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Sunday 20th December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

A reading from the second book of Samuel. G McConville

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus, says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus, says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established forever. **7.1–11, 16**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith –to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen. **16.25–27**

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. **1.26–38**

HYMNS

Int 81- Let All Mortal Flesh

Grad 634- the Angel Gabriel

Off 631- Tell Out My Soul

Comm 944- The Lord is My Light

Rec 480- O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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REVD SUE 07761565428 OR VIA ST.
MARGARET'S WEBSITE**



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 Bushell, Joyce Danso, Andrew Ginn, Joan Horgan, Sally Johnson, Maureen Jones, Claire Kelly, Joan Knight, David Latham, Lisa, Darren Leadbetter, Robert Lyne, Millie Meeley, Alex Orr, Nicola Palliser, Musa Rashid, 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, Niamh Lewis, Matilda, Martine Rammell, Sheila Rimmer, Barbara Peeling, Tom Porter, Bill Potts, Joyce Roebuck, Susan Rowan, Alice White, Rev Pauline Whitmarsh, Rev Deborah.

Recently Departed

Rev Paul Joyce, Yvonne Keene, Loretta Piczenik

Anniversaries of Death

Eric Garner, Valerie Gorton Hill, Gemma Greenwood, John Hall, Gladys Hefti, Paula Mills, Elsie Morrison, Gina Swallow.

Columbarium Flowers

Harry Simpson Dec 18th Gina Swallow Dec 21st

Services

Carol service - 4.00pm Sunday 20 December On-line

Crib service - 4.00pm Thursday 24 December On-line

Midnight service - from 8.00pm Thursday 24 December On-line

Christmas Day 9.45am Friday 25th December at St. Margaret's Church

Christmas Day 11.15am Friday 25th December

First Sunday of Christmas Sunday 27th December (St. M's at 9.45am, St. G's at 11.15am)

Notices

1. 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.
2. Mother's 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 M251HH or pop the money through my door or leave it in church. Thank you. Mary
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. The Bible Course will resume after Christmas in January.
5. Carol advent calendar. Go to our website and listen to a different carol every day in the lead up to Christmas.
6. All notices for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to David McConville no later than Tuesday please send to: - mconvillefamily@uwclub.net