



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 3rd May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.
2.42-47

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.' 10.1-10

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Message from Revd. Deborah

I hope that you are all feeling well and coping with these challenging times. We are continuing with our live and recorded services on the internet. Sue is working on a way of enabling those without the internet to access services. Another source of accessing music, prayers and worship, without the internet, is 'Daily Hope', a free phone line (0800 804 8044) provided by the Church of England. It has been so good to speak to many of you by phone and I know that calls from various people have been much appreciated. It is also good to know how much help and support is being given to one another. There are just a few notices.

Sat 2nd May at 2.00pm – virtual afternoon tea. Time to get dressed up and enjoyed a cake, sandwich and a cup of tea/coffee in your garden or home depending on the weather. If you can send a photograph (deborah.sandercock@hotmail.co.uk) please do so. It is something that we can all be doing at the same time and remember each other.

If you are interested in confirmation, or know someone who is, please let me know and we can sort out the practicalities of preparation.

'Thy kingdom come' is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus and to deepen our own faith. Further details to follow.

Thank you for all the you are doing in supporting and helping others. Keep strong and keep safe. God be with you.

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. Compline (night prayer) will be live at approx. 8.15pm, and Peregrini at 8.30am on www.facebook.com/Deborah says hello and www.facebook.com/StMaggieP. Please keep supporting porch boxes. Goods can be left outside church on Thursdays between 9.30 and 10.30am.

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/>

<https://twitter.com/StMaggieP>

A big thank you to all who have helped in ensuring the continuity of our services especially Revd Sue, Carol Porter, Carol Olive and Christine Hardy.

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.

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

Ken Livesey, Martin Hargreaves, Simon Molyneux, Don Young

Anniversaries of Death

Bob Chafer, Florence Nye, James Turpin.

Columbarium Flowers

Derek Goldie

May 5th

Hymns

Int 323- In Heavenly Love Abiding
Grad 649- The King of Love my Shepherd Is
Off Printed- The Lord's My Shepherd
Comm 156- Faithful Shepherd Feed Me
Rec 503- O Jesus, I have Promised

**IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR SUPPORT
PLEASE CONTACT REVD DEBORAH ON
01617732698, REVD SUE ON 07761565428 OR
VIA ST. MARGARET'S WEBSITE.**

Collections: People have asked me what to do about collections. If you have envelopes, please just continue putting in the envelopes as usual and when we return, please bring them to church. Alternatively, if you wish to set up a standing order (if it is feasible) please speak to Hedley.

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

mconvillefamily@uwclub.net



Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen