



## The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

**Sunday 14th June – The First Sunday after Trinity**

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### Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So, they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So, Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.' **18.1–15**

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. **5.1–8**

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. **9.35 – 10.8**

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Greetings everyone, I hope that you are coping with all the changes that are happening at the moment.

#### Notices

1. 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.

2. Greetings and prayers from Rev Cook and all those at All Saint's Parish, Oakhampton, Devon.

3. Messy Church at Home will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm via the internet.

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

6. On 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June, we have our **SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY GARDEN FEST WEEKEND**. There is the opportunity to E-mail photographs and they will be put on-line on the Saturday. There are four categories – gardens, flower arrangements, fruit and vegetables and draw/design and make a scarecrow. On the Sunday we are having a 'virtual picnic' in our own gardens and there will be games and activities for our children via the internet. Unless you are shielding, we can now meet with up to 6 people in our gardens at a safe distance and with safety measures put in place. We hope to open church for private prayer on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30-10.30am, and if that is successful, on Monday evenings from 7.00-8.00pm. Please see supplementary information. Thank you for all that you are doing in terms of supporting one another, praying for each other and helping in the community when it is safe to do so. Every blessing, Deborah

#### Current news from the diocese.

The government announced, on 6 June that from Monday 15 June 2020 places of worship can be open for private prayer. For now, parishes should be reassured: While it will be permissible for churches to open for private prayer from 15 June 2020 it is not compulsory. Individual PCCs can decide when and if they open for private prayer depending on local circumstances. The diocese will support all parishes in the decisions that they make and offer practical advice as required.

**Please see supplementary information about re-opening St. Margaret's Church for private prayer.**

#### 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.

#### PHONE SERVICES

Sun 3.00pm afternoon service. Fortnightly from June 7th. Details from Rev Sue. 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, Joan Knight, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Maggie North, Sylvia Plenderleith, Musa Rashid, Leslie Sharpe, Matthew Simmons, Joyce Turner, 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, Matilda, Lauren Pott, Martine Rammell, Bill Potts, Susan Rowan, Julie Webster, Alice White, Rev Pauline Whitmarsh, Rev Deborah.

##### Recently Departed

##### Anniversaries of Death

Greta Anderson, Philip Anderson, Robert Hardy, Jack Hirst, Grace Odudu-Langley, Joan Priest.

#### Columbarium Flowers

Jack S Hirst

June 16th

Beatrice Cornes

June 21st

#### Hymns

Int 19 – All my hope on God is founded

Grad 494 - O God our hope in ages past

Off 625- Take my life

Comm 167- Make me a channel of your peace

Rec 29 -Amazing Grace

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

#### A Diocesan Prayer for Unity.

Eternal God, you create us in so many and wonderful shapes and colours. We thank you that you love all your children with equal warmth. Your desire is to break down the barriers and limits of ethnic prejudice and injustice we erect. Help us to resist the demons of racism and unmask the mindset of hate. Banish evil we pray, in the face of confusion. As we proclaim with sisters and brothers of every nation that black lives matter, here and everywhere. Amen