I look around at this world, and wonder what is going on? But I know, that if I knock, the door will open, if I listen, I shall find. And I shall know that you are there for me and for all mankind. Thank you Lord for this world and the next. Amen

Saturday 17th: Nehemiah 7-9 & Acts 3

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9**

Father in heaven, we ask for hope and perseverance to continue reaching out to others. Amen

Sunday 18th: Nehemiah 10-11 & Acts 4:1-22

“It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside.” — **Maud Hart Lovelace**

Monday 19th: Nehemiah 12-13 & Acts 4:23-37

Jesus drew near and said to them “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always. **Matt. 28: 18-20**

Tuesday 20th: Esther 1-2 & Acts 5:1-21

Let God’s promises shine on your problems He has promised:

To be with us. To guard our hearts with peace like a sentry. To go ahead of us and lead us. To follow behind us and protect us. To walk beside us and be our friend.

“All the Lord’s promises prove true” **Psalms 18:30**

Wednesday 21st: Esther 3-5 & Acts 5:22-42



“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.” — **John Lubbock, The Use Of Life**

Thursday 22nd: Esther 6-8 & Acts 6

Start each day with a smile. It just might be more satisfying than a big breakfast. The cheerful heart has a continual feast. Proverbs 15:15

Friday 23rd: Esther 9-10 & Acts 7:1-21

Deepen your breathing. Focus on God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Offer Him your thanks and praise. Ask Him to be part of your day, today and always. Give God time to speak to you today.

Saturday 24th: Job 1-2 & Acts 7:22-43

Birth of John the Baptist: Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Sunday 25th: Job 3-4 & Acts 7:44-60

Sand between your toes...ocean breeze...blue sky...glorious gifts from a generous God. The earth belongs to God! Everything in all the world is His! **Psalm 24: 1**

Monday 26th: Job 5-7 & Acts 8:1-25

God, you are the light of the world, you are the peace we yearn and long for: help us to live in your light and share your peace. Amen

Tuesday 27th: Job 8-10 & Acts 8:26-40

Nothing will separate us from the love of God. Let's live like we believe it!

Wednesday 28th: Job 11-13 & Acts 9:1-21

Jesus, teach us to be a friend of people as You are with us. Give us eyes to see others and their needs and to take the time to listen. Help us to take them to You, the source of all life. Amen

Thursday 29th: Job 14-16 & Acts 9:22-43

Peter and Paul Apostles: Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

Friday 30th: Job 17-19 & Acts 10:1-23

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, here my prayer:

When I call, answer me –

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer;

Come and listen to me. **Psalm 130.**

I lift up my eyes to the Lord; My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. From Psalm 121

Panis Angelicus - Aquinas (1225-1274)/Franck (1822-1890)

Although widely chosen as an anthem to be sung at weddings, the words of Panis Angelicus were originally written by St Thomas Aquinas for the feast of Corpus Christi. The text has been set to music by a number of composers down the centuries, but the best known is probably the 1872 arrangement by Cesar Franck for tenor (higher male voice), cello, harp and organ:

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; Dat panis cœlicus figuris terminum: O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum Pauper, servus et humilis.	May the Bread of Angels Become bread for mankind; The Bread of Heaven puts All foreshadowings to an end; Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, the servile, and the humble.
Te trina Deitas unaque poscimus: Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus; Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus, Ad lucem quam inhabitas. Amen.	You God, Three And One, we beseech; That You visit us, As we worship You. By Your ways, lead us where we are heading, to the light that You inhabitest. Amen.

The meaning of the text is really quite straightforward for Christians. We simply ask that the Bread of Angels - Jesus - miraculously represented to us by the bread and wine, nourish us spiritually. It is an inclusive request - the poor, the humble and those that serve each get a special mention. We go on to ask that Jesus is with us as we worship him, to guide us by his light along our faith journey.

I don't know why, but the second verse is often not sung. Instead, the first verse is sung by a soloist, and then repeated either by a full choir with appropriate harmonies, or with a second soloist singing at the same pitch as the first, but in canon (that is, repeating the words and notes of the first voice, but a few beats later). Alternatively, a soloist will simply sing through the first verse twice.

The most moving performance of Panis Angelicus that I have heard was a few years back at St Margaret's. Joan Lane and her husband Brian were celebrating their Golden wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows, and Becky Ginn sang this anthem. It was utterly sublime.

You can hear the choir of Kings College Cambridge singing a 'canon' arrangement of Panis Angelicus here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK3TeWqSAZk> Hopefully, it will not be too long before we hear it again at St Margaret's.

Carol P

Music Lessons
ABRSM Grade 8 teacher

Saxophone
Flute
Voice

Contact: Jennifer Porter
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St Margaret's and St George's Social Media Streams



Our website can be found at:

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