



## The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

### Sunday 29th November – The First Sunday of Advent

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#### Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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 the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil -to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

**64.1-9**

#### A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **1.3-9**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. **13.24-37**

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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.*

On-going, on-line service services: Sunday 9.45am, Wednesday 10.00am, Peregrini morning prayer 8.30am daily, Compline 8.15pm daily. Church is open this week for private prayer - Monday 9.30-10.30am, Thursday 9.30-10.30am. Once we come out of Lockdown St. Margaret's and St. George's will be open at their usual times, with Tier 3 restrictions in place.

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

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

2.. Not too late to sign up for the **Bible Course** on zoom, an 8-week series to learn more about the Bible. Anyone and everyone is welcome, whether you know very little about the Bible, are puzzled by some of the things in it, or are very familiar with it and would enjoy both a good debate. There is video input, with times for discussion about how and why the different books of the Bible were written, and what impact reading the Bible can have on your life. The course will be a resource but won't be prescriptive - everyone's opinion will be heard and respected. Mondays at 7 pm or Tuesdays at 2.30. Contact Rev Sue for the zoom details.

3. **Porch Boxes:** As per last Lockdown, 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.

4. **Our Christingle service will be Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.** will take place at St. M's church at 9.45am and St. G's at 11.15am. There will also be an online service at 9.45am. At 2.00pm there will be a Zoom 'make your own Christingle service' for our Sunday School children.

5. If anyone wants to give gifts for the **toy service**, they need to be new and unwrapped this year.

6. Thank you to all who supported Carol's virtual mini fair which raised £400 for Christmas charities,

7. Sponsored Walk/Jog LE to JOG

I have now completed my LE to JOG trek. Thank you so much for your support and generosity. We have raised £2870 for cancer research UK.

#### 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 9.30-10.30am starting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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, Claire Kelly, David Latham, Lisa, Darren Leadbetter, Robert Lyne, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, Nicola Palliser, Musa Rashid, Brian Robinson, Leslie Sharpe, Richard Simmons, Maude Warren, Debra Ward, 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

John Crompton, Brian Hickson, Mary Johnson, Joyce Maxwell, Alexander Orr, Raymond Walker.

#### **Columbarium Flowers**

Mary J Hirst	Nov 29th
Brian J Hickson	Nov 30th
Myra Wallis	Dec 1st
Bessie Cox	Dec 6th

480 O come, O come Emmanuel  
406 Long ago, prophets  
527 On Jordan's banks  
610 Soul of my Saviour  
405 Lo, he comes with clouds

**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)

#### **A Prayer for Advent.**

Christ, come into our world of darkness  
Light up our lives with your coming.  
Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth  
Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world  
And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.  
Amen.