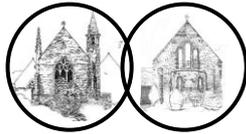


The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich



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

Sunday 12th July - The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So, she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so, they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so, he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore, he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So, he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus, Esau despised his birthright. 25. 19-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. **8.1–11**

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.' **13.1–9, 18–23**

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Dear friends,

Great news! We can now open churches, providing we are COVID 19 secure. As a PCC we decided that we will start the process slowly, with the safety of all who attend being of paramount importance. As a consequence, we have decided to open just St. Margaret's Church initially. Using the safe distance limit of 2 meters that we have been given to work with, we found that we were able to hold 20 people. We have reconfigured to be able to host 30. St. Margaret's will be open for Sunday Holy Communion on Sundays at 9.45am and Wednesdays at 10.00am (72hrs between the two). **If you have any Covid 19 symptoms, please do not attend.** When you arrive, please ensure that your hands are sanitised and the wardens will direct you to appropriate seats. During the service, we recommend that you remain seated throughout. There will be no singing although music will be played on exit and entrance. We advise that you bring hand gel with you so that it can be used prior to receiving the bread, which will be brought to you. There will be some sanitiser and antiseptic wipes available. The wearing of masks and gloves is optional. Although I am stating the obvious, please be aware of social distancing, with hugs, kisses and touching being inappropriate at this time. There is a video clip with further explanation on our StMaggieP Facebook page. We will be live streaming the services and continuing with all our other on-line services. I am so looking forward to seeing you again, to worship God, as the body of Christ in our church building. A big thank you to all who have helped to prepare for this to happen.

Every blessing, Deborah

Notices

- 1.If you are interested in confirmation, or know someone who is, please let Sue or myself know.
- 2.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.
- 3.Greetings from Taunton, Somerset.
- 4.If anyone is willing to help with cleaning please let either myself or the wardens know.
5. Staycation week (socially distanced!) is 3rd to 9th August. Details to follow.

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>

Can't wait for 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 June 7th. 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 Das Dodge, Joan Horgan, Sally Johnson, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Millie Meeley, Sylvia Plenderleith, Musa Rashid, Leslie Sharpe, Matthew Simmons, Maude Warren, Yvette Wilton. Joan McGeecham, Alex Orr

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

Mignon Grimshaw, Zoe Jupe, John Jupe, Anthony Rigby, Beryl Wain, Norma Warrington .

Columbarium Flowers

Margery Fletcher

July 16th

Michael Orrell

July 17th

Hymns

Int 573 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Grad 532- Open our Eyes Lord

Off 420 - Lord, Thy Word Abideth

Comm 50 - I Watched the Sunlight

Rec 684 - Thou Whose Almighty Word

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 bring them to church when you can. Alternatively, if you wish to set up a standing order, please speak to Hedley. We 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

A Prayer for Re-opening Church

We thank you Lord for our churches of St. Margaret's and St. George's. As we re-open St. Margaret's for public worship and are re-united with each other as the body of Christ, we ask that you would keep us, our families, our communities and our church family safe from all harm. May our churches be places of worship, fellowship and service. We ask that all who enter feel welcome and know the love of God. Amen.