



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 5th July – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 servant whom Abraham had sent said to Laban: 'I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also—' let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son." Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So, I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So, I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So, they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus, the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So, she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So, Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

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

At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' 11.16-19, 25-30

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Dear friends,

I hope that you are keeping well and safe in these challenging times and with the easing of lockdown,

Private Prayer: will take place on Monday evenings from 7.00-8.00pm and Thursday 9.30-10.30am at St Margaret's Church. You are warmly welcome but under no pressure to come along. Please ensure that it is safe for you to do so and follow the guidelines.

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

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.

Greetings have been sent from St. Peter's and St. Thomas' in Tiverton, Devon.

Thank you to Laurel and David for organising the private prayer and all who have contributed to Anniversary Sunday. Thank you to all of you for the love and support that you have given each other and the local community.

Keep safe and may you be aware of God's presence with you. Every blessing, Deborah

Current news.

Having just adapted to re-opening church for private prayer, the Government has now said that places of worship can open for public worship. The guidelines from the government, the Church of England and the Diocese of Manchester have only recently been published and Wardens and Clergy have been updated via webinar. This information is being accessed as to the best way to open our churches for public worship and it will be different to what we are familiar with. We will keep you informed. As soon as we are ready, we will let you know.

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/>

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Can't wait for 4th July and a haircut? What about a one-off donation to church with some of the money saved through not going to the hairdressers? Please place gifts in an envelope labelled 'cut and blow' and drop it off at church

NON-ON-LINE SERVICES

Sun 3.00pm afternoon services- Fortnightly from July 5th. 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, John and Bas Dodge, Joan Horgan, Joanne, Sally Johnson, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Joan McGeecham, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, Sylvia Plenderleith, Musa Rashid, Leslie Sharpe, Matthew Simmons, Maude Warren, Yvette Wilton.

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, Joan Knight, Matilda, Lauren Pott, Martine Rammell, Bill Potts, Susan Rowan, Julie Webster, Alice White, Rev Pauline Whitmarsh, Rev Deborah.

Recently Departed

Anniversaries of Death

Phillip Anderson, Audrey Chadwick, Neville Dawson, Richard Kellett, Irene McConville, Thomas Meeley.

Columbarium Flowers

Irene McConville

July 5th

Hymns

Int 6 - All Creatures of our God & King

Grad 448 - Meekness and majesty

Rec 305 - Lord of the dance

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

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

A prayer for those working from home
Father of creation, the structure and the shape of our days are so different.
There are so many distractions at home and there is a huge temptation to spend more time working than we did before lockdown.

Help us to use our time wisely, to invest in the relationships most important to us and to take proper breaks. May we rediscover a new shape to our days that is centred and guided by your Spirit. Amen