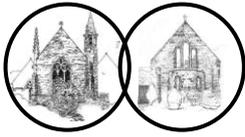


# The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich



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

**Sunday 4th October - Harvest Festival**

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## Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Deutronomy C Pieroni

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; 2 all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out. The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them. **28:1-14**

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

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.' **12.16–30**

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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.**

#### Rule of Six

The new restrictions that the government introduced from 14th September 2020 do not include attendance at Places of Worship for services.

**1. Don't forget our Harvest Praise today at 4.00pm on our Facebook page [Facebook.com/stmaggieP](https://www.facebook.com/stmaggieP). It is a good opportunity to sing traditional harvest songs and reflect on the meaning of Harvest,**

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. 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.

4. 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.

5. Confirmation classes continue on Mondays at 6.30pm.

6. Our APCM will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 APC please let either Laurel, David or myself know.

**9. Thank you to Gillian for organising the MacMillan Coffee morning and to you all for supporting it. £740 was raised.**

#### 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

Nigel Birtwistle, Paul Burgess, Barbara Bushell, Joyce Danso, John & Das Dodge, Jade Grindrod, Joan Horgan, Peter Huxley, Sally Johnson, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, Sylvia Plenderleith, Musa Rashid, Lee Royle, Leslie Sharpe, Richard 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, Niamh, 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

Barbara Chafer, Dorothy Birtwistle

##### Anniversaries of Death

Majorie Bell, Christopher Calderbank, Muriel Hodgkinson.  
John Harding, Megan Lane, Karen Singleton, Nora Williams, Norah Withers.

#### Columbarium Flowers

#### Hymns

719 We plough the fields and scatter  
915 Who put the colours in the rainbow?  
910 When God made the garden of creation  
819 He's got the whole world in his hand  
194 For the beauty of the earth

**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)

#### Harvest Prayer

Loving God,  
We give thanks to those who produce our food, for farmers and fishermen, factory and shop workers. We pray for those for whom this has been a difficult year: farmers who have battled with the weather to grow food, delivery drivers and shop workers who kept working despite the pandemic, for those struggling and facing food poverty both in our own country and across the world. Help us to value and support each other. Amen