



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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



Sunday 12th April – Easter Sunday

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' **10.34–43**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. **3.1–4**

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. **20.1–18**

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Message from Revd. Deborah

Happy Easter to everyone. It has been a strange Holy Week but, even though we are all in different places and unable to be physically with our friends and family, we can celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is through the resurrection of Christ that we have life out of death, peace in times of stress and anxiety, light in times of darkness and hope. It is that hope that will enable us to cope with the challenges ahead and bring us out of the pandemic with an inner strength and courage, a deep sense of gratitude, a greater appreciation of one another and a better understanding that what really matters is love. The ultimate example of love is Christ's death on the cross for us. We have seen many examples of love over the past weeks – those nurses and doctors at the frontline putting themselves at risk to care for others, all those volunteers for the NHS and the local community, those working behind the scenes, those helping out locally, those picking up the phone and calling someone they know is isolated to name but a few. As we celebrated the risen Christ this Easter, may there continue to be a rebirth of love and renewed hope in our churches, our communities, our countries and our world. May we all know the love, peace and hope of the risen Christ. Every blessing, Deborah. PS Our children's Easter work (done at home and sent to us) can be seen on our website and FB.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Service sheets will continue to be sent electronically. If there is any information you feel those without access to the internet need to know, please phone them and pass on any relevant information. Sermons will continue to be put onto the church website. Some of our services will be 'live streamed' or pre-recorded from home. We have set up a 'WhatsApp' for prayer requests. We are also trialing ways in which we can share morning prayer using the app Zoom. Please keep supporting porch boxes. Goods can be left outside church on Thursdays between 9.30 and 10.30am. Compline (night prayer) will be live at approx. 8.15pm, weekdays on Deborah's blog.

ON-LINE SERVICES

Live-streamed services go out on our Facebook page ONLY:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMaggieP/>

Recorded services go out on many different platforms, including:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMaggieP/>

<https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/blog/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Deborah-says-Hello-754066195096001/>

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EASTER SERVICE 9.45am on SUNDAY

A big thank you to all who have helped in ensuring the continuity of our Holy Week services especially Revd Sue, Carol Porter, Carol Olive and Christine Hardy. Thank you all for your love and support to me and to each other. Deborah

Please Pray For:



The Sick

Nicola Aylett, Barbara Chafer, Joyce Danso, Marion Jones, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Brian May, Maggie North, 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, 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

Ada Buckley

Anniversaries of Death

Canon David Clegg, John Moir, Barbara Taylor, Greta

Columbarium Flowers

DENNIS O'CONNOR

APRIL 17TH

ELSIE HUNSLEY

APRIL 18TH

Hymns

Int 348 Jesus Christ is risen today

Off 433 Love's redeeming work is done

Off 475 Now the Green Blade Riseth

Comm 311 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Rec 672 -Thine Be the Glory

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01617732698, REVD SUE ON 07761565428 OR
VIA ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE.**

Foxhill Retreat: I have been in contact with Foxhill House this last week and at the present time everything remains the same with regards to our booking on the 5th June. I will keep you up to date as and when I receive any further information. In the meantime, keep safe and well as we pray for each other and our world. Best wishes, Christine

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

mconvillefamily@uwclub.net



EASTER BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Amen