



## The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

### Sunday 20th September - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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#### Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."' 'In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, it is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. '16:2-15

#### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. L Avery

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. 1.21-30

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So, they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So, the last will be first, and the first will be last.' 20.1-16

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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. Virtual Macmillan Coffee Morning: Will take place on Sat 26th Sept at 10am-12noon. Contact Rev Sue for the zoom details. So prepare your favourite cake and coffee/tea and take it either outdoors or inside depending on 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 yummy 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=iagJnvy6ILY> 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. Please let Rev Sue know if you would like a one to one practice.
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. Our harvest festival this year is Sunday 4th October. We will also be celebrating Harvest at the Wednesday service. We will also be having a service on-line on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm where there will be the opportunity to sing traditional harvest hymns. We will be collecting tins and packets to support porch boxes.

**RULE OF SIX**

The new restrictions that the government introduced from 14 September 2020 do not include attendance at places of worship for services. This is confirmed in the guidance document published on 14 September 2020 that is available via this link: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Meeting with others safely (social distancing).

For further information please see the supplementary sheet.

**Please Pray For:**

**The Sick**

Dorothy Birtwistle, Nigel Birtwistle, Paul Burgess, Barbara Chafer, Joyce Danso, John & Das Dodge, Andrew Ginn, Jade Grindrod, Joan Horgan, Sally Johnson, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, Sylvia Plenderleith, Musa Rashid, Lee Royle, Leslie Sharpe, Matthew Simmons, Richard 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, Barbara Peeling, Tom Porter, Bill Potts, Joyce Roebuck, Susan Rowan, Julie Webster, Alice White, Rev Pauline Whitmarsh, Rev Deborah.

**Recently departed**

Joan Moore, June Wyrill

**Anniversaries of Death**

David Beach, Pauline Hertzog, Edward Machon, Anthony Rigby, Joyce Rostron. Richard Maxwell, Frederick Gould, Frank E. Softly

**Columbarium Flowers**

Brain Lane	Sept 21st
Barbara Shaw	Sept 24th
William Dawson	Sept 24th

**Hymns**

**Int 144 - Dear Lord & Father**

**Grad 161- Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer**

**Off 195 - From Heaven You Came**

**Comm 67 - Be Still for the Presence of The Lord**

**Rec 511 - O Lord My God**

**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](mailto: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 youngsters are leaving the home for the first time. In Jesus name. Amen.