



## The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

**Sunday 24th May - The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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### Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. **1.6-14**

### A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. **4.12-14; 5.6-11**

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.' **17.1-11**

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Hello, I hope that all is well with you and your families and that you have had a good week.

**1. This Sunday at 3.00pm, we have a Sunday service via telephone. This is especially for those who have no access to technology.**

**At 4.00pm we have a wholeness and healing service on our usual technology platforms (see below).**

2. Please continue to pray during the period of 'thy kingdom come'. If you don't have a prayer journal, these are available electronically on thy kingdom come' website. Please join in the Bolton Archdeaconry Prayer Base (search YouTube Bolton Archdeaconry Prayer Base or Facebook thy kingdom come, diocese of Manchester) where there are prayer resources available.

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. Thank you to all who were involved in our Ascension Day service, especially our friends from St. Gabriel's and St. Mary's and to Revd Sue for organising and presiding.

5. Greetings and prayers from Revd. Howard Flint and his church community at St. Austell Parish, Cornwall.

6. Our Foxhill's retreat has been cancelled for this year, for the obvious reasons.

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

8. Once again, I would like to thank everyone for all you are doing to support one another and the wider community. Keep safe.

May you know the loving presence of God with you throughout the week. Every blessing, 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.

**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**

Gordon Burton.

**Columbarium Flowers**

Ronald Sedgwick

May 25th

**Hymns**

**Int 12 - Alleluia, Sing to Jesus**

**Grad 16 All hail the Power of Jesus name**

**Your kingdom come**

**Rec 10 000 reasons**

**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, please speak to Hedley. We now have a donate button on our website as an additional way of giving.

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

[mcconvillefamily@uwclub.net](mailto:mcconvillefamily@uwclub.net)



Dear Lord, at this time we pray for school leaders, that you will give them peace and wisdom to make the right decisions. Help them to manage the demands of the government, with the needs of the children, parents and staff. Help all who work in schools and all learners, to stay safe. We pray for all those schools, nurseries and pre-schools in our parish, staff, pupils, governors and parents. Amen

**Current 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 if you haven't had an invitation – Contact Rev Sue or Christine for the information you need. DAILY HOPE is a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers -0800 804 8044.