

Dear friends

When I was little, I used to get a box of paints for Christmas or for my birthday. Sometimes it would be small, containing only basic colours. Occasionally it would be large, featuring a bewildering array of intermediate colours – greens, oranges, purples etc. If I had the slightest hint of artistic talent, I could let my imagination run riot. But it wasn't just the lack of talent that was the problem. It was the way in which one colour swiftly became contaminated by another whenever I applied anything with less than a totally clean brush to the palette. Within a few weeks, or even days, far from having a dazzling array of colours to rival a rainbow, my paint tray held merely various shades of murky grey.

Not even the most comprehensive collection of colours can begin to rival the variety that surrounds us in the natural world. Just look at a woodland in autumn, a border of summer flowers, a shimmering sea or a beautiful sunset and you would be hard pressed to identify the range hues visible there. Our world presents us with an awesome tapestry of colours. It is often through the beauty of creation around us that we become aware of the presence of God.

Yet, how often do we look and marvel? Probably not often enough. Sometimes we are so busy rushing around and the result is, metaphorically speaking, we see life not in glorious technicolour, but in monochrome grey.

Our two retreats this year are based around creation. The Foxhill's retreat is about 'Celebrating God through Creation' and the Parcival Retreat is about how we 'Connect with God through Creation'. Both focus on how we can deepen our relationship with God through nature. On a retreat we have the opportunity just to stop, be still and appreciate God through creation. But we don't have to go on a retreat to do that. This period of the year is holiday time and many of us will be going away. This gives a chance to have a break from our normal routines of life, to slow down and to appreciate the world around us. Even if we are not going away, there is still the opportunity to take time in the routine business of life to appreciate the wonders of this world. Take time over summer to pause, to look around and take in the riches that that your senses communicate. Contemplate the infinite variety of God's creation – special beyond words.

Every blessing,

Deborah

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family:

Lucas Maurice Ian STANTON who was baptised on 14th July 2019, at St. Margaret's Church. His parents are Andrew & Jolene STANTON

Joaquim Mendes CAVALLINI who was baptised on at St. Margaret's Church. His parents are Robert & Thelma MENDES CAVALLINI

FUNERALS

We commend into the loving hands of Almighty God:

Richard Kellett whose funeral took place at St. Margaret's Church on 22nd July 2019.

John Wellavize whose funeral took place at St. Margaret's Church on 29th July 2019.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 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 28th July

8.00am

9.45am

11.15am

3.45pm

The Sixth Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion (St. M's)

Sung Eucharist (St. M's)

Holy Communion (St. G's)

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

2.00pm

Wedding

STAYCATION WEEK

Sunday 4th Aug

8.00am

9.45am

11.15am

1.00pm

The Seventh Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion (St. M's)

Sung Eucharist (St. M's)

Holy Communion (St. G's)

Baptism @ St. George's

Mon 5th Aug

4.00pm

Fish and Chips @ Hollingworth Lake

Tues 6th Aug

10.30)

11.00am

Gorton Monastery (Meet at church

Wed 7th Aug

Club

2.00pm

Taster Bowling session at St. M's Bowling

Thurs 8th Aug

10.26 from M/C Vic

Train ride to Southport

Fri 9th Aug

Ramsbottom

10.45am

East Lancs train ride from Bury to

Sat 10th Aug

1.00pm

Wedding

Sunday 11th Aug

8.00am

9.45am

11.15am

1.00pm

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (St. M's)

Sung Eucharist (St. M's)

Holy Communion (St. G's)

Baptism

Wed 14th Aug

10.00am

Holy Communion followed by coffee

Sunday 18th Aug

8.00am

9.45am

11.15am

1.00pm

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (St. M's)

Sung Eucharist with Baptism (St. M's)

Holy Communion (St. G's)

Baptism

Wed 21st Aug

10.00am

Holy Communion followed by coffee

Sat 24th Aug 3.00pm Wedding

Sunday 25th Aug **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion (St. M's)
9.45am Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
11.15am Holy Communion (St. G)
Parish Retreat at Parcivall

Mon 26th Aug Parish Retreat

Tues 27th Aug Parish Retreat

Wed 28th Aug 10.00am Holy Communion followed by coffee

Sunday 1st Sept **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am Holy Communion (St. M's)
9.45am Sung Eucharist Family Service (St. M's)
11.15am Holy Communion (St. G)

Wed 4th Sept 10.00am Holy Communion followed by coffee

ST.GEORGE'S CHURCH,SIMISTER

August 2019 at St. George's

You are invited to:-

Whist Drive-7.30pm start

Saturday 10th August

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

There will be a break in August

The next meeting will be

Monday 16th 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

Enjoy the summer break Messy Church will start again in September

CONGRATULATIONS to Cyd and Barbara Taylor on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in July. We hope you had a wonderful day. We send our best wishes from the Church Family.

Altar Flowers

In memory

4 th August	Mrs. S. Bradley	Family
11 th	“ Mrs. M. Stewardson and Family	John Stewardson
18 th	“ Vacant	
25 th	“ Vacant	
1 st Sept	Mrs. J. Knott and Family	Knott and Smith Families

If you wish to put flowers in church or have any problems do not hesitate, please contact: Barbara Ashurst 07922655013 or Joan Knott 0161 773 6879

Cleaning rota In August we will have a grand clean in church the date to be arranged

Enjoy STAYCATION week sorry I won't be with you, everybody come back in September refreshed. Joan K.

St. Margaret's Church REREDOS FLOWERS

AUGUST 4th Mothers Union
11th Joan Lane
18th The Bland Family
25th Sheila Johnson

Vicky Crookes
798 0448



We have 3 dates available: **Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 17**

If you are interested in any of the above, will you please write down the date, your name and 'phone number and put it in the FLOWER BOX on the table outside the meeting room. We will then phone you.

Thanks Barbara Edwards



Social Circle will recommence on Thursday 19th September 7.30pm in the Church Hall with a talk on security by the police, covering all aspects of personal, home, car and transport.

Do come along and give us our support.

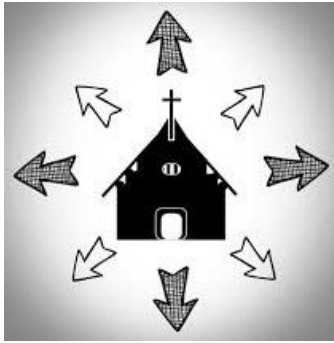
Entrance £2.00 including light refreshments.



Church House

If anyone can help move articles from the main room into the extension of church house on Monday 12th August I would be really grateful. Meet at 2pm. Also on Tuesday 27th August we will need to move things back and give the hall a good clean after the floor has been done. Again meet at 2pm.

From Wednesday 14th August we will not be able to access the hall while the floor is being done. Sunday morning coffee will be at the back of Church for 2 weeks. Many thanks for your co-operation.



FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY

Courses will run over 3 terms from September to June 2020. There will be 23 evening sessions and 4 Saturday day courses. The cost is £60.00 in 3 instalments. The course is open to anyone who is active in the life of the church, but please approach Rev Deborah if you wish to apply.

Closing date is 31.8.2019



WELCOME TO MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church is on 11th Wednesday September 2019, 4.00-5.30pm at the Lady Wilton Hall. Please join us for fun, food and fellowship.

Future dates are Wednesday 16th October, Wednesday 20th November and Wednesday 11th December.

Wake up and smell the coffee!



TRAIDCRAFT

Traidcraft are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. In 1979 they sold only jute products (do you remember those macramé hanging baskets) from Bangladesh, but within two years they were selling tea and coffee as well. The filter coffee and the tea bags were nice enough... but the instant “campaign coffee” was, as Traidcraft admits “pretty basic (putting it politely)”. Many dedicated passionate pioneers persevered with it. I bought a coffee filter and converted to Traidcraft ground!

But it’s nearly 40 years later and times have changed. Traidcraft now has a highly trained coffee consultant, Alex. She had to take 19 exams to gain her qualifications – her finals involving 3 whole days of coffee tasting! She was asked about her most memorable cup of coffee and gave this reply.

When I was visiting a coop, United Organic Coffee Growers, located at Mount Elgon, close to Mbale in Northern Uganda, I was offered a cup of coffee and without thinking, I said yes. It took about an hour and 10 people at least to prepare the coffee: they collected the green coffee beans still drying in the sun,

while resting in parchment (a skin layer which is removed before the coffee is exported), they hulled the coffee manually, hand sorted the coffee (removing defects), roasted the coffee manually on a camping gas stove, ground the coffee manually with the biggest mortar I have ever seen, prepared it as a pour over coffee i.e. they just poured boiling water into a cup with ground coffee and served it in a cup with little hearts on it. Drinking this coffee looking at the mountains and the coffee gardens and being amongst the very kind, humble and proud coffee farmers who had a cup as well, was definitely the most memorable cup of coffee.

Traidcraft works directly with farmers who process the coffee themselves, cutting out the middlemen who siphon off the profits in many non-Fairtrade brands. They now offer a whole range of high-quality ground coffees, whole beans, decaffeinated coffee and instant coffee. Many of the coffees are organic, too, and the decaffeinated coffees have been treated only with water – no chemicals are used in the process.

Not a coffee drinker? Thank you for reading this far! We can offer a wide selection of Traidcraft products - tea, nuts, spreads (try the honey) and many varieties of chocolate, to name but a few. Come and have a look after church on **Sunday August 18th** and every third Sunday of the month and explore the Traidcraftshop.co.uk website – let us know if there's something else you would like us to stock.

Rev Sue

I Will Come To You - M Fairbairn (b. 1986)

Like many of the pieces I write about in this blog, I was introduced to this song at a rehearsal of the Manchester Chorale. We were learning it for our summer concert programme in 2018. Imagine our pleasure when one of the Chorale members chose it as the bridal entry music for her wedding, and asked us to sing it for her. It was a gorgeous afternoon in late autumn and we were standing in Choral formation in front of the altar, facing the congregation. At the appointed time, the doors at the west end were opened, and there she was, backlit by sunlight and looking beautiful. We had the best view possible as she and her father walked down the centre aisle. It was a tough ask to keep singing whilst grinning and fending off happy tears!

The text for this beautiful song is adapted from Jeremiah 29:10-14, and is:

I will come to you
I will fulfill my promise
To bring you home.

For I know the plans I have for you.
Plans to guide you, and keep you from harm.
I will bring you a future filled with hope.

And you will speak to me.
To me you will call,
And I will listen.

I will sing to your heart.

I will come to you.

Biblically, the meaning is clear. The Lord will seek us and gather us back to Him. He has plans for us and will keep us from harm. When we pray He listens. He calls us.

It is also a lovely sentiment for two young people pledging themselves to each other in matrimony. They are there together, for each other. They will care for and protect each other. They have hope-filled plans for the future. They speak to each other; they listen to each other.

I particularly like the line "I will sing to your heart". I have seen a quotation (with multiple attributions): "To love someone is to learn the song in their heart and sing it to them when they forget". God knows the song in each of our hearts. He put it there. He sings it to us when we forget, if only we choose to listen.

You can hear a recording of the North Dakota State University Concert Choir (Fairbairn's Choir) singing "I Will Come To You" here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2K9IQFwxVc>

Carol P

SUNDAY HEALING ROTA AUGUST 2019 - OCTOBER 2019

11 August 2019	Carol	Mary
08 September 2019	Hedley	Sue
13 October 2019	Judith	Andrew



DATES FOR CHURCH HOUSE

Monday 22nd July.

- Footlights start for 3 weeks in from 8.30 am until each 5pm each day Monday to Friday.

Saturday 4th August: Wedding

Saturday 10th August Wedding

Monday 12th August

- From 2pm onwards moving articles from main hall into extension. Also, boiler and equipment for coffee in Church for following Sunday. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Wednesday 14th August.

- Start of floor in main hall. No entry into the hall for 10 days. This will give it time to set.

Friday 23rd August.

- Move equipment back from church to church house. Again, help will be required.

Sunday 25th August: as normal for tea and coffee after service.

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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

Lord, I believe that You actually designed holidays into man's schedule, so that they would have times of fun, feasting and family relaxation – and a time of good fellowship, when friends and families get together and enjoy each other's company, in a relaxed and happy atmosphere. Time to play and time to rest.

Thursday 1st:

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks. They will speak of the glory of your royal power, and tell of your might.

Psalm 145: 10-11

Friday 2nd:

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

Saturday 3rd:

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10

Reading this week Psalm 85**Sunday 4th:**

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25: 4-5

Monday 5th:

Faith involves knowing that God is enough. *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power”* **Ephesians 6:10**

Tuesday 6th: The Transfiguration of our Lord - Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is.

Wednesday 7th:

A light in the darkness stops everything falling apart. **Let Jesus be that light.**

Thursday 8th:

All those who trust in the Lord are in amazing hands.

Friday 9th:

Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union - Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life: give us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that through word, prayer and deed your family may be strengthened and your people served.

Saturday 10th:

Grant us a vision Lord, to see what we can achieve; to reach out beyond ourselves; to share our lives with others; to stretch our capabilities; to increase our sense of purpose; to be aware of where we can help; to be sensitive to your Presence; to give heed to your constant call. Amen. **David Adam**

Reading this week Psalm 86

Sunday 11th:

The growth of our faith is a journey – and a little chocolate helps along the way.

“I will praise the Lord no matter what happens” **Psalm 34:1**

Monday 12th:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” – **John 14:27**

Lord help me to trust in You so that I may live in peace. Amen

Tuesday 13th:

“We love because He first loved us” – **1 John 4:19**. Thank you Lord for loving me, in spite of my sin. Go loved us first so that we love others.

Wednesday 14th:

"He stood beside a cottage lone and listened to a lute, One summer's eve, when the breeze was gone, And the nightingale was mute." - **Thomas K.**

Hervey, 1799-1859

Thursday 15th:

The Blessèd Virgin Mary - Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessèd Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Friday 16th:



"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the ceremony known as afternoon tea" — **Henry James**

Saturday 17th:

The Lord came and stood there, and called as he had before, "Samuel, Samuel." Samuel answered, "Speak your servant is listening". **1 Samuel 3:10**

Reading this week Psalm 87

Sunday 18th:

God of ever-changing life, who knit me together in my mother's womb: you are with me even when I feel alone, and you know my thoughts before I speak. Help me to seek out your marvellous works in the shadows and in plain view, and let me leap for joy at their appearing. Amen

Monday 19th:

Guide our feet into the way of peace - **Luke 1:79**

Tuesday 20th:

For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him for Him. **Colossians 1: 16**

Wednesday 21st:

Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **Psalm 23: 6**

Thursday 22nd:

God is with us even in our dreams (Jacob) had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. **Genesis 28: 12**

Friday 23rd:

He did not say, "You shall not be tempest-tossed, you shall not be weary, you shall not be discomforted". But He said, "You shall not be overcome". **Julian of Norwich**

Saturday 24th:

Bartholomew the Apostle - Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same.

Reading this week Psalm 88

Sunday 25th:



All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.

Monday 26th:

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." **Genesis 8:22**

Tuesday 27th:

"Whilst August yet wears her golden crown, Ripening fields lush- bright with promise; Summer waxes long, then wanes, quietly passing Her fading green glory on to riotous Autumn."- **Michelle L. Thieme, August's Crown**

Wednesday 28th:

We all go through troubling times, but we must never doubt God's presence with us. *Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"*
Matthew 28: 20

Thursday 29th:

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another - **Jesus of Nazareth (John 13:34)**

Friday 30th:

It's hard for us to go forward when we're looking back.

Saturday 31st: Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne –

Everlasting God, you sent the gentle bishop Aidan to proclaim the gospel in this land: grant us to live as he taught in simplicity, humility, and love for the poor.

Thank You Lord for August, for this time away from work and we pray that it has been a time of great refreshment and renewal and a special time Lord when we have been able to draw even closer to You. Keep us safe until we all come together in fellowship and friendship in September. Amen

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:

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



Maggie's Music Makers are taking a well-earned summer break. We will resume weekly singing practices in September, every Wednesday in church from 5.30-6.30pm. Do come along – everyone is welcome! No experience necessary, no need to be able to read music.