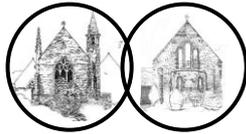


The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich



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

Sunday 19th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.' 2.14a, 22-32

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1.3-9

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world -- therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'Servants are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me." 15. 18-21

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Message from Revd. Deborah

I hope that you all enjoyed Easter although it was very different and perhaps not what we would normally do on Easter Sunday. A big thank you to our Sunday School children for the work they did in creating cards, Easter crafts and Easter gardens. They are on Deborah's blog if you haven't seen them yet. The Easter quizzes and virtual Easter egg hunt are still on too.

Today, the gospel reading is Jesus appearing to his disciples and simply says 'peace be with you'. A simple phrase and yet so much needed given the circumstances that we currently find ourselves in. We also hear about Thomas as he struggles with his doubts. The emphasis is on faith in the presence and power of the risen Lord. This faith is lived out in us in our everyday life. Emily's prayer (Sunday School) helps us with this.

Dear God, we thank you for the sun. which gives us light so that we can see. O Lord, we are sorry for all the sins we have done. Please guide us on the right path. Thank you for giving us strength. Please give us courage and perseverance to those who need it most, especially at this difficult time. Amen.

My love, prayers and thoughts are with you all. May you know the peace of Christ and grow in faith. Every blessing, Deborah

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:

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

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

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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, Joan Horgan, Jackie Horrocks, David Latham, Robert Lyne, 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

Anniversaries of Death

Dilys Hardy, Derek Hawthorne, Lettice Taylor,

Columbarium Flowers

Leonard Johnson

April 24th

Hymns

Int 8- Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Grad 667- The Strife is O'er

Off 70- Be Thou My Vision

Comm 361- Jesus, Stand Among Us

Rec 104- Christ Triumphant

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR SUPPORT PLEASE CONTACT REVD DEBORAH ON 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

mcconvillefamily@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