



## The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

**Sunday 26th July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

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### Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go into her, for my time is completed.' So, Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went into her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country – giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.' Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. 29:15-28

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 8.26-39 -

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' 13.31-33, 44-52

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**Notices:**

**1. The service of wholeness and well being will be broadcast today at 4.00pm on facebook.com/stmaggiep.**

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. If you haven't already done so, please could you complete the questionnaire about services and provision during lockdown,

4. If anyone is willing to help with cleaning please let either me or the wardens know.

**5. Foxhill Retreat 2021:**

For anyone interested in attending Foxhill Retreat I have rebooked this for 2nd-4th June, 2021 (Wednesday - Friday). If you are interested, please email me (christinemhardy1@sky.com) or text me (my number is in the magazine). When it is safe to do so, I will put a sheet at the back of Church for those interested in going next year. Keep safe and well. Best wishes, Christine

**6. Parcevall Hall:** as only a limited number of people are allowed to meet together Parcevall Hall has been cancelled this year. If you would like to make a donation to Parcevall Hall, there is a donate button on their website. If you prefer to send a cheque the address is: Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6DG. Thanks Mary Simmons.

**7. Tear Fund.** Hilda is collecting from those who contribute to Tear Fund. Please bring contributions to church.

**STAYCATION WEEK 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Aug**

**Mon/Tues – Quiet Day**

**Mon 8.15pm Compline**

**Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer**

**Tues 9.00am Session 1 (30 mins plus time for reflection)**

**10.30am Session 2 (30 mins plus time for reflection)**

**12.00-1.30pm Lunch**

**1.30pm Session 3 (30 mins plus time for reflection)**

**3.00pm Service of wholeness and well being**

**Wed 2.00pm Picnic, virtual or real depending on the weather and guidelines.**

**Thurs 2.00pm Zoom Quiz led by Chaz Ginn**

**Fri 2.00pm Land's End to John O'Groats – the journey so far.**

**Fri 7.30pm Songs of Praise followed by Zoom coffee.**

**Deborah's Message**

Dear all, thank you for your continuing support in the re-opening of St. Margaret's Church for public worship. We have steady numbers at both the Sunday 9.45am service and the Wednesday 10.00am service so it is possible for everyone to attend their chosen day on a weekly basis. The latest guidelines from the Church of England is that the wearing of face coverings in church should be strongly encouraged. Please see attachment for further details. Thank you to all who have helped with cleaning and if you are able to offer – even if it is just for a one-off event e.g. a baptism, please let myself or the wardens know. Every blessing. Deborah

**Thank you to all who have given a donation to church in lieu of money saved by not being able to go to the hairdressers during Lockdown. It is not too late to donate. Please place gifts in an envelope labelled 'cut and blow' and drop it off at church.**

**Please Pray For:**

**The Sick**



Nicola Aylett, Barbara Chafer, Joyce Danso, John & Das Dodge, Joan Horgan, Sally Johnson, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Joan McGeecham, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, Barbara Peeling, Sylvia Plenderleith, Musa Rashid, Leslie Sharpe, Matthew Simmons, Maude Warren, Yvette Wilton.

**Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness**

Tony Anderton, Elizabeth Ann Beck, Dorothy Birtwistle, Barbara Cass, Laraine Darlington, Philip Dawson, Becky Ginn, Audrey Handley, Bob Hardy. Mary and Colin Hargreaves, Peter Henry, Marion Dixon, Rita Evans, The Gittins Family, Sheila Harrison, Rev Paul Joyce, Joan Knight, Matilda, Lauren Pott, Martine Rammell, Tom Porter, Bill Potts, Joyce Roebuck Susan Rowan, Julie Webster, Alice White, Rev Pauline Whitmarsh, Rev Deborah.

**Recently departed**

**Anniversaries of Death**

Robert Birtwistle, Norman Johnson, Eileen Powell, Beryl Pugh, John Riley. Marjorie O'Bank, Edward L. Tow

**Columbarium Flowers**

Charles Hunsley

August 1st

**Hymns**

Int 217 - God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Grad 70- Be Thou My Vision

Off 429 - Love is His Word, Love is His Way

Comm 375 - King of Glory, King of Peace

Rec 221 - God is Working His Purpose Out

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

**Congratulations to Revd. Canon Steve Williams.**

Steve (St. Gabriel's) has been awarded the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Co-operation by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is for outstanding contribution and commitment to building relationships between Christians and Jews in Manchester. Well done Steve!