



# The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

## Sunday 6th December – The Second Sunday of Advent (Christingle)

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

### A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. **40.1–11**

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' **1.1–8**

### Columbarium Flowers:

Bessie Cox	Dec 6th
Thomas Pimblott	Dec 7th
Dorothy Billington	Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>

**IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR SUPPORT PLEASE  
CONTACT REVD DEBORAH ON 01617732698 OR  
REVD SUE 07761565428 OR VIA ST. MARGARET'S  
WEBSITE**

### HYMNS

Int W21- Longing for Light  
Grad 128- Like a Candle  
Off 399- This Little Light of Mine  
Comm 901- Jesus Bids us Shine  
Rec W108- Shine, Jesus, Shine



All Notices for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to **David McConville** no later than Tuesday please send to:- [mcconvillefamily@uwclub.net](mailto:mcconvillefamily@uwclub.net)



With regard to the Government's new COVID Tier system, we are now in Tier 3, which means we are again offering Sunday and Wednesday services back in St Margaret's Church (9.45am) and Sunday at St George's (11.15am). This is restricted to 30 social distances people at St. M's and 16 at St. G's. We need to 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. We will be receiving communion in one kind as we did prior to lockdown. Peregrini morning prayer (8.30am) and Compline (8.15pm) are on our Facebook page daily. THANKS

**Please Pray For:**

**The Sick**

Nigel Birtwistle, Paul Burgess, Barbara Bushall, 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, 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**

Sylvia Dawson, Dorothy Billington, Richard Buckley, Bessie Cox, Harold Morrison, Doris Sullivan, Joyce Maxwell, Charles Pit, Olive Walker. Gertrude Anderson, Margaret Symes, Carol Fahey, Jean Ward, William Hodgkinson.

**Notices**

1. **Our Christingle collection, as in previous years, goes to support the work of the children's society.**
2. **This afternoon our children will be meeting via Zoom to make up their Christingles at 2.00pm. Thank you to all who have helped in anyway for the preparation of our service.**
3. Mother Union: Subs are now due. They are £25 + 50p donation to the deanery. You can post a cheque made out to St. Margaret's Mother's Union to Mary Simmons, 83 Heaton Street, Prestwich, M/CR M25 1HH or pop the money through my door or leave it in church. Thank you. Mary.
4. If anyone wants to give gifts for the **toy service**, they need to be new and unwrapped this year and can be brought to any Sunday or Wednesday service.
5. Thank you to all who supported Carol's virtual mini fair which raised £400 for Christmas charities.
6. I have now completed my LE to JOG trek. A huge thank you for your support and generosity. We have raised £3400 for cancer research UK. Thank you so much, Deborah.
7. **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.
8. Not too late to sign up for the **Bible Course** on, an 8-week series to learn more about the Bible. Mondays at 7 pm or Tuesdays at 2.30. Contact Rev Sue for the zoom details.
9. We will be open on Christmas day at St. M's (9.45am) and St. G's (11.15am). If you would like to attend please let Deborah, Sue, Laurel or David know.
10. Messy Church On-line, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4.00pm
11. Chaz Ginn will be hosting a quiz night via Zoom on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm
12. A 'Blue Christmas' will be led by Carol O on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec On-line at 4.00pm