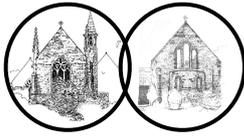


The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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



Sunday 15th November - The Second Sunday Before Advent

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. **1.7, 12-18**

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

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. **5.1-11**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **25.14-30**

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A reminder that it is mandatory to wear a mask in places of worship.

As You Know, we are currently in Lockdown 2.0 which among other things, means that we are no longer able to have public worship in our churches, we are allowed to open for private prayer (see below for details). Our services will continue on-line, with the Wednesday service from 10am from the homes of Rev's Sue and Rev'd 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 Rev'd Sue or Rev'd Deborah. 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 & Compline at 8.15pm. The service can be found in the media places highlighted below.

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/>

Notices:

1. **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.
2. Sponsored Jog/walk LE to JOG: The sponsorship form will return at the back of church after lockdown for anyone who wants to sponsor me. Donations can still be made via <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/DeborahSandercockCRUK>. The money raised is going to cancer research uk.
3. Although it may seem early, we are planning for Christmas & 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 & include the most popular.
4. 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 out Parish Christmas Charities. Links are on our parish website page.
5. Prayer Blankets: If anyone needs a prayer blanket please contact either Carol Olive, Rev'd Sue or Rev'd Deborah.
6. Deanery Synod meeting on Tues November 17th
7. PPC meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm
8. Wholeness & Wellbeing Service will be on-line on Sunday 22nd November at 4.00pm. Thank You Carol.

Important Reminder:

With regard 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 on Thursdays 9.30-10.30am & Mondays 6.30-7.30pm starting on Thursday 12th November. We 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 & 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 Bushall, Joyce Danso, Andrew Ginn, Joan Horgan, Sally Johnson, 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

Hilda Lund, Harry Rothwell.

Columbarium Flowers:

Irene Smethurst
Henry Cornes

Nov 17th
Nov 23rd

Hymns

Int 249- Great is Thy Faithfulness
Grad 169- Fight the Good Fight
Off 172- Fill Your Hearts with Joy & Gladness
Comm 67- Be Still For The Presence
Rec 70- Be Thou My Vision

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:-

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