

What we would like to achieve in 2018, our Year of Mission.

To deepen our understanding of mission and what it means in today's society.

To encourage more children, young people and families in their journey of faith.

To see a growth in numbers and involvement in the community.

ACTIONS:

- Social events to welcome new people
- Explore different ways and means of mission especially for young people and young adults.
- Week of Mission - A school's event held in church to explore our Christian faith - a 'Jesus Fest'.
- Invite a range of people to visit during the year of mission. e.g. Tear Fund, Church Army, Leprosy Mission, Christians Against Poverty.
- Encourage personal sharing of our faith.
- Increased involvement in schools e.g. Jesus Festival, Stations of the Cross to Parrenthorn etc.
- Staycation - bring a friend.
- An international theme for Harvest weekend.
- Lent - forty acts of kindness challenge www.40acts.org.uk
- Explore mission using integrated social media
- Community and Christmas events

St. Margaret's Church, Prestwich & St. George's Church, Simister

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Year of Mission 2018



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

Matthew 28. 9

Saying thank you

The first thing we want to say is 'Thank you!'

Thank you for your involvement in and commitment to the life of this parish.

We know that many of you find it supportive, rewarding and enjoyable to be part of a loving community of faith. There are so many encouraging signs and there is so much to be thankful for in the life of our church.

Thank you for all the time and energy and skill you give to our churches. In 2017, our year of spiritual growth, we had a range of opportunities to deep our relationship with God through prayer and worship. We began to knit prayer blankets for our congregation and the wider community. This has developed into quite a little industry and we have given out 150+ blankets both locally, nationally and as far away as Nigeria. A big thank you to all who have contributed in this way. So, a big thank you to all who have contributed in anyway.

We thank God for your faith, love and service.

Faith in action is

*Love and love in
action is*

Service —Mother Theresa



Spread the Word

What's already happening in the Parish?

- A wide variety of worship including both traditional services, Messy Church, Wholeness & Healing, Café Church, Social Sunday for young children and families
- Bible Fellowship
- Peregrini Prayer & Meditation, daily prayer, a daily prayer leaflet
- Staycation – a week of events in and around the area.
- A wide variety of fellowship events provided by Events Committee, Social Circle and Mothers' Union
- Vicarage Social Events
- Lenten and Harvest Lunches on behalf of Christian Aid
- Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Maggie's Music Makers

We provide

- A friendly welcome to all and a place where we meet with Christ through the Sacraments and in prayer with varying styles of worship, catering for people of all ages
- A place for baptisms, marriages and funerals
- Links with St. Margaret's, Heaton Park and Parrenthorn schools
- A strong Pastoral Care support and outreach to people who are unable to come to church because of infirmity.
- Groups including the Mother's Union, Social Circle, Teapot Time, Whist Drives, Christian Meditation, Gardening, Flower arranging, Retreats and Quiet Days
- Church House, St. Margaret's Community Centre and Lady Wilton Hall which are all used for a variety of church and community activities.
- Support for children and young people including Sunday School and Messy Church.
- Linked with other churches through the Prestwich Mission Partnership, the Prestwich & Radcliffe Deanery and Churches Together.
- Support for local, national and international charities

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