



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 17th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 forever. **Amen**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.' **17.22–31**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. **3.13–22**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' **14.15–21**

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I hope that you are well and keeping safe. My thoughts and prayers are with you. We have several notices this week.

1. If you are interested in confirmation, or know someone who is, please let me know and we can sort out the practicalities of preparation.
2. 'Thy kingdom come' starts on Thursday. It is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray.
3. 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.
4. Ascension Day will be live streamed from St. Margaret's on 21st May at 10.00am. It will be a Prestwich Mission Partnership service.
5. Once again, I would like to thank everyone for all you are doing to support one another and the wider community. Keep safe.
6. The Canon Chancellor of Truro Cathedral, Alan Bashforth, sends his greetings and prayers. (see next magazine for details!)
7. Foxhill Update: Following the Prime Minister's talk last Sunday, Foxhill have contacted me to advise that they will not be able to re-open until at least the 1st July. This being the case the Retreat planned for the 5th June 2020 has been cancelled, however, I hope to be able to rearrange a date for next June 2021 instead. Thank you to all of you who expressed an interest in attending the Retreat. Please watch this space for further information about next year. Thank you and keep safe Christine
May God be with you and your loved ones. Every blessing,
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, Maria 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

Anniversaries of Death

Audrey Eastwood, Elsie Hunsley, Elizabeth Mawer, Jim Owens, Ronald Sedgewick

Columbarium Flowers

Alan Knight	May 18th
John Edwards	May 18th
Elsie Hunsley	May 23rd

Hymns

Int 249 -Great is They Faithfulness

Grad 429- Love is His Word, Love is His Way

Off 35- A New Commandment

Comm 427- Now Let Us from This Table Rise

Rec 54- At the Name of Jesus

**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



Ever present God, be with us in our isolation.
Be close to us in our distancing. Be healing in our sickness.
Be joy in our sadness. Be light in our darkness. Be wisdom in our confusion. Be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar, so that when the doors reopen, we may, with the zeal of Pentecost, inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging world .For Jesus' sake. Amen.