

## What we would like to achieve in 2020

**Week of Service in the Community/on-going events**

**Harvest weekend** – service-community focus, harvest lunch, evening concert, Sunday service.

**Lent Course – Service Theme 40 acts of kindness**

### ACTIONS:

- Explore how we can be more involved in our community
- Maximise our use of buildings
- Work with our mission partnership to explore how we can work together to serve Prestwich
- Explore Inclusive Church
- Have a 'place of welcome' for the community; 'drop-in centre'
- Work towards being dementia friendly
- Joint venture with St. Margaret's School
- Christmas Tree Festival

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

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### Year of Service 2020



*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*

**Matthew 25. 35-40**

## 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 (Spiritual Growth) we began knitting Prayer Blankets for our congregation and the wider community. This has developed into quite a little industry and we have given out approx. 350 blankets to date. So, a big thank you to all who have contributed in any way.

We thank God for your faith, love and service.



*Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.*

## What's already happening in the Parish?

- A wide variety of worship including both traditional services, Messy Church, Wholeness & Wellbeing, Espresso Church
- Reviewed and enhanced Pastoral Care
- Peregrini Prayer & Meditation & a Daily Prayer Leaflet
- Staycation – a week of events in and around the area.
- A wide variety of fellowship events
- Vicarage Social Events
- Lent and Harvest Lunches for Christian Aid as well as fundraising for several charities including Macmillan, Tear Fund.
- Projects including knitting prayer blankets and angels for local school children, wired angels for personal prayer.
- Post a Prayer postbox.

## 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.
- Opportunities for fellowship including the Mother's Union, Social Circle, Teapot Time, Whist Drives, Craft Activities, and Retreats.
- 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.
- Links with other churches through the Prestwich Mission Partnership, the Prestwich & Radcliffe Deanery and Churches Together.
- Support for local, national and international charities