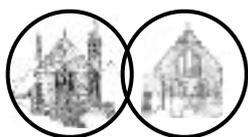


The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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



Sunday 22nd April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. K Gale/R Ashurst

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.' **4.5-12**

A reading from the first letter of John. N Woo/B Ashurst

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. **3.16-24**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.' **10.11-18**

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Services:

Tues 24th Apr 7.30pm Churches Together (St M's)
Wed 25th April 10.00am Holy Communion followed by coffee

11.15am Bible Fellowship

Sat 28th April 9.30am Five Churches Walk (Starts St Gabriel's)

Sunday 29th Apr The Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.00am Holy Communion (St. M's)
9.45am Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
11.15am Holy Communion (St. G's)
1.00pm Baptism
2.00pm Baptism

Notices:

Social Circle: There is a list at the back of church for anyone wishing to go to the Stockport Plaza on Sat 20th October to see Me and My Girl. Sign early only 30 seats available.

Espresso Church: the next meeting is on Monday 7th May, as this is a Bank Holiday we will be meeting at 6pm at Costa Coffee, Longfield, Prestwich, why not come along for your Tea. Guest Speaker is Nick Campbell who is a Minister & Chaplin at The Christie Hospital. Mark & Andy

Posh Afternoon Tea: Sat 12th May 2pm to 4pm; We are again holding the above in the Church House & places are limited to 60. Please fill in the form at the back of Church to reserve a place at just £6.50 each, please give your money to Joan Lane. Many Thanks The Social Committee.

Five Churches Walk: 28th April starting at St Gabriel's at 9.30am, the whole distance is about 11 miles, but feel free to it all or just bits of it.

If you are interested in Confirmation please speak to Revd Deborah. The Confirmation date this year is Sat 17th July at St Mary's Church.

Please Pray For:



The Sick

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Val Bailey, Lorraine Darlington, Philip Dawson, Maureen Jones, Martine Rammell, Margaret Trivassie, Ann Swarbrick, Maude Warren, Graham Wilson, Norah Withers.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Alice, Baby Archie, Elizabeth Ann Beck, Julie Case, Linda Davies, Mark Davies, Marion Dixon, Jo Eardley, Baby Finley, The Gittins Family, Anne Gregory, Shiela Harrison, David Latham, Simon Lilleywhite, Robert Lyne, Matilda, Lauren Potts, Susan Rowan, Felicia Pressman, Richard Styche, Ivorlyn Taylor, Gail Tyldsley, Rev Robin Usher.

Recently Departed

Anniversaries of Death

William Ashworth, Dilys Hardy, Peter Ogden, Lettice Taylor, Elsie Towers, Greta Wilton.

Columbarium Flowers:

Leonard Johnson April 24th

Hymns

Int 649- The King of Love my Shepherd
Grad 643 - The God of Love my Shepherd is
Off 654- The Lord's My Shepherd
Comm 156- Faithful Shepherd Feed Me
Rec Printed- Because the Lord is My Shepherd

Please join us in Church House Following the 9.45am Service for tea/coffee and biscuits in a friendly atmosphere. All are welcome.

To help ease congestion when the elements are being brought to the altar, please share the peace with those who are closest to you. Thank You

All notices for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to David McConville no later than Tuesday please send to mconvillefamily@uwclub.net



