



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 11th February – Sunday Before Lent

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from the second book of Kings. S Ginn/C Knaggs

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. **2.1–12**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. F Spencer/M Woodcock

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **4.3–6**

GOSPEL Mark Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **9.2–9**

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Mon 12th Feb 7.00pm Mediation & Peregrini
Weds 14th Feb 10.00am Holy Communion (Imposition of Ashes)
4.00pm Messy Church (St G's)
7.00pm Holy Communion (Imposition of Ashes) [St G's]

The 1st Sunday of Lent
(Licensing of Rev'd Deborah as Incumbent)
Sun 18th Feb 8.00am Holy Communion (St M's)
10.30am Sung Communion (Joint Service)

Please Pray For:

The Sick
Philip Dawson, Anne Gregory, Joan, Maureen Jones, Sarah O'Reilly, Finley Leo Pickup (Baby), Felicia Pressman, Martine Rammell, Ivorlyn Taylor, Margaret Trevassie, Richard Styche, Rev Robin Usher, Maude Warren, Sean Waghorn, Norah Withers,

Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness
Alice, Baby Archie, Elizabeth Ann Beck, Julie Case, Linda Davies, Mark Davies, Marion Dixon, Jo Eardley, The Gittins Family, Shiela Harrison, David Latham, Simon Lilleywhite, Robert Lyne, Matilda, Lauren Potts, Susan Rowan, Mary Sweeney, Gail Tyldsley,

Recently Departed

Anniversaries of Death
Harry Barrington, Annie McCannon, Ida Shephard, Kevin Wilkinson, Joyce Wise.



Date For The Diary:

Notices:
On **18th Feb** the Revd Deborah will be Licensed as **Incumbent of St Margaret's & St George's** by Bishop Maguire. **Joint Service with a Mother's Day** at 10.30am. This will be followed by a 'Bring & Share' luncheon in the Church house. All are welcome. Gift ranges are from **£6 to £100**. Mary Simmons has a booklet showing where the money goes if anyone would like to see. Gifts selected from the monies raised. Thank You Mary Simmons.
Pancakes: On 13th Feb 5.30-7.00pm at the Vicarage.
All our services:
14th Feb (Imposition of Ashes) 10.00am St Margaret's and 7pm St
Palm Crosses from last year required for Ash Wednesday. Many Thanks.
Station of The Cross:
Thurs 22nd Feb at 6.15pm
Sat 3rd Mar at 11.15am
Social Circle: This month's meeting is on Thurs 15th Feb in the Church House at 7.30pm. The speaker will be local author Micheal Kingsley who will tell us about becoming an author late in life. The meeting is open to everyone so bring a friend, £2.00 including refreshments.
Open Lunches: See days 12.00pm-1.30pm (24th Feb, 3rd Mar, 10th Mar, 17th Mar)
PCG Half Day Retreat: Sat 24th Feb 09.00am-12.00pm at Katherine House
Porch Boxes: Items are still required for porch boxes. A full list of items required is displayed in the window of the church office. This includes baked beans, hotdogs, tuna, meatballs, packets of pasta & sauce.

Hymns

Int 511- O Lord my God
Grad 105- Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Companion Flowers:
Comm 67- Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
Shel 72- Let Us Be The Glory Feb 6th



