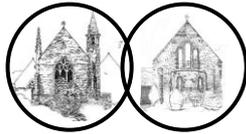


The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich



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

Sunday 21st June - The Second Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 child Isaac grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So, she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So, Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it too Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **6.1b-11**

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

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So, do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

10.24-39

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Hello everyone, I hope that you are keeping well and safe. As you know, church will be open for private prayer from 9.30-10.30am every Thursday, from 25th June. You are warmly welcome. Please ensure that it is safe for you to do so and follow the guidelines (please see attached sheet).

1. Virtual Messy Church – Wednesday 24/06/2020 at 4.00pm To complete the activities the children will need the following: inside of toilet roll, cotton wool, cardboard, glue, colours, plain biscuit (Rich Tea or similar), marshmallows normal size and the mini ones, jam or something similar, edible eyes (Tesco) or chocolate buttons, paper, scissors, tissue paper, pieces of fabric or coloured paper, kebab stick or similar. Adult help please for some of the activities. Thank you. Please contact Christine Hardy if you are interested in joining in all the usual things but done at home.

2. On 27th.28th June, we are having our Sunday School Anniversary Garden Fest weekend. There is the opportunity to E-mail photos & they will be put on-line on the Sat. There are four categories- gardens, flower arrangements, fruit & vegetables & draw/design or make a scarecrow. On Sunday we are having a 'visual picnic' in our own gardens, there will be games & activities for our children via the internet.

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

4. We are collecting food for porch boxes to support those struggling financially. items can be dropped off at the church door on Thursday, 9.30-10.30am.

5. Greetings from Exeter, Devon.

6. Collections: If you have envelopes, please continue putting into the envelopes as usual & 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.

Once again, thank you for all that you have been doing in terms of keeping safe, caring for each other and friends and neighbours in the community. Every blessing. Revd. 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.

SERVICES BY PHONE

Sun 3.00pm afternoon services- Fortnightly from June 21st. Details from Rev Sue. DAILY HOPE is a free phone line of hymns, reflections & prayers- 0800 804 8044

Please Pray For:

The Sick



Nicola Aylett, Barbara Chafer, Joyce Danso, Joan Hogan, Joan Knight, David Latham, Joan McGeecham, Robert Lyne, Alex Orr, 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

Roger Hartley, William Bradley

Anniversaries of Death

Eric Ely, Ada Owens, Hazel Pollard, Barbara Portwee, Derek Reed.

Columbarium Flowers

Barbara Porter

June 21st

James Goldie

June 27th

Hymns

Int 511 - O Lord my God

Grad 590- Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Off 402 - Take Up Thy Cross

Comm 625 - Take My Life & Let It Be

Rec 32 - And Can It Be

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

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

A Prayer for the Re-opening of Church for Private Prayer
Almighty God, we praise you for the many blessings that you have given us through our churches. As we open our doors for private prayer and welcome those who enter, may we recognise you in all who enter. We pray that all who seek you at St. Margaret's and St. George's will find you and be filled with your peace and love. Amen