



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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



Sunday 8th March – The First Sunday of Lent (Laying on of Hands)

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: rant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A reading from the book of Genesis. F Spencer/M Woodcock

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. **12.1–4a**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. J Hall/C Knaggs

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. **4.1–5, 13–17**

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.' **3.1–17**

Intercessions Zandra Lewis

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Services:

Mon 9th Mar Morning Planet Kid's Nursery visit (St M's)
 7.00pm Lent Course (Les Mis)[St M's]
 Weds 11th Mar 10.00am Holy Communion followed by coffee
 4.00pm Ministry Meeting
 Sat 14th Mar 11.00am Stations of the Cross (St M's)
 12-1.30pm Lenten Lunches

Sunday 15th March The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (St. M's)
 9.45am Sung Eucharist (St. M's)
 11.15am Holy Communion (St. G's)

Please Pray For:

The Sick

Nicola Aylett, Barbara Chafer, Joyce Danso, Marion Jones, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Sylvia Plenderleith, Musa Rashid, Leslie Sharpe, Maude Warren, Yvette Wilton, Carol Williams, Don Young.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Elizabeth Ann Beck, Dorothy Birtwistle, Laraine Darlington, Philip Dawson, Becky Ginn, Audrey Handley, Peter Henry, Marion Dixon, Eddie Gallagher, The Gittins Family, Sheila Harrison, Rev Paul Joyce, The Kelly Family, Matilda, Lauren Pott, Bethany Prosser, Martine Rammell, Bill Potts, Susan Rowan, Julie Webster, Alice White, Rev Pauline Whitmarsh, Rev Deborah.

Recently Departed

Anniversaries of Death

Eric Booth, Andrew Bruce, Alan Collison, Kathleen Jacques, Jeff Porter, Charles Twiss, Audrey Woodworth .

Notices:

Coronavirus precautions: If you are suffering from any sort of cough or sneezing, please don't shake hands during the Peace, and please receive the bread at communion, but not the wine. In order to protect our elderly members, and those with underlying health conditions, it is advised that no one should dip their wafer into the wine, because a wafer that you have touched is more likely to spread germs than drinking from the chalice

Signing Sheets: Can you help with the Sides Person Rota, or be a member of the PCC, or Deanery Synod, or even be a Deputy Church Warden. There are lists at the back of Church for all these posts, please sign up if you can help in any way. Many Thanks Joan.

LENTEN LUNCHES: Our Lenten Lunches will be held on Saturdays 14th, 21st and 28th March at 12.00 - 1.30pm in the Church House. Cost will be £5.00 each which includes soup, roll and butter, apple pie, custard or cream, and tea or coffee. Proceeds from the lunches will be shared between Christian Aid and our Churches.

The Manchester Chorale will be performing Will Todd's 'Mass in Blue' at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 each, available in advance, from Carol Porter, or sign the sheet at the back of church.



Mothers Union - Make a Mothers Day: Every year Mothers Union support the Make a Mothers Day charity. We make a donation to help women who don't have the resources to help themselves. A couple of examples are a 75 year old from Rwanda who needed a secure place to live. She was given the money to help her do this. Every year 12 million girls marry before the age of 18 some as young as 14. Mothers Union can protect girls from early marriage and enable them to carry on with their education which can unlock



FUTURE DATES;

Lent Course 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th Mar at 7pm in Church, theme 'Les Miserables'

Stations of The Cross:

Sat 14th Mar 11.00am Hymns
 Thu 19th Mar 6.00pm
 Sat 28th Mar 11.00am
 Thu 30th Mar 6.00pm
 Comm 74- Blessed Assurance
 Lenten Lunches at the Glory
 Sat 14th Mar, 21st Mar, 28th Mar

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

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

Columbarium Flowers:

Jeff Porter
Alan Collison

March 9th
March 10th

