

# The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich



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

## Sunday 11th October - The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity (APCM)

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### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

When the people of Israel saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So, all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, 'O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever."' And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. 32.1-14

### A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. D McConville

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. 4.1-9

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so, the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.' 22.1-14

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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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 do not include attendance at Places of Worship for services.

1. 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.
2. 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, Deborah or Sue.
3. Confirmation classes continue on Mondays at 6.30pm.
4. **Big Thank You:** I should like to thank the church family at St Margaret's for the card & beautiful flowers given to me for my 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. **Irene Kellett.**
5. **A big thank you for all those who were involved in the Harvest Praise on-line. It was lovely to have the opportunity to share harvest together with singing. A special thank you to Carol Porter for all her hard work.**
6. **We are hoping to do something similar to the above for All Soul's Day. If you would like a loved one to be named, please let either Deborah, Sue, Laurel or David know.**
7. Although it may seem early, we are planning for Christmas and hope to have our Traditional Carol Service on-line this year, as we don't know what the restrictions will be. If you have a favourite carol that you would like to be included, please let Carol P, Sue or Deborah know. We can't guarantee that they will all be included (due to copyright etc.) but we will try and include the most popular.
8. **Dorothy Birtwistle's funeral is at St. Margaret's Church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm followed by a committal at Blackley Crematorium.**

#### 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, Andrew Ginn. Jade Grindrod, Christine Hardy, Joan Horgan, Peter Huxley, Sally Johnson, David Latham, Robert Lyne, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, 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, Sylvia Plenderleith, Kevin North

##### Anniversaries of Death

Geoffery Elton Ashurst, Sylvia Court, Joan Eastham, Phyllis Harper, Peter Johnson, Megan Lane, Norman Noble, Gilford Preston, Pat Sandercock, Margaret Sedgewick, Elsie Wilkinson.

#### Columbarium Flowers

Edith Bromelow

Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Hymns

144 Dear Lord and father of mankind  
517 O love that will not let me go  
429 Love is his word, love is his way  
649 The king of my love my shepherd  
252 Guide me O thou great Redeemer

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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](mailto:mconvillefamily@uwclub.net)

#### Prayer of Hope

Father, thank you that in a world of despair,  
You are our hope  
In a world of darkness, you are our light.  
In a world of sorrow, you are our joy.  
Help us to share the hope of our hearts with one another,  
enable us to give hope to others through your work amongst us.  
Use us to transform our nation and to spread your hope to every corner of this nation.  
Amen