



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 23rd August - The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Exodus

A new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So, the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So, God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So, the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So, the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.' **1:8-2:10**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. **12.1-8**

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. **16.13-20**

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Notices:

A reminder that from August 8th 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 or at any church service.
2. If you have not already done so, please could you complete the questionnaire about services and provision during lockdown.
3. The memorial service for Ada Buckley is on Thursday 27th August at 3.00pm
4. Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for Beirut.
5. We will be having our usual McMillan coffee in September, organized by Gillian, but in a different format this year. Watch this space!
6. **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.
7. A reminder that Peregrini prayer (8.30am) and Compline (8.15pm) are live streamed on a daily basis. They can be found on facebook.com/stmaggiep or facebook.com/deborahsashello
8. The deadline for September magazine articles is today.

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.

This week will be the last week of the 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 Birtwistle, Barbara Chafer, Joyce Danso, John & Das Dodge, Jade Grindrod, 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

John Gamble, John Goulden, Marjorie Lucas, Ida Shepherd, Charles Tinker, Bertha Bradley

Columbarium Flowers

Clive Buckley	August 27th
Harry Billington	August 29th

HYMNS

Int 13 - All for Jesus
Grad W104- Take This Moment (Iona)
Off 625 - Take My Life & Let It Be
Comm 941 - Silent Surrendered, Calm & Still
Rec 631 - Tell Out My Soul

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

Dear Lord, we pray for our young people, especially those who have received 'A' level and GCSE results in the last couple of weeks. We also pray for those who have yet to receive their BTec results. Be with them as they plan for their future in terms of college and university places. Give our young people a sense of calmness, peace and hope for the future, especially given the challenges of the last few months. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen