



**The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich
St. Margaret's, Prestwich & St. George's, Simister**

Sunday 27th September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst? So, Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?' 17.1–7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. A Iles

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 2.1–13

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So, they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.' 21.23–32

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Notices:

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

Our harvest festival this year is Sunday 4th October. We will also be celebrating Harvest festival at both churches on Sunday and at the Wednesday service. We will also be having a service on-line on 4th 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, or alternatively, a financial contribution can be made whereby Porch Boxes can purchase supplementary items that are needed.

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 large quantity of washing up liquid for us to use. Many thanks Joan Evans

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

4. 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

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Confirmation classes start on Monday 28th September at 6.30pm.

8. Our APCM will take place on Sunday 11th October after the service. The main events discussed and voted at the 9.45am service will be relayed at St. George's Church and at the Wednesday morning service following the Sunday. If you wish to attend the APCM please let either Laurel, David or myself now.

9. Thank you to Gillian for organising the MacMillan Coffee morning and to you all for supporting it.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

All COVID - 19 Guidelines **MUST** be adhered to. Face Coverings must be worn at all times whilst in church. Please observe the 2-metre rule at all times and do not block the entrance or congregate in small groups either inside or outside of church. Hand sanitise on entering and leaving church and before taking communion. Please, do not attend if you feel unwell or have experienced any of the COVID-19 symptoms in the past seven days. Please be aware of the rule of six. **THANK YOU**

Please Pray For:

The Sick

Dorothy Birtwistle, Nigel Birtwistle, Paul Burgess, Barbara Bushell, Barbara Chafer, Joyce Danso, John & Das Dodge, Jade Grindrod, Joan Horgan, Peter Huxley, Sally Johnson, David Latham, Neve Lewis, 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, Kevin, 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

Kenneth Purves, June Wryrill

Anniversaries of Death

Sheila Blaby, Christopher Dawson, Freda Davies, Frederick Gould, Margaret Newton, Frank Softly. Malcolm Vickers.

Columbarium Flowers

Marie Todd

Sept 29th

Hymns

Int 54 - All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Grad W54- Jesus Christ Is Waiting

Off 394 - Lift High the Cross

Comm W48 -How Deep the Father's Love

Rec - At the Name of Jesus

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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 mconvillefamily@uwclub.net

Love never fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope. Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far. Love compels us to give and act as one. Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before. As we pray in our individual homes – around the nation and around the world – we are united as one family. So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer. (Christian Aid)