



## The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

**Sunday 10th May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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### Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. **7.55-60**

### A reading from the first letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **2.2-10**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.' **14.1-14**

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#### Message from Revd. Deborah

I hope that you are all keeping safe and managing lockdown as best as you can. 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.

#### Notices

1. Thank you for all those who got involved with our virtual afternoon. It was good to see the photographs of all the afternoon teas.
2. If you are interested in confirmation, or know someone who is, please let me know and we can sort out the practicalities of preparation.
3. '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.
4. Christian Aid week is 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May. Although we are limited in what we can do this year. If you wish to donate please go onto the Christian Aid week site. We can also pray for their work.
5. We are collecting food for porch boxes to support those struggling financially. Items can be dropped off at the church door on Thursdays, 9.30-10.30am.
6. Ascension Day will be live streamed from St. George's on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10.00. It will be a Prestwich Mission Partnership service. Once again, I would like to thank everyone for all you are doing to support one another and the wider community. Keep safe. May God bless you and your loved ones. Revd. Deborah

#### Latest news from the diocese.

In the first stage of a gradual easing restrictions on our building and activities whilst keeping our church buildings closed, Bishop David has given guidance that clergy can now enter the church building to pray the daily office and/or to celebrate holy communion on behalf of the community they serve and to live stream or pre-record worship. It can only be one clergy on any one occasion and there are guidelines to be followed. For us, this means that some of our services will be streamed from church and others from clergy homes/gardens. The services can be found in their usual places (see on-line service below). Full details are on the diocesan website, There are also PCC guidelines and health and safety guidelines. These can be found on the diocesan website.

#### 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>

#### MESSY CHURCH AT HOME

Christine will be leading 'Messy Church at Home' (on-line), where there will be a range of activities for children to try.

#### NON-ON-LINE SERVICES

Sun 3.00pm afternoon service – phone 0208 080 6529 and follow the instructions in the church magazine. DAILY HOPE is a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers. 0800 804 8044

#### 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

Lily Johnson, Don Young, Les Clarkson, John Hesketh, Simon Molyneux

##### Anniversaries of Death

Robert Buckley, Eileen Frost, Alan Knight, Frank Nye.

#### Columbarium Flowers

Maud Riley

May 10th

Elsie Edwards

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#### Hymns

**Int 97- Christ is made the Sure Foundation**

**Grad 74- Blessed Assurance**

**Off 2- Abide with Me**

**Comm 297- How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

**Rec 695- To God Be the Glory**

**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](mailto:mconvillefamily@uwclub.net)



Almighty and merciful Father, who shows your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear our prayers for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to bereaved families. Amen