



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 9th August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So, he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So, he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness but lay no hand on him—' that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So, when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. **37:1-4.12-28**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' **10.5-15**

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' **14.22-33**

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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.
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. There will be a ministry meeting on Monday 10th August at 10.00am.

Deborah's Message

Thank you to all of those who have helped in any way during our staycation week. Although staycation was very different this year, it was successful. People have contributed in many varied and different ways. A special thank you to all those who contributed to the 'Songs of Praise' evening. It was amazing and so good to see 'old friends' and 'new'. A thank you also to Chaz Ginn for our quiz afternoon and to all the members of the ministry team for all their contributions and support. Thank you to Revd Sue, both for her contributions and directing people to the appropriate platform to access the events. Thank you to Tom our organist and MMM's. A big thank you to Carol Porter for all that she has done, both in terms of music, coordinating the S of P and for all her technology skills in pulling things together. Thank you to all of you who supported staycation by joining in. It was a great week. Thank you

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, 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, 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

Iris

Anniversaries of Death

Derek Todd, Ted McConville, Fredericke Waddington.

Columbarium Flowers

Ted McConville	August 14th
Florence Brundrit	August 15th

HYMNS

Int 153 - Eternal Father Strong to Save
Grad 297- How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Off 375 - King of Glory, King of Peace
Comm 150 - Do Not Be Afraid
Rec 503 - O Jesus, I Have Promised

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All notices for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to **David McConville** no later than Tuesday please send to 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