

A letter from our Vicar

Dear friends,

Twice every year, a selection of the great and the good, famous and not so famous, are recognised in the UK Honours list. Sportspeople, actors, musicians and the like become OBEs, MBEs. Achievements in specific spheres of life are officially recognised, held up for all to see. Sometimes we might raise an eyebrow about the name of those who are chosen or feel that there has been a hint of patronage or cronyism behind the scenes. I have reservations concerning our modern-day celebrity culture in which people are frequently idolised on the flimsiest of grounds. For me it is the 'ordinary people', members of the public who deserve to be honoured for the unsung but vital services they provide in their local communities.

There is a parallel when it comes to God. He doesn't need our praise and worship and whatever words we use to describe him. Whatever superlatives we use, they can never honour him sufficiently, yet it is right and proper that we should acknowledge him, seeking to give expression to all that he has done and everything that he means to us. It is our response to his awesome love.

Sunday 23rd June was one of those occasions in church where we had a time of celebration and thanksgiving. Firstly, we celebrated Revd. Sue's ordination to the priesthood and her first time of presiding at St Margaret's and St George's. Secondly, we gave thanks to God and celebrated the life of our children and young people and thanked our Sunday School leaders for all that they do in nurturing and developing the faith of our children and young people.

Our children, young people and Maggie's Music Makers sang, clapped and danced to 'Oh Happy Day'. All of this was done in the context of praising and honouring God. Our celebrations continued with a BBQ in the vicarage garden where we had the opportunity to enjoy each other's company.

I could truly say 'Oh Happy Day!'

Every blessing,
Deborah

If you are interested in being confirmed, or know someone who is, please contact either Revd. Deborah or Revd. Sue. We hope that the confirmations will take place at St. Margaret's Church in early September.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family:

Noah Luca WARREN who was baptised on 2nd June 2019, at St. Margaret's Church. His parents are Graham and Rosie WARREN.

Valentina Rose Patricia BROWN who was baptised on 16th June at St. Margaret's Church. Her parents are Robert BROWN and Georgia NORBURY

Vinny Jax HURLEY who was baptised on 16th June at St. Margaret's Church. His parents are Jake HURLEY and Sophie NORBURY

WEDDINGS

Our congratulations go to:

Matthew James COCKCROFT and Amanda Katy SWALLOW whose wedding took place on 22nd June 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go to Revd. Sue WALKER, who was ordained to the priesthood on 22nd June at Manchester Cathedral.

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2019

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 in church.

Sunday 30th June

8.00am
9.45am
11.15am

The Second Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (St. M's)
Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
Holy Communion (St. G's)

Mon 1st July

6.45pm

Espresso Church

Wed 3rd July

10.00am

Holy Communion followed by coffee

Sunday 7th July

8.00am
9.15am
9.45am
11.15am

The Third Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (St. M's)
Silent prayer in the chancel
Sung Eucharist Family service (St. M's)
Holy Communion (St. G's)

Wed 10th July

10.00am
7.30 for 7.45pm

Holy Communion followed by coffee
Deanery Synod @ St. Margaret's Church

Fri 12th July

10.00am

Pre-school certificate morning

Sunday 14th July

8.00am
9.45am
11.15am
1.00pm

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (St. M's)
Sung Eucharist with Baptism (St. M's) Laying on
of hands.
Holy Communion (St. G's)
Baptism

Wed 17th July

10.00am
4.00pm

Holy Communion followed by coffee
Messy Church

Sunday 21st July

8.00am
9.45am
11.15am

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (St. M's)
Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
Holy Communion (St. G's)

	1.00pm	Baptism
Wed 24th July	10.00am Tbc 7.30pm	Holy Communion followed by coffee School leavers' service PCC meeting

Sunday 28th July		The Sixth Sunday of Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion (St. M's)
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
	11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G's)
	3.45pm	Service of wholeness and healing

Tues 30th -Thurs 1st Aug Foxhill's Retreat

Wed 26th July **10.00am** Holy Communion followed by coffee

Sat 3rd Aug Wedding

		STAYCATION WEEK
Sunday 4th Aug		The Seventh Sunday of Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion (St. M's)
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
	11.15am	Holy Communion (St. G's)
	1.00pm	Baptism @ St. George's
Mon 5th Aug	4.00pm	Fish and Chips @ Hollingworth Lake
Tues 6th Aug	11.00am	Gorton Monastery (Meet at church 10.30)
Wed 7th Aug	2.00pm	Taster Bowling session at St. M's Bowling Club
Thurs 8th Aug	tbc	Train ride to Southport
Fri 9th Aug	10.45am	East Lancs train ride from Bury to Ramsbottom

ST.GEORGE'S CHURCH, SIMISTER

You are invited to:-

Whist Drive-7.30pm start

Saturday 13th July

Everybody welcome why not try!!!!

All proceeds go to the church

Many thanks to all involved for their continuing support

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

The next meeting will be

8th July

There will then be a break until September

Thank you to everybody for your support enjoy the break.

All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat

For information please ring Barbara Lashwood 773 6244.

Many thanks to everybody please continue enjoying the chats.

Why not bring a friend?

Craft Group is now having a break until October

Everybody will be notified when it starts again.

Messy Church 4:00-5:30pm in The Lady Wilton Hall

Wednesday 17th July

Enjoy the summer break Messy Church will start again in September

Please join us and enjoy the fun, lots of things to make and light refreshment is served, cups of tea or coffee for the adults.

Altar Flowers

7th July Mrs. B. Cass

14th " Mr and Mrs Jackson

21st " Mrs. D Birtwistle

In memory

Family

Jackson Family

Robert and Colin Birtwistle

If you wish to put flowers in church or have any problems do not hesitate, please

contact: Barbara Ashurst 07922655013

Joan Knott

0161 773 6879

Cleaning rota for week ending:

13th July Margaret

27th July Carol

We hope you all enjoy the Summer break keep safe!

Joan Knott and Carol Knaggs

St. Margaret's Church REREDOS FLOWERS

JULY 7th Ann Orrell
14th Millie Meeley
21 st Gwen Robinson
28th Dorothy Birtwistle

Barbara Ashurst
798 6198



Social Committee

Thank you very much to all of you who attended the Posh Afternoon Tea on Sat 18th May where we raised a total of £221. As previously reported, the Lenten Lunches raised £840, so together these events raised a combined total of £1,061. This money will be shared between Christian Aid (£300) and the balance to St Margaret's Church due to its current need for financial support.

We have also given £161.40p to Church Funds from the sale of Cards.

Thank you to all who have purchased these, and keep on buying them as it helps Church Funds. Thank You.



The Social Circle will restart on Thursday 19th September, 7.30pm in the church hall. This will be a talk from the Police regarding Security in it's many forms. More information regarding this in August Magazine.

October meeting will be a trip to Stockport Plaza to see a production of Guys and Dolls on Saturday 26th October at 2.15pm. A list will be available at the back of Church so sign up early as we only have 30 places. Tickets will be £17.00.

Hope to see you all at these events and I apologize for the lack of meetings since March

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A very big thank-you to all box-holders at both St Margaret's and St George's churches. The final total collected for this past year amounted to £693.29. The Children's Society have written to me expressing a very big thank-you. This a very worthy charity and if any of you would also like to have a box, please let me know. A small amount every week mounts up over the year. Thank you once again.

Gail Prosser (0161 773 3715)





WELCOME TO MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church is on Wednesday 17th July, 4.00-5.30pm at the Lady Wilton Hall. Please join us for fun, food and fellowship.

We resume in September.

Thank you for all your support over the last year

STAYCATION 2019

Staycation is nearly upon us. For the last three years we have had 'Staycation Week' at St. Margaret's and St. George's. Throughout the week there is the opportunity to go out for the day or to do something different. Staycation this year is 5th-9th August. All are welcome.



Mon 5 th Aug	Hollingworth Lake and Fish and Chips
Tues 6 th Aug	Gorton Monastery (Tour plus lunch)
Wed 7 th Aug	Taster Bowling Session at St. Margaret's Bowling Club
Thurs 8 th Aug	Southport by train
Fri 9 th Aug	Steam Train to Ramsbottom.

If you wish to join us, please sign the lists at the back of church.

Peat bogs, tigers and you. The danger of extinction

We live on a beautiful planet. God created a world in all its wonderful variety, and he was pleased with it.

"The land produced vegetation – all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind. And God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:12

These days we use the term biodiversity to describe the rich diversity of life on Earth – everything from beetles to tigers, wild flowers to giant trees. 12 million species – and that's only the ones we know about! Sadly, the destruction of habitat and the effects of pollution combine with invasion from other species has resulted in the complete extinction of many species. Take peat bogs for instance – those springy, soggy bits of moorland you find if you are out walking. Only 70 years ago there was twenty times the area of peat bog of the UK. Described as the "UKs rainforests" they are full of rare plants

and creatures. Thinking globally, the world is a poorer place since the last Javan tiger was seen in 1980, and orangutans and black rhino are both on the critical list.

Now I think that it's a great pity that things die out, but I used to think that the climate crisis and the plastics in our oceans were more pressing issues. And yet the UN, last November, said that the loss of biodiversity is as much of a threat to the human race as climate change. Why?

- Without plants, life on earth cannot exist. We either eat plants, or products from animals that eat plants.
- Fish supplies are also rapidly diminishing
- At least 50 000 plant species are used in traditional and modern medicine
- We need insects to pollinate our crops, and to control pests and diseases
- As plant life decreases carbon dioxide levels rise, which causes more climate change...
- Deforestation leads to more floods, droughts and extreme temperatures
- Plants help to purify air and water

So, what can you do? These tips come from the WWF website

https://wwf.panda.org/our_work/biodiversity/what_you_can_do/

- Be careful when buying holiday souvenirs? Are they made from the skin, fur, bone, shell, beak or hooves of an endangered species? (If so, they are also most probably illegal).
- Only buy wood from a sustainable (legal) source. Look for the FSC label, on e.g. garden furniture and wooden flooring
- Use only recycled paper
- Buy sustainable seafood – look for the blue MSC logo.
- And keep on doing all you already do to fight climate change

Any comments? Want more information? Talk to me or email me:
revsuewalker123@gmail.com

Rev Sue

Give Me Strength (Sioux trad., arr. Chilcott)

This is essentially a Native American prayer set to music by legendary jazz composer Bob Chilcott. I had to learn this piece thoroughly (and quickly) for a weekend of conductor training with Sing for Pleasure. As you are probably aware, indigenous American, Australian and New Zealand people do not have deities in the way that orthodox eastern and western religions do. Instead they worship the Great Spirit present in the natural world, with a pantheistic reverence for nature and all that lives. The text is:

Give me the strength to walk the soft earth.
Give me the eyes to see and the strength to understand,
That I might be like you.
With your power only can I face the winds.

All over the Earth we all are alike.

Look upon these faces of children without number,
and with children in their arms.
With your power only can they face the winds
And walk the good road to the day of quiet.

During the Middle Ages when the English kings led crusades to convert others to Christianity by force, those peoples more in touch with their environments prayed for inner strength to walk the soft earth, and I'm sure also to walk the earth softly. They did not want to stumble around blind to natural wonder. They knew that we are all alike, and we need grace to withstand the buffeting of life. They understood their duty to live well and with respect for others.

I was required to convey all this to my singers in just one short sentence and then get on with the business of teaching all five voice parts for the harmonies and then using my conducting gestures to draw out the meaning through musicality and musicianship. It was tough!

Imagine using one hand to beat a precise and accurate 4-beat pattern at a steady metronomic pace. Now imagine using the other hand in constant rounded movement to convey the ebb and flow of the music through each phrase *at the same time*. It's a bit like drawing an anchor shape with one hand and a figure-8 with the other. In Choral music the voice parts start at different times, drop out and restart. It is for the conductor to signal these entries and exits with whichever hand is nearest to the singers in question. As if that isn't quite enough to think about, the conductor must use his/her face to express the mood of the music - a facial expression of grim concentration is not allowed, and will

impact badly on the music! As well as all this, the conductor's mouth should be open, and making the vowel shapes required from the singers throughout the text.

I survived the course, and have plenty of "homework" to attend to before I attend the next one!

You can hear a recording of "Of One Accord" singing "Give Me Strength" here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wISulmeg2w>

Carol P

SUNDAY HEALING ROTA JULY 2019 - OCTOBER 2019

14 July 2019	Pat	Ray
11 August 2019	Carol	Mary
08 September 2019	Hedley	Sue
13 October 2019	Judith	Andrew



If you know of anyone in the Church Family who will be celebrating a special Birthday (80, 90+) or Wedding Anniversary (50, 60 years) in the coming months please inform Zandra Lewis.

Thank you

Calling Angel-Makers – Your craft group needs you!

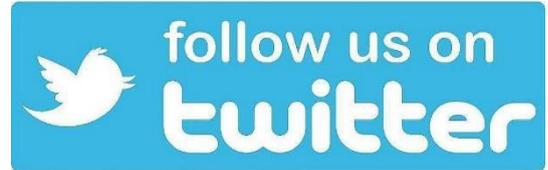
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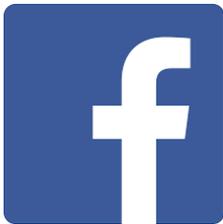
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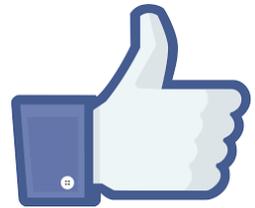


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Articles for future editions of our parish magazine should be emailed (Word doc, A4, portrait, no columns) to stmargaretsprestwich@gmail.com no later than these dates:

August magazine	28 July 2019
September magazine	25 August 2019
October magazine	22 September 2019
November magazine	27 October 2019
December magazine	24 November 2019

Yours is the day, Yours also is the night; You have prepared the light and the sun. Psalm 74:16. Dear Lord thank you for the sun, moon and stars as we share these long summer days together. Amen

Monday 1st:

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. **Psalm 139:13-14**

Tuesday 2nd:

Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. **Genesis 2:3**

Wednesday 3rd: Thomas the Apostle

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God. Amen

Thursday 4th:

When we find it difficult to forgive others, it helps to remember all that Jesus has done for us. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you." **Colossians 3:13**

Friday 5th:

For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. **Hebrews 3:4**

Saturday 6th:

May we learn from each other how to give, how to receive, how, in joy, to celebrate and how, in pain, to grieve; how to fight for what is right yet not do any wrong; how to be the family to which we all belong.

Psalm for the week 81

Sunday 7th:

Whatever your circumstances – whether this is a good or a bad day – make prayer a vital part of your life. *Daniel knelt on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom.* **Daniel 6:10**

Monday 8th:

We are not primarily put on this earth to see through one another, but to see one another through. **Peter Devries**

Tuesday 9th:

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of words through which we can express so much. We thank you for the words of Scripture that speak so powerfully of your love. But most of all we thank you for putting your words into action, making them come alive in the person of Jesus. Help us in our turn not simply to use words but to act upon them, not just to talk about faith but live it day by day. Amen

Wednesday 10th:

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, How does your garden grow? With silver bells and cockle-shells, And pretty maids all in a row.

Thursday 11th:

Be Still! Know that I am God!

Stop, Look, Listen. All God's creation is all around you, be thankful.

Friday 12th:

Thank you, dear God, for the joy of life and the everyday things that make life a joy. Amen

Saturday 13th:

Yet I will not forget you. Look, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. **Isaiah 49: 15-16**

Psalm for the week 82**Sunday 14th: Poem by Ella Higginson**

I know a place where the sun is like gold, And the blooms burst with snow;
And down underneath is the loveliest nook, Where the four-leaf clovers grow.
One leaf is for hope, and one is for faith, And one is for love, you know;
But God put another in for luck--If you search, you will find where they grow.
But you must have hope, and you must have faith; You must love and be strong; and so, If
you work, if you wait, you will find the place Where the four-leaf clovers grow.

Monday 15th: St. Swithun's Day

Almighty God, by whose grace we celebrate again the feast of your servant Swithun: grant that, as he governed with gentleness the people committed to his care, so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance, may always seek to build up your Church in unity and love.

Amen

Tuesday 16th:

Morning has broken like the first morning-Mine is the sunlight-Mine is the morning. Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning-God's recreation of the new day.

Wednesday 17th:

God created every soul to sing. *I sing His songs and pray to God who gives me life.* **Psalm 42:8.**

Thursday 18th:

Today is God's gift to you – shine!. Live one day at a time. **Matthew 6:34**

Friday 19th:

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty. **John 6:35.**

Saturday 20th: At the Sea-Side

When I was down beside the sea
A wooden spade they gave to me
To dig the sandy shore. My holes were empty like a cup.
In every hole the sea came up, Till
it could come no more. **by Robert Louis Stevenson**

Psalm for the week 83**Sunday 21st:**

Dear Lord, 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.Amen

Monday 22nd: Mary Magdalene

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life. Amen

Tuesday 23rd:

When fear is overwhelming, the comforting presence of the Lord is there to carry us through our deepest trials. *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me; Your rod and staff, they comfort me.* **Psalm 23:4**

Wednesday 24th:

Be with all parents Lord as their children grow more independent, help them to hold their children with open arms, to make space for unconditional love and trust to grow between them throughout the years. Amen

Thursday 25th: James the Apostle

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay. Amen

Friday 26th:

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Saturday 27th:

To talk with God, no breath is lost. To walk with God, no steps are lost. To wait with God, no time is lost.

Psalm for the week 84

Sunday 28th: Psalm 130

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.

Monday 29th: Mary, Martha & Lazarus

God our Father, whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in learning, argument and hospitality: may we so rejoice in your love that the world may come to know the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion, and your power to bring life out of death; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our friend and brother. Amen

Tuesday 30th:

You are precious to me and honoured, and I love you. **Isaiah 43:4**

Wednesday 31st:

We may not know where life's road will take us, but we can enjoy the journey if we are walking with the Lord. *Enoch spent his life in fellowship with God.* **Genesis 5:24**

Almighty God, you have taught us that your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Help us, and all who prayerfully read your word, to deepen our fellowship with you and with each other through your love. In doing so we may come to know more truly, and follow you more faithfully in the steps of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Holy Trinity

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