St Margaret's Church

Holyrood: Prestwich



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SERVICES AT ST MARGARET'S

SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion
	9.45am Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments
	Evening Service - As announced
WEDNESDAY	10.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments
HOLY DAYS	Holy Communion - As Announced

See the magazine calendar for the full list of services for the month
(Home communions by arrangement with clergy)

SUNDAY CLUB

Our children's Sunday Club meets in term-time in church for a service of all-age worship at 9:45am on the first Sunday of the month, and in the church house from 9:45am to 11.00am on the third Sunday of the month. All children aged 3 and over are welcome. Co-ordinator Mrs. G.M. McConville https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/sunday-school/ or SundayClub@stmargaretsprestwich.com

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Enquiries regarding arranging Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Marriages and Funerals by email please to stmargaretsprestwich@gmail.com

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Dear Friends,

I've been going to church my whole life and I thought I had seen everything service wise, and there have been some interesting ones:

- Being dive bombed by a dove during a burial
- A bride dancing down the aisle for a wedding with her bridesmaids.
- A baptism with a font containing three rubber ducks.

Then the other week I went to a baptism that I won't forget for a long time.

It was a friend of mine, and her partner invited me to their son's baptism, Sunday afternoon at 15:00. I got to the church and sat down with my order of service waiting for the service to start. Everything seemed normal then at about two minutes before the start a couple of people came round with a second order of service and it was the order of service for a wedding. Turns out they had decided to get married at the same time but kept it a secret from everyone there. I was stunned and I wasn't the only one as I looked around the church and I saw the looks of shock and amazement and exclamations of surprise.

It did explain a few of the odd things that had happened at the start of the service:

- That dad and baby had been seen in church
- None of my friend's family were there either

Once everyone had gotten over the shock there was a bit of organising to do. Several men were given a blue tie to act as grooms men, the brides four closest friends were taken to the back and given bouquets to act as bridesmaids. When all was ready in came the bride looking stunning and they got married, had their son baptised before we all headed to the pub! It was a lovely thing.

I was chatting to my friend later and curiously asked her why they had decided to do this. Her answer was that they didn't want the big fuss, presents or gifts expected with a wedding. They would have the same people there at the baptism and wedding. All they wanted was to make their vows and have their baby baptised in the presence of God and that was the most important part.

It just reminded me what really is important about a wedding. That two people are making promises that they will love each other and stay together for the rest of their lives and that they make those promises before God, their family and friends. I think those very simple and humble things are often forgotten in some of these large extravaganzas that weddings and baptisms can become! But they really don't have to be!

At St Margaret's and St George's we want to help you and your family to mark key events in your life with appropriate services. The services can be as big or small as you like and we can work with you to make the service everything you wish and need it to be, here are some of the other things we can offer:

- Service of thanksgiving for the birth of a child
- Celebration of an engagement and/or blessing of engagement rings
- Blessing of a Civil Marriage
- Memorial service for someone who has passed away including a memorial service after a direct cremation.

If you would be interested, please get in touch with a member of the clergy.

Rev Helen

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family:

Finley and Myles Nuttall who were baptised on 15th September 2024 at St Margaret's church. Their parents are Ayesha and Christopher Nuttall.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2024

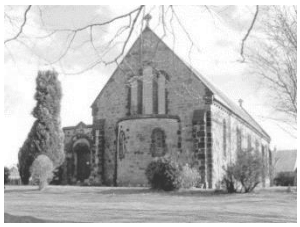
Friday 4th October	2.00 pm Wholeness and wellbeing
Saturday 5th October	12.00 noon Harvest lunch
Sunday 6th October	Harvest Festival 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.15 am Silent prayer at St Margaret's 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
Tuesday 8th October	2.00 pm Rhyme Time 2.30 pm Standing committee
Wednesday 9th October	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
Sunday 13th October	20th Sunday after Trinity

	8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.45 am All Age Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
Tuesday 15th October	2.00 pm Rhyme Time
Wednesday 16th October	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 4.00 pm Messy Church 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers 7.30 pm PCC
Saturday 19th October	3.00 pm Manchester Chorale concert
Sunday 20th October	21st Sunday after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's 7.00 pm Copy deadline for Magazine
Wednesday 23rd October	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 4.00 pm Messy Church 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
Friday 25th October	Besses Boys' Band Concert
Saturday 26th October	11.00 am Trip to Stockport Plaza
Sunday 27th October	22nd after Trinty: Bible Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
Monday 21st October	2.00 pm Book club
Tuesday 29th October	2.00 pm Rhyme Time
Wednesday 30th October	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers

Livestreamed services (9.45am Sundays and 10.00am Wednesdays) are only available via our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/StMaggieP
Pre-recorded services can be viewed via our blog https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/blog/, Facebook page, Twitter feed or Tumblr. Just search for @StMaggieP.
Please do check our Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter feed and website for up-to-date information.

NB GOODS FOR PORCH BOXES CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON THURSDAY MORNINGS, 9.30-11.00AM

ST.GEORGE'S CHURCH, SIMISTER



LADY WILTON HALL

Teapot Time 1pm to 3pm

Monday 7th and 21st October

Everybody is welcome, chat and enjoy a couple of hours relaxing. There is always some 'home made' cake, biscuits and good company.

Thank you to Pauline and Shirley for their continued support'

MESSY CHURCH

Wednesday 16th October 4pm-5.30pm

Everybody welcome, just join in and enjoy, light refreshment is provided

Thank you to all the helpers, who give their time to make this activity a SUCCESS!!!!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St. George's Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 30th November, when, we hope FC himself will visit us. Help needed and ideas, there will be a meeting in October.

THE CHURCH

Cleaning Rotor

5th	October	Joan and Eileen
19th	"	Carol
2nd	November	Margaret

Thank you everybody for helping to keep our lovely church going.

!!!!!We need help with cleaning, if you think you can help, please contact Joan K/Carol K

Altar Flowers :- Thank you Michelle for your help with the flowers in church

Sorry, but we will have to increase the flower money to £15 due to the cost of flowers these days. Please let Carol Knaggs or Joan Knott have your money for flowers in good time. **If you wish to put flowers in church, have any problems or would like to help, do not hesitate, please contact: Joan Knott 07733347173 or Carol Knaggs .**

CHURCH FLOWERS for

			IN LOVING MEMORY
6th	October	C. Hardy	Anne & William Hardy
13th	"	B. Ashurst	Geoffrey Elton Ashurst
27th	"	Mr. & Mrs. Duckworth	Family
10th	November	Mrs J. Green	Harold Green
17th	"	Mrs B Ashurst	Norman Farrington

Will you please remember in your prayers those who are sick:-

Tom Porter, Joyce Roebuck, Rita Evans, Bob Hardy, John Porter, Larissa Marshall, Harriet Knott, Barbara Taylor, Geoff Knaggs, Barbara Peeling, all our church families, own friends, and relatives.

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Anniversaries of our loved ones this month

1st to 5th October Cath Bridges, Nora Williams, Muriel Hodgkinson and Peter Royle

6th to 12th " John Harding, William Hardy, Megan Lane and Geoffrey Elton Ashurst

13th to 28th " Doris Partington and David Lloyd

May we always remember them in our prayers and in our hearts.

CHURCH and LADY WILTON GROUNDS

Thank you to our gardeners James Wharmby, Robina & Peter and Anne & Dave the church grounds are looking beautiful. Great teams!!!!! Many thanks for your continued support,

We are waiting for quotes for the flat roof replacement and windows in Lady Wilton Hall.

Joan and Carol.

La Mer – Charles Trenet (1913-2001), trans. Janet Raynor

For me, “La Mer” is a love song to the sea, shore and sky, which is why Tom and I decided to offer it during a service for Creationtide in September 2024. On the appointed day, I had to be elsewhere for family reasons, so our recording of this song is only available in the recorded version of the service that went out on Sunday 15 September: https://youtu.be/CkaMrUMlcjE

Trenet said that he had written an initial version of the song's lyrics as a poem at the age of 16, many years before he came up with a tune for it, which didn’t happen until 1943. The song was not recorded until 1945, by Roland Gerbeau, and then by Trenet himself in 1946. Over the following 20 years, more than 100 different interpretations were recorded, and by the time Trenet died in 2001, there were over 4000 different recordings by singers as diverse as Bing Crosby, Cliff Richard, Julio Inglesias, Dalida and Demis Roussos. The song was brought to a whole new generation of fans when Trenet’s original recording was used in the closing minutes of “Mr Bean’s Holiday” in 2007: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Iykn4mBT9U

The lyrics, and a poetic translation are:

La mer, qu'on voit danser Le long des golfes clairs A des reflets d'argent, la mer Des reflets changeants sous la pluie	The sea, see it dance Playing along the long shore N' when it showers, the sea shines bright Splaying the light even more
La mer au ciel d'été confond ses blancs moutons Avec les anges si purs La mer, bergère d'azur infinie	The sea, reflects the summer sky N' confounds those ivory sheep Shepherd of blue, you watch the view Revealing the angels as they greet you
Voyez, près des étangs Ces grands roseaux mouillés Voyez ces oiseaux blancs Et ces maisons rouillées	See! Circling the ponds Tall reeds glistening green See! Homes a rusty red White gulls caa-calling the sea . . .
La mer, les a bercés Le long des golfes clairs Et d'une chanson d'amour La mer a bercé mon cœur pour la vie	The Sea swings along shore To sing a song of l'amour Waves of a tune of love for me, For all of my life, for eternity!

A more exact translation is:

The sea that we see dance along the clear bay has reflections of silver.
The sea, changing reflections under the rain.
The sea to the summer sky confounds those white sheep with the angels so pure.
The sea, shepherd of infinite azure.
Look! Near the ponds, those tall reeds!
Look! Those white birds and those rusty homes!
The sea, rocks (like in a cradle) them along the clear bay
And in a love song, the sea cradled my heart for life.

But of course that doesn't scan well with the rhythms and meter of the melody, hence the need for a more poetic translation.

Carol P

Sing4Stroke: World Stroke Day – 29 October 2024

Did you know singing is a powerful tool in stroke recovery for those who experience communication difficulties after a stroke? Because music and singing are processed in a different part of the brain to spoken language, some people with aphasia find that they can sing easily, even though speaking is hard.

For this reason, and because many of us know stroke survivors, Maggie's Music Makers are taking part in Sing4Stroke, by dedicating our singing rehearsal on 30 October to the Stroke Association.

Our hour singing together will be recorded and posted online. If you like what you hear (or even if you don't!) please consider making a donation to the Stroke Association via this link, or by using your smartphone camera to scan this QR code: https://rb.gy/53idh0

Maggie's Music Makers

Give a Little

You may have noticed a QR code on our weekly service sheets over the past few weeks. QR codes are clever bits of technology – a bit like bar codes – that link the real world with the online world. Those of us comfortable with using smartphones can simply point the camera at the QR code, and it will open a website (which is specific to a particular QR code). In this case, the QR code opens the parish "Give a Little" page, in which we can donate £10, £20, £30, £50, or an amount of your own choosing, to the running of our parish.

For those of you reading this issue of our magazine online (and therefore for free!) here's the link – please help us to help you, by contributing to our running costs:
https://givealittle.co/c/7BenBwKBCZ82XbR8wJRir8

A Summer Sabbatical

It is often said that a change is as good as a rest, so during summer 2024 I took a partial sabbatical from my more visible roles and responsibilities at St Margaret's, set the 'Out of Office' on my parish email account, and visited other churches.

I began in early July with a long weekend in Hawkshead. I was due to sing there with the Manchester Chorale in a concert on Saturday 6 July, in the parish church of St Michael and All Angels.

I spent Saturday 13 July at Bolton Road Methodist Church, Bury, for the ALM annual summer conference. It was a spiritually refreshing and replenishing day, beginning with a worship band, and ending with a silent eucharist, via Mission Community chatty sessions and singing and drumming workshops. The silent eucharist was deeply moving, and actually not silent at all. There was quiet background music throughout, and we were provided with a leaflet of readings and prayers for reflection. The Presiding priest was however completely silent, and we simply had to watch her to take our cues for what to do and when. For example, having blessed the bread and wine she took communion herself, and offered them to one other person, who then offered them to whoever was nearby. In that way, the elements trickled out through the congregation with minimal movement or fuss.

On a very hot day in July, I visited the wonderfully cool - and incredibly opulent - Porto Cathedral.

On 28 July I worshipped at St Paul's Kersal. I had never been there before but was welcomed as an old friend and looked after well. I learned that they too had a devastating fire in the mid-1980s and took the opportunity to remodel the interior of the church

building: the west half of the nave is now a social space with a café, offices and toilets, with a mezzanine allowing for upstairs meeting and small function rooms.

In August I was welcomed to All Saints Stand. You probably know it's a vast building, able to seat around 1200 worshipers up on the gallery that surrounds the nave on three sides, as well as at ground level. The organist sits on his own up in the organ loft, with a rear-view mirror allowing visual communication with the choir in the chancel below. During the peace, "Love is All Around" was played (it made perfect sense at the time) while everyone left their pews and wandered about, offering peace to each other with a handshake or hug. I hadn't realised just how much I've missed this weekly physical contact at St Margaret's.

Slightly further away, in August I had my first ever visit to Lindisfarne, or Holy Island, off the Northumberland coast. Access is across a narrow causeway and is therefore dependant on tidal flow. Time was limited, but I managed to see the castle, abbey ruins and parish church of St Mary the Virgin. August also saw my first visit to Edinburgh and the Cathedral of St Giles. I've been a regular visitor to Scotland in the past, but never to the capital city. As luck would have it, we arrived as the daily midday service started. It was 15 minutes of total calm amongst the tourists and visitors to the Fringe - and a deeply spiritual experience.

St Mary's Prestwich is of course our "mother" church. I visited on a quiet day, with many 'regulars' away on holiday. Coffee and cake were served at the back of the church, and a very nice man pointed out the Green Man to me in the roof (he's gold!) and explained that he is associated with the Harvest, and the fertility of the natural world.

St Hilda's is one of our nearest neighbours, yet I had never been inside. very high Anglican, the choir was singing an antiphon as I arrived, and they sang a psalm during the service, as well as all the hymns and an anthem. The start time of 11:00am also allowed a leisurely start to the day!

The last functioning place of worship I visited was the Cathedral of St Mary, Killarney. I had been past it many times, but never ventured inside. It's worth a look. A wedding had just finished as we arrived (they were still taking photos outside), and whilst there, the organist started practising some hymns. It was wonderfully calm and peaceful after a busy day of sightseeing.

Other places of worship visited include several ruined abbeys: Lindisfarne, Kelso, Melrose, Jedburgh, Ballinskelligs, Derrynane and Mucross - the latter being the best preserved, with completely intact cloisters. Of course, these long since stopped being places of worship, but nonetheless I found them all to be spiritual as well as historic places to visit. Maybe these should be the subject of another blog post!

More than once, I was complimented on having a nice voice and encouraged to consider joining a choir. Everywhere I went I was greeted, offered coffee and biscuits afterwards, and looked after, so I wasn't left sitting on my own with no one to talk to. I realised how

small the musical word is, making new connections and remaking older connections in new contexts. I tried 'new' ways of doing things, sang 'new' hymns and worship songs, and grew to understand that we're all the same really, doing our best in ever tougher circumstances.

As with all the best holidays, it has been wonderful to get away and visit new places. It is also wonderful to be back home at St Margaret's again.

I am all too aware that my sabbatical, without the generous cooperation of others, would have simply been a leave of absence. So, to those who looked after livestreaming the Sunday and Wednesday services, and monitored the general parish email account and dealt with enquiries, thank you.

Carol P

MESSY CHURCH

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 16 in the Lady Wilton Hall, 4:00-5:30pm. Please come and join us then for lots of messy fun!

We are currently reading:

- "A Keeper" (Graham Norton)
- "The Man Who Died Twice" (Richard Osman)

We will meet to discuss them on Monday 21 October September at 2:00pm. Please tell Zandra if you plan to attend.

Longer term, we are sharing a copy of "Redeeming Love" by Francine Rivers: a retelling of the story of Gomer and Hosea, as well as "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan.

Foxhill House & Woodlands



Time is moving on so quickly and knowing how many of us plan or have events months ahead I thought I would give you a date for your 2025 diaries.

I have booked Foxhill House for the Parish Retreat on **Monday 9th June – Wednesday the 11th June 2025.**

I will probably put the list out for those who would like to come at the back of the church at the beginning of October, to give me plenty of time to organise things.

If you have never been on a retreat and would like to know more about it please ask myself, any of the Ministry team or members of the congregation many of whom have been on one.

Christine

I have booked the coach for our trip to Stockport Plaza on Saturday 26th October and I can now confirm the price per head will be £10.00 per person. I will require the full cost of the coach to be paid before the 30th September as I will be away early October until just before the Show. Many thanks

Joan Evans

HARVEST LUNCH

This year the Harvest Lunch will be on Saturday 5th October 12pm to 1.30pm. We are still keeping the cost to £6.00. Do come along and enjoy some delicious soups and Apple Pie . If anyone can make a soup then please let Joan Evans, Steph Caldwell or Judith Murphy know and what kind you wish to make. There will be our usual raffle. Hope to see lots of people on the day . Thank You.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Before we know it, it will be time for the Christmas fair, which will be on Saturday 16th November. As usual we will be asking for your help in preparing and also on the day. If you have any gifts that can be used at the fair, please bring them into Church. If you can make jams, marmalade, or chutneys please let one of the committee know. We also need clean jam jars, so please bring them in as soon as possible. One of our sell-out stalls is the Grab a Bag so we do need any gift bags you can let us have as well as items for the bags.

There will be a list in church for you to enter your name if you can help or donate. If you cannot get to Church you can contact Joan Evans, Steph Caldwell or Judith Murphy and we can arrange collection of goods.

Many thanks, Joan Evans

Wednesday Morning Service & Refreshments

It is lovely to see so many supporting our service each week and enjoying the friendship and fellowship together over a cuppa and biscuits.
Thank you all. **Zandra.**

From the Flower Arrangers



Please can all those that pay for flowers in memory of their loved one arrange payment for the year ahead, this would be very much appreciated. The cost of both reredos and columbarium flowers is £10.00 per date / person. You can contact your flower arranger direct by telephone (all names and numbers are detailed on the rotas) or you can place your payment in an envelope in the flower donation box in church, please clearly write on the following:

- Your name
- The name of your loved one
- Which flower arrangement - either reredos or columbarium
- The full date of your flowers

If you would like to take one of the vacant dates in memory of your loved one, please call Vicky Crookes on 07936548439 to discuss.
Thank you.

FOR ENQUIRES RELATING TO COLUMBARIUM AND REREDOS FLOWERS PLEASE CALL VICKY CROOKES ON 07936548439

Columbarium Rota

Date:	Paid for by:	In memory of & date:	Arranger:
Oct 13	Irene Eggerton	Norma Shaw 19th Oct	Sheila
	VACANT	**VACANT**	Johnson
Oct 27	Matt Tragen	Carol Valerie Redford 26th Oct	0161 773 1406
Nov 10	**VACANT**	**VACANT**	Joanne Hampson
	Jack Gale	Clara Gale	07392776625
Nov 24	Carol Porter	Maureen Jones 18th Nov	
	Sylvia Hickson	Brian Hickson 30th Nov	
Dec 1	Direct to Church	George Smethurst 16th Dec	Sheila
Dec 15	Vera Swallow	Gina Swallow 22nd Dec	Johnson
Dec 29	Church Donations	Christmas Church Flowers	0161 773 1406

Reredos Rota 2024

DATE	PAID FOR BY:	IN MEMORY OF & DATE:	ARRANGER
Oct 6th Oct 13th Oct 20th Oct 27th	Vicky Crookes Angela Cox Ann Booth Sheila Rimmer	Kane Crookes 7th oct Jean & Jack Mundy 19th Geoffrey Rimmer 31st	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
Nov 3rd Nov 10th Nov 17th Nov 24th	Irene Kellet church flowers Judith Hall Brenda Griffiths	Richard Kellett 1st Remembrance Sunday Roger Hall 8th Nov	Christine Taylor 0161 773 1272
December	**Advent - no flowers**		

Annual Flower Arrangements 2024

Arrangement	Date	Flower arranger	Paid for by:
Margaret Sedgwick bequest / harvest pedestal	In place for Sunday 6th October 2024	Vera swallow	Sedgwick bequest
Remembrance pedestal	In place for Sunday 10th November 2024	Vicky Crookes	Church funds

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Maggie's Music Makers

We rehearse on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm in church, and new members are welcome to join us. There is no audition process, nor is there an expectation that you read music. We sing hymns, learn anthems, and develop singing technique, all in a friendly and supportive environment. More details on the website here https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/maggies-music-makers/ and here https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/music-at-st-margarets/

If you're interested in the health benefits of regular musical activity, have a listen to Michael Mosley here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001y8fr It's just 15 minutes!

Please contact Carol P, Tom, or any member of the group if you would like to join in.



OUR DAILY BREAD OCTOBER 2024

Dear Lord, this is the month when we celebrate Harvest, so we ask your blessing on all the farms, their owners and farm workers in our Parish as well as those in the wider community. As we enjoy your rich harvest may we be truly thankful, each and every day. Amen.

1st Bountiful God, seed time has ripened into harvest; your earth has yielded fruits. Winter's cleansing cold gave way to spring's gentle warmth, and now summer's full sun has offered us autumn gifts. We savour your presence with grateful hearts. Amen.

2nd: Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.
2 Corinthians 9:10

3rd: The symbolic meaning of harvest in Scripture encompasses two main areas: God's provision for us and God's blessing for others. While we celebrate a harvest season just once a year, we experience the spirit of harvest all the time.

4th: Francis of Assisi - Lord God, you made your church rich through the poverty of blessèd Francis: help us like him not to trust in earthly things but to seek your heavenly gifts through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

5th: He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Sunday 6th: Harvest Festival
We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, and it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. Thank you God for the riot of colour – you spared no expense in your creativity.

7th: He knows, He loves, He cares, nothing this truth can dim. He gives His very best to those who leave the choice with Him.

8th: Dear Father, help us today to embrace all that You have given us in Your Son – forgiveness, hope, encouragement and power to a new life. Amen

9th: Let the Spirit of God empower you to face every challenge with style and grace.

10th: Paulinus, Bishop of York
Born in the latter part of the sixth century, probably in Italy, Paulinus was among the second group of monks sent by Pope Gregory to England to assist Augustine in his work. Paulinus built the first church in York in about the year 627 and was its first bishop.

11th: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We pray that we may share in all these.

12th: Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary
Almighty God, who called our forebears to the light of the gospel by the preaching of your servant Wilfrid: help us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance, to glorify your name by following the example of his zeal and perseverance. Amen

Sunday 13th: Dear Lord, we pray today for all those who have non-one else to pray for them. Bless them, guide them and keep them safe, today, tomorrow and always. We pray for all who are sick and need your loving arms around to know that are protected. We pray for all who mourn a loved one and need your loving care to dry their tears. **Amen**

14th: Let us all take time to appreciate God's creation above us, below us, all around us.

15th: Theresa of Avila, Teacher
"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now."

16th: The Lord delights in those who put their hope in His unfailing love. **Psalm 147:11**

17th: Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch
Ignatius was born probably in Syria in about the year 35AD and was either the second or third bishop of Antioch, the third largest city in the Roman Empire. In the face of persecution he appealed to his fellow Christians to maintain unity with their bishop at all costs. His letters reveal his passionate commitment to Christ, and how he longed 'to imitate the passion of my God'.

18th: Luke the Evangelist
Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal. Amen

19th: "Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything." **—Muhammad Ali**

Sunday 20th: On waking, let us Focus on God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and ask him to be part of our day, Walking with us every step of the way.

21st: Circle Prayer
Circle me Lord. Keep hope within, Keep fear without. Keep peace near, Keep conflict far. Lord bring healing, wholeness of heart, mind and body. Restore strength, renew hope. In your mercy Lord, deliver us.

22nd: In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28**

23rd: As we walk in the power of the Spirit transform us into the likeness of Christ, to the glory of your name. Amen **(Peregrini Prayer)**

24th: The Hunter's Moon (Farmer's Moon)
Native American tribes referred to October's Moon as the Full Hunter's Moon because time to go hunting in preparation for winter. Since the harvesters have reaped the fields, hunters can easily see the fattened deer and other animals that have come out to glean (and the foxes that have come out to prey on them).

25th Creator God we make nothing from nothing, but only from what you give us. You are the source of all good things, and on you we depend.

26th: The clocks 'fall back'
by one hour tonight. It may feel like a long time since the blue skies of summer, but this marks the end of British Summer Time. This will mean an extra hour in bed.
Alfred the Great - He gave half of his income to founding religious houses which themselves acted as Christian centres for education, care of the sick and poor and respite for travellers.

Sunday 27th: We are the clay, You are the Potter. We are all the work of Your Hands. **Isaiah 64:8** Thank you God for being our Father. Help us to be the kind of clay that Your hands can work on so that we can be more like Jesus. **Amen**

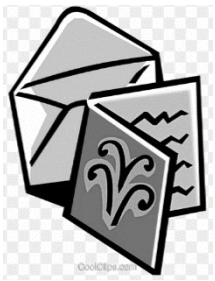
28th: Simon & Jude, Apostles
Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;

29th: But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. **1 Corinthians 15:10**

30th: O Lord since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me **Psalm 31 v3**

31st: In stillness, in chaos, in the extraordinary and the mundane, God is there, and a lifetime is not enough to explore all the different ways to respond to him. **Amen**

"In the garden, Autumn is, indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, safe perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November."
- Rose G. Kingsley, The Autumn Garden
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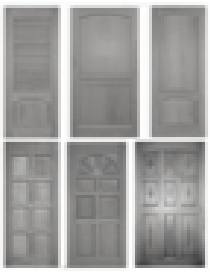
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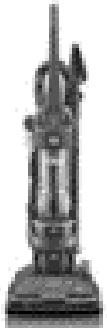
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