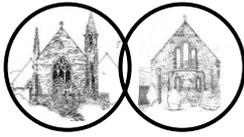


The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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



Sunday 16th August - The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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**Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.**

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So, no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. **45:1-15**

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. **11.1-2a, 29-32**

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

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' **15:10-27**

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### Notices:

**A reminder that from August 8<sup>th</sup> it is mandatory to wear a mask in places of worship.**

1. We are continuing to collect food for porch boxes to support those struggling financially. Items can be dropped off at the church door on Thursday, 9.30-10.30am.
2. If you have not already done so, please could you complete the questionnaire about services and provision during lockdown,
3. If anyone is willing to help with cleaning please let either me or the wardens know.
4. The memorial service for Ada Buckley is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00pm

### Deborah's Message

Once again, thank you to everyone who was involved in staycation week and to all who joined in.

The highlight was the Songs of Praise as the statistics below show (from Carol)

42 separate video items were submitted, of which  
21 required multitrack audio, video and lyric editing, and  
15 were singalong items  
28 people took part, including 4 children and  
9 clergy/ministry team  
1:35 running time  
417 views on Friday!!  
169 views on Saturday.

Thank you everyone, and especially Carol.

**If anyone is interested in exploring the use of Zoom further these sites can be recommended.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iagJnvy6lLY> for Mac users

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M> for Windows users

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNxhkq9jjVo> is good for those hosting zoom.

**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.

Thank you to all who donated to the 'cut and blow' appeal for church funds. Approximately £1400 was raised. Thank you to all who contributed.

**There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service to support those affected by the explosion in Beirut.**

### Please Pray For:

#### The Sick



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

#### Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Elizabeth Ann Beck, Barbara Cass, Laraine Darlington, Philip Dawson, Rita Evans. 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

Joan McGeecham

#### Anniversaries of Death

Margaret Clayton, Joan Jones, Margaret Waugh, Godfrey Shimmin, James and Mary Watkins, Anne + Jim Watkins

### Columbarium Flowers

Terence Ibbison	August 16th
Nora Rose	August 17th
Betty Smethurst	August 20th

### HYMNS

**Int 572 - Praise to the Holiest in the Height**

**Grad W129- We Cannot Measure How You Heal**

**Off 428 - Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

**Comm W4 - A Touching Place (Iona)**

**Rec 752 - Will You Come & Follow Me**

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

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)

God of refuge, hear our prayer as we hold the people of Beirut in our hearts at this time. Fill us with compassion and move us to reach out in love. In your mercy, bring comfort to those who mourn, healing to those who are injured, shelter to those who are homeless. sustenance to those who hunger. Give strength to those who are working to rebuild shattered lives and protect those who are vulnerable, especially in a time of coronavirus. Lead us in your ways so that together we may bring the light of new hope. Amen