



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 13th September – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so, the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus, the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So, the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. **14:19-end**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. J Evans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God. **14.1-12**

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.' **18.21-35**

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Notices:

A reminder that from August 8th it is mandatory to wear a mask in places of worship.

1. Virtual Macmillan Coffee Morning: Will take place on Sat 26th sept at 10am-12noon & hopefully will have a zoom element (more to follow re this). So prepare your favourite cake and coffee/tea and take it either outdoors or inside depending on whether or your preference. To donate to Macmillan this year, either bring your contribution to church in a labelled envelope or follow this link to make an easy-peasy cash free donation which will be added to our fundraising total- <https://thyg.uk/BUU004204791>. There are lots of crummy ideas & recipes for cakes on <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk> I like the sound of the vegan peanut butter & banana cupcakes & the avocado brownies!

2. Washing up bottles: Could you please save your washing up bottles over the next few weeks. I need approx. 10 empty bottles so I can fill them for Church and Church House. We have been given a very large quantity of washing up liquid for us to use. They can be given to me personally or brought to church for me to pick up. Many thanks Joan Evans

3. If you haven't already done so, please could you complete the questionnaire about services & provisions during lockdown & return them to Rev Sue Walker.

4. If anyone is willing to help with occasional cleaning after baptisms, funerals and weddings, please let either me or the wardens know.

5. Mother's Union: Due to present circumstances all M U meetings are cancelled until further notice. Love and best wishes to you all Jean x

6. If anyone is interested in exploring the use of Zoom further these sites can be recommended.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iagJnyv6ILY> 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. Poppies: If you have any poppies that you have knitted during lockdown please bring them into church so that we can use them for Remembrance Sunday.

8. Prayer Blankets: Although Prayer Blankets are not out at the moment (for obvious reasons), they are still available to anyone who needs one or knows someone who does. Please ask either Carol, myself or Sue.

9. There is a PCC meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm on Zoom.

Social Gatherings

On 9 September 2020 the Prime Minister announced new restrictions relating to social gatherings that will come into place on Monday 14 September 2020. The restrictions will not include attendance at places of worship. Further updates will be provided on the diocesan website once absolute clarity from the Government is provided about what the restrictions that will come into place from Monday 14 September 2020 mean for our churches and parishes (including community use of church buildings and halls). The new restrictions that the government are introducing from 14 September 2020 will have NO IMPACT on weddings, funerals and services of worship that are due to take place on or before Sunday 13 September 2020. Account should be taken of the local restrictions that apply to the particular geographical area of the diocese events. – particularly in respect to the numbers permitted to attend life events.

Please Pray For:

The Sick

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

Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

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

Recently departed

Eileen Cunliffe, Sheila Harrison

Anniversaries of Death

Jack Beach, Doreen Dawson, Jack Hyslop, Margaret Hyslop, Patrica Lomas.

Columbarium Flowers

Doreen Dawson

Sept 19th

Hymns

Int 551 - O Worship the King

Grad 437- Make me a Channel of Your Peace

Off 212 - God Forgave our Sins

Comm 318 - In Bread we Bring You Lord

Rec 695 - To God be the Glory

**IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR SUPPORT PLEASE
CONTACT REVD DEBORAH ON 01617732698
OR REVD SUE 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 mconvillefamily@uwclub.net

We pray for all children and young people returning to school, colleges and universities. May all places of education be Covid 19 secure and places of excellence in learning, nurture and care. Give your peace to all going to colleges and universities for the first time and to parents whose children are leaving the home for the first time. In Jesus name. Amen.