



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 8th November – The Third Sunday Before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 the prophet Amos. A Ginn

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. 5.18-24

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. J Hall

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so, we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. 4.13-18

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

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you; I do not know you." "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." ' 25.1-13

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Notices:

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

1, As you know, we are currently in Lockdown 2.0 which, amongst other things, means that we are no longer able to have public worship in our churches, we are allowed to open for private prayer. This will start on Thursday 12th November from 9.30-10.30am. Church will also be open on Monday evenings from 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Our services will continue on-line, with Wednesday service at 10.00am from the homes of Revd Sue and Revd Deborah (so that we can get a good signal). After this service we hope to have a Zoom coffee morning. If you are interested, please contact Revd Sue or Revd Deborah for details. The Sunday service will be pre-recorded so that music can be added, which can be sung at home. There will also be daily Peregrini morning prayer at 8.30am and Compline at 8.15pm

ON-LINE SERVICES

Live-streamed services go out on our Facebook page ONLY:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMaggieP/>

Recorded services go out on many different platforms, including:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMaggieP/>

<https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/blog/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Deborah-says-Hello-754066195096001/>

2. Porch Boxes: As per last Lockdown, the porch at St Margaret's Church will be open between 9.30 and 11am on Thursday's for the Porch Box Donations. Many Thanks for your continued support.

3. In lieu of our beloved Christmas Fair, JeaniusBags is holding a mini virtual Christmas Fair! It'll be on-line from 2-4pm on Saturday 21st November. All proceeds will be donated to our Parish Christmas Charities. Links are on our parish website page.

4. Sponsored Walk/Jog LE to JOG

There is a sponsorship form that can be used when we return back to church if anyone wants to sponsor me. Alternatively, donations can be made via

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DeborahSandercockCRUK>
The money raised is going to cancer research UK.

5. Prayer Blankets: If anyone needs a prayer blanket please contact either Carol Olive, Revd Sue or Revd Deborah

6. Deanery synod meeting on Tuesday 17th November.

7. PCC meeting on Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm (Zoom)

IMPORTANT REMINDER

With regards to the Government's new COVID National Lockdown, we are back to offering the Church services on-line, as last time. Private prayer is again allowed and will be offered in church Thursdays 9.30-10.30am and Mondays 6.30-7.30pm starting on Thursday 12th November. We must adhere to all COVID -19 regulations. Face Coverings must be worn at all times whilst in Church. Please observe the 2-metre rule at all times and do not engage in any social gathering either inside or outside of church. Hand sanitise on entering & leaving church. PLEASE, DO NOT ATTEND if you feel UNWELL or HAVE EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE COVID SYMPTOMS in the past seven days. THANK YOU.

Please Pray For:



The Sick

Nigel Birtwistle, Paul Burgess, Barbara Bushell, Joyce Danso, Andrew Ginn, Joan Horgan, Sally Johnson, Maureen Jones, David Latham, Darren Leadbetter, Robert Lyne, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, Nicola Palliser, Musa Rashid, Brian Robinson, 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, 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, Alice White, Rev Pauline Whitmarsh, Rev Deborah.

Recently departed

Anniversaries of Death

Peter Badcock, Arnold Hall, Thomas Johnson, Carole Heywood

Columbarium Flowers

Mary J Hirst

Nov 9th

Hymns

Int 451- All My Hope on God is Founded

Grad 68- Be Still My Soul

Off 494- O God our Help in Ages Past

Comm 575- Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

Rec 409- Lord for Years

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

Pray for the Nation

Lord Jesus Christ,

In these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again we pray. Give Wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders. Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers. Give comfort beyond human comfort to children and the elderly and all who grieve. Lord, Jesus Christ. In these dark and difficult days, turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land we pray. Amen