

The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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



Sunday 26th April - The Third Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number. **2.14a, 36-41**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. **1.17-23**

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

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. **24.13-35**

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Message from Revd. 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

Joseph Chater, William Eastham, Clara Gale, Florence Nye, Maud Riley, Bill Robinson.

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,

Columbarium Flowers:

Bill Robinson

May 1st

Hymns

Int 205- Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken
Grad 532- Open our Eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus
Off 299- I am the Bread of Life
Comm 87- Broken for Me, Broken for you
Rec 88- Brother, Sister Let Me Serve You

ON-LINE SERVICES

A number of people have reported difficulties finding our online services.
Live-streamed services go out on our Facebook page ONLY:
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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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Notices:

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.

Copy deadline for the May magazine is Sunday 26 April.

**IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR SUPPORT
PLEASE CONTACT REVD DEBORAH ON
01617732698 OR VIA ST. MARGARET'S
WEBSITE**

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



