



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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Friday 25th December – Christmas Day

Collect

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. 9: 2-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. 2: 11-14

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

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' 2: 1-14

HYMNS

Int 508 – O Little Town of Bethlehem
Grad 745 – While Shepherds Watched
Off 266 - Hark the Herald
Comm 597- Silent Night
Rec 479 - O Come All Ye Faithful

**IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR SUPPORT PLEASE
CONTACT REVD DEBORAH ON 01617732698 OR
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. 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
2. 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.
3. The Bible Course will resume in January.
4. Carol advent calendar. Go to our website and listen to a different carol every day in the lead up to Christmas.
5. All notices for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to David McConville no later than Tuesday please send to: - mcconvillefamily@uwclub.net

We wish you a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.