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

PARISH MAGAZINE

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Dear Friends,

There is always lots of excitement and energy around Christmas. You have a very special baby born, stars shining, angels singing, shepherds all over the place full of joy speaking about a baby being born. All you need is George Bailey running up and down the street screaming Merry Christmas at the top of his voice to really infuse the joy of it!

Epiphany is a bit more subdued, it's quiet and reflective time. It's about a journey, the journey of a group of men who were looking for a child. A child foretold in the stars, they didn't know what this child would be like, all they knew is that it would be very special. So, they set out on a journey to find it. I think this poem is good to help think about that journey they made all those years ago, the harsh reality of it.

Journey of the Magi by T. S. Elliott

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,

And feet kicking the empty wine-skins,
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

So during this season of epiphany, we think about the journey those wise men made to find Jesus. It very much like our own journeys in life. There are times when we are full of the Christmas spirit and the joy that comes with it. There are other times when it's difficult, it's hard and wonder how we will manage. We manage because of that little boy who was born all those years ago. We know that no matter how hard things might feel at times we are precious and loved by him and we will never be alone while on the journey to and with him.

Rev Helen

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS

We commend into God's loving care:

Erroll Logan whose funeral took place on Tuesday 10th December at St Margaret's church followed by a committal at Blackley Crematorium.

Raymond Harry Clark whose funeral took place on Friday 13th December at St Margaret's church followed by a burial in the churchyard.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2025

- Wednesday 1st January **Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**
- Sunday 5th January **Epiphany**
8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
9.15 am Silent prayer 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 7th January 2.30 pm Standing committee
- Wednesday 8th January 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee
5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
- Sunday 12th January **Baptism of Christ**
8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with Laying
on of Hands in the Baptistry area during communion
11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
7.00 pm Copy deadline for Magazine
- Tuesday 14th January 2.00 pm Rhyme Time
- Wednesday 15th January 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee
4.00 pm Messy Church
5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
- Sunday 19th January **Second Sunday of Epiphany**
8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
9.45 am Sunday Club in the church house
11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
- Tuesday 21st January 2.00 pm Rhyme Time
- Wednesday 22nd January 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee
5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
7.30 PCC in church
- Sunday 26th January **Third Sunday of Epiphany**
8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's

Tuesday 28th January 2.00 pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 29th January 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>

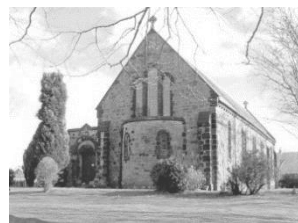
Pre-recorded services can be viewed via our blog <https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/blog/>, Facebook page, Twitter feed or Tumblr. Just search for @StMaggieP.

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

In December, we had lots of problems with the heating and flooding in the cellar. We are working on the problem but unfortunately we will eventually have to have a new boiler. Many thanks to Carol Knaggs for her continued service, going in early and turning on the heating manually.



In December we held a Community Carol Singalong, Thank you to all involved in making it a success. Besses Boys Band played and there were around 120 adults and children. It was lovely to hear so many voices in St George's. The highlight was when the children came to the front and sang Away in a Manger ending with loud applause. Refreshment was available in Lady Wilton Hall with lots of chatter. Thank you Margaret and all the ladies.

Lady Wilton Hall

The boiler has been replaced and working well, we had to turn the temperature down "TOO HOT" it shows how much gas we have been wasting

Teapot Time 1pm to 3pm

Monday 20th January 2025

If this date changes you will be notified.

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 at Teapot, Christmas Fayre and Our Festival.

MESSY CHURCH In Lady Wilton Hall

Wednesday 22nd January 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

St. George's Christmas Fayre

Thank you everybody for your support, as usual it was very busy. The hall was packed and the atmosphere was terrific when people met up and reminisced. We raised £1426 which has helped towards the cost of the new boiler. Many thanks to Father Christmas for coming to visit us. He never lets us down and all the people who helped to make it a success. Last but not least thank you to our visitors who support us continually.

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

Tom Porter, Joyce Roebuck, Rita Evans, Bob Hardy, John Porter, Harriet Knott, Barbara Taylor, Geoff Knaggs, Barbara Peeling all our church Families, our own relations and friend. If you know of anybody who should be in our prayer list please notify Carol Knaggs or Joan Knott.

Anniversaries of our loved ones

1st-11th January William Bradley, Annie Hardy and John Woodcock

12th-20th “ Ronald Smith, Kenneth Partington, Nancy Hall and Sydney Rosenfield.

21st -31st “ Glyn Lloyd, Stansfield, William Gorman and Revd. Irene Lilian Smith.

1st - 8th February Roy King, Lois Kirby, Sydney Barnett and Frank Gorman.

May we always remember them and may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

The flowers at Christmas were beautiful. Thank you Carol and for the congregation's donations.

The flower list will be out the beginning of January, please check it for your planned dates.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

5th January Mrs Woodcock

John C. Woodcock

12th “

19th “

Lois Kirby, Vera Holt and Roy King

26th “

2nd February Mrs. Woodcock

John Peter Woodcock

9th “

16th “ Mr & Mrs Duckworth

Family

Joan and Carol.

October PCC Meeting

The PCC approved the resolution that money from the graveyard fund could be used to supplement the cost of the roof repairs at St Margaret's. The contractors have been working hard to conclude the job and also the inside plastering. The guttering will be replaced as soon as possible, the Faculty has been approved. The problems with the alarms in the Church and the hall have been sorted. with a new circuit board needed for the Church.

A new boiler has been fitted at the Community Centre and the lights have been replaced with LED bulbs.

St George's The cellar door needs replacing and repairs are needed on the baptistry roof. The central heating in the church is not working and there is difficulty in finding the parts required to repair it. Services will be held in the Lady Wilton Hall until the boiler is repaired. A discussion followed regarding the problems with the boiler house and it was decided that the architect should be asked to investigate possibilities. The memorial stones have been laid and we will look at the possibility of a path to make it safer.

There have been some problems with the boiler in the hall but it is working at the moment. Quotes have been obtained for repairs to the flat roof at the hall and the PCC approved one of the quotes,

Trustees The PCC members are all trustees for all the buildings. DBS checks are needed for all PCC members and must be updated at every APCM. There will be a confidential filing cabinet kept in a secure place with only Jaqui Jackson and Rev. Steve having access to the files.

Rev. Sue had obtained costing for a new printer and after a lengthy discussion the PCC approved one of the quotes.

Rev. Steve advised that he has the ultimate decision regarding any services. The meeting concluded with the Grace.

The first PCC meeting of 2025 will be on Wednesday 22nd January 7.30pm in church.

Joan Evans
PCC Secretary

The Owl – Toby Young (b. 1990), text by Jennifer Thorpe (b. 1988)

Musicians planning repertoire for their ensembles are usually considerably ahead of the calendar. It was no surprise then that all the students on a conducting training weekend in June 2024 were set Christmas carols from a new publication, “Carols for Choirs 6”. We learned some fabulous new Christmas music that weekend, and most students programmed these carols for their choirs this Christmas – including Notability, the Whitefield choir that I practiced with ahead of the course.

My set piece was “The Owl”, by Toby Young and Jennifer Thorpe. At first look, it’s a secular winter carol. Thorpe said in an interview:

In many traditional yuletide carols and poems, a balance is posed between a dark, wild winter world and the intimate golden safety of human celebration. Pagan roots run deep here – particularly when it comes to the passing of the year – and festivals reflect that connection to darkness, with fires, feasts and revels that glow brightest through long nights. The owl, which embodies untamed wilderness and hunts under the yellow December moon, is an emblem of that delicious tie that exists between the carols sung indoors by candlelight and the bleak, beautiful midwinter beyond. Freya Parr, BBC Music Magazine, 2017

However, meaning is the prerogative of the reader, not the writer, and I see clear links with the Christian Christmas story. The chorus references the star (comet) that marked the place of our saviour’s birth, and wingbeats that rise in chorus could just as easily be the heavenly host proclaiming to the shepherds on the dark winter hillsides. There is the “sweet and solid winter dark” (In the Bleak Midwinter), the silence of the sleeping world is reminiscent of “O Little Town of Bethlehem”, and the ‘ring of gold’ could easily be to do with the wise men (kings or magi) that bring precious gifts for the baby. For me, the un-resting guardian of peace” is more about the Prince of Peace than an owl in flight. The text is:

Verse 1	Out in the sweet and solid winter dark The owl is hunting on a silver wing. It skims above a world fallen asleep, And knows the many secrets of the wind.
Verse 2	Within we have our comfort and our rest, We nod engulfed in richness at the heart. The owl overhead is sleepless still, It watches the waking of the earth.
Chorus	Under this soaring heaven here is the glory written, Fleet as a comet falling through the sky. All through the silver stillness wing beats will rise in chorus. Owl of the midnight forest, silent king.
Verse 3	Praise for the ring of gold that rounds the year. Praise for the Christmastide and what it keeps. Praise for the owl beneath the stars, Un-resting guardian of peace.
Chorus	Under this soaring heaven here is the glory written, Fleet as a comet falling through the sky. All through the silver stillness wing beats will rise in chorus. Owl of the midnight forest, silent king. Soaring!

The composer's performance notes include this advice:

Rhythmically, this carol is full of hemiolas and cross-rhythms, which should be used to bring out the dance-like quality of certain phrases, particularly the unexpected and funky cross-rhythms. In general, care should be made to make these moments of ambiguity between $\frac{6}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ feel as natural as possible.

At the chorus, there should be a new injection of energy – imagine the owl taking flight and soaring! – with a new sense of excitement in the melody, and lots of consonants to make the accented notes really explode. The dynamics should really push the music forward, using the forte words ('under', 'heaven', etc) to create as much drama and propulsion as you can. Be careful to save enough breath for the big crescendos to make them as majestic as they can be.

I have written about the similarities and differences between $\frac{6}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time before. Essentially the 6 notes in each bar could be grouped either into two groups of three, or three groups of two – 1 2 3 4 5 6 or 1 2 3 4 5 6. In this piece, both are going on at the same time, in different voice parts. This presented me with the crucial decision of how to beat

time – in two or three. In the end I honoured the composer’s intentional ambiguity and beat it in one: 1 2 3 4 5 6.

You can hear Apollo5 singing this lovely carol here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-nzYU6ZQ7Y>

Carol P



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>



MESSY CHURCH

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 January in the Lady Wilton Hall, 4:00-5:30pm. Please come and join us then for lots of messy fun!

We are currently reading:



- The Midnight Library (Matt Haig)
- Out of Africa (Karen Blixen)
- The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo)Taylor Jenkins Reid

We will meet to discuss them at Zandra’s house on Monday 20 January 2025 at 2:00pm. Please tell Zandra if you plan to attend.

Longer term, we are continuing to share 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

Our parish retreat to Foxhill House is on **Monday 9th June – Wednesday the 11th June 2025**. Please tell me if you're interested in attending.

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



January meeting.

This will be a lunch time meal on either Wednesday 22nd or 29th at the Swan & Cemetery (whichever date is best for the venue). I do not have a menu or a list of the prices at the moment, but it will be similar to last year's, plus the increase of today's prices. Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to go ahead. As soon as I have the menu and prices I will let everyone know. Watch out for the information on the newsletters. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

February Meeting . Is on the 20th This will be a talk by Rev. Helen about her recent trip to Lahore, so please keep the date free .

Joan E

From the Flower Arrangers

Thank you from the Flower Arrangers

Thank you to all those who kindly gave donations towards the cost of the Christmas Flowers. It has been our pleasure to arrange the Christmas flowers on your behalf. Without your kind donations we would not be able to provide such beautiful arrangements. Also many thanks to all the flower arrangers who have given their time to provide the lovely displays.



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
Jan 7th	Sandra Lewis	Gwyn Lewis 7th Jan	Barbara Ashurst 0161 798 6198
	Vera Swallow	John Swallow 16th Jan	
Jan 21st	Joan Evans	Harry Evans 22nd Jan	
	Direct to church	Betty Smethurst 25th Jan	
	Anne Orrell	Michael Orrell 27th Jan	
	Direct to church	Irene Smethurst 28th Jan	
Feb 4th	Barbara Dutton	Ernest Francis 2nd	Christine Taylor 0161 773 1272
	The McConvilles	Shirley Wellavize 6th	
Feb 18th	Vera Swallow	Neil Swallow 19th	
	Sheila Rimmer	Geoffrey Robert Rimmer 21st	
March 3rd	The McConvilles	Alan Collison 7th March	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
	June Thompson	Norman Wright 19th March	
March 17th	The Bland Family	Jean Bland 24th March	
	Carol Porter	Gladys Moffatt 30th March	
March 31st	Irene Eggerton	Barbara Shaw 6th April	
April 14th	CHURCH FUNDS VACANT	EASTER FLOWERS VACANT	Vera Swallow 0161 798 6561
April 28th	June Thompson	Muriel Wright 30th April	
	Gwen Robinson	Jeremy Plummer 29 th April	
		William Robinson 2nd May	
May 12th	Joan Evans	Don Young 3rd May	Barbara Ashurst 0161 798 6198
	Joan Evans	Maud Riley 10th May	
May 26th	Sheila & Jack Gale	Clara Gale (2nd)	
	Yvonne Naylor	Yvonne & John Keenan	

Date:	Paid for by:	In memory of & date	Arranger
June 9th June 23rd	Margaret Nolan Hedley Cox Carol Porter VACANT	Raymond Grayshon Angela Cox 20th June Barbara Porter 21st June VACANT	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
July 7th July 21st	The McConvilles Anne Orrell The McConvilles Christine Taylor	Irene McConville 5th July Michael Orrell 17th July John Wellavize Lilian Dean	Christine Taylor 0161 773 1272
Aug 4th Aug 18th	Joan Evans The McConvilles Mrs Brunswick Jean Johnson Michael Gerrard	John Riley 2nd Aug Ted McConville 14th Aug Florence Brunswick 15th Aug Arthur Johnson & Mandy Bourne Nora Gerrard 23rd Aug	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
Sept 1st Sept 15th Sept 29th	Barbara Sheppard Dutton Family VACANT Sue Hunsley	Herbert Bland 4th Sept Ellen Francis 4th Sept VACANT Ian Hunsley 29th Sept	Vera Swallow 0161 798 6561
Oct 13th Oct 27th	Irene Eggerton Margaret Nolan Matt Tragen VACANT	Norma Shaw 19th October Raymond Grayshon 20th Oct Carol Valerie Redford 26th Oct VACANT	Sheila Johnson 0161 773 1406
Nov 10th Nov 24th	VACANT Carol Porter Sheila & Jack Gale Sylvia Hickson	VACANT Maureen Jones 18th Nov Wilfred Gale 23rd Nov Brian Hickson 30th Nov	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
Dec 1st Dec 15th Dec 29th	Direct to Church Vera Swallow Church Donations	George Smethurst 16th Dec Gina Swallow 22nd Dec Christmas Church Flowers	Sheila Johnson 0161 773 1406

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Reredos Rota 2025

Date	Paid for by:	In memory of & date:	Arranger
Jan 7th Jan 14th Jan 21st Jan 28th	Gillian McConville Joan Evans Zandra Lewis Vera Swallow	Collison family Millie Meeley 29th Gwyn Lewis 31st Neil Swallow 19th (Feb)	Sheila Johnson 0161 773 1406
Feb 4th Feb 11th Feb 18th Feb 25th	Sheila & Jack Gale Direct to church Lent Lent	Wilfred Gale (20th) George Smethurst no flowers no flowers	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
MARCH	Lent - no flowers		
April 7th & April 14th April 21st April 28th	Church donations Church donations Pat Waghorn Anita Rowe	Easter church flowers Easter church flowers Elizabeth & John White 23rd Kenneth & Rosemary Whitely	Joanne Hampson 07392776625
May 5th May 12th May 19th May 26th	Jean Johnson Irene Kellett Joan Knight Vicky Crookes	? Ada & Jim Owens 19th Alan Knight 18th Kane Crookes 25th	Christine Taylor 0161 773 1272
June 2nd June 9th June 16th June 23rd June 30th	Vacant Zandra Lewis Ron Mitchell McConville's Pat Waghorn	Vacant Irene Macrae 7th June Doreen Mitchell Sunday School Anniversary Shaun Waghorn 1st July	Vera Swallow 0161 798 6561
July 7th July 14th July 21st July 28th	Ann Orrell Gwen Robinson Joan Evans Sheila Johnson	Michael Orrell 17th ? Harry Evans Norman Johnson 31st	Barbara Ashurst 0161 798 6198
Aug 4th Aug 11th Aug 18th Aug 25th	Yvonne Naylor Yvonne Naylor Sheila Johnson Barbara Shepperd Sue Hunsley	Joan & Brian Lane David Naylor John Gamble 21st The Bland family 31st Ian Hunsley	Sheila Johnson 0161 773 1406

Date	Paid for by:	In memory of & date:	Arranger
Sept 1st Sept 8th Sept 15th Sept 22nd Sept 29th	Carol Olive Viv Jones Watson family Gillian McConville Sue Hunsley	Simpson family 14th Edna & Eric Case 8th & 10th Betty Watson 21st McConville family Ian Hunsley	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
Oct 6th Oct 13th Oct 20th Oct 27th	Vicky Crookes Hedley Cox Ann Booth Sheila Rimmer	Kane Crookes 7th oct Gilford & Eveline Preston Jean & Jack Mundy 19th Geoffrey Rimmer 31st	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
Nov 3rd Nov 10th Nov 17th Nov 24th	Irene Kellett church flowers Judith Hall Brenda Griffiths	Richard Kellett 1st Remembrance Sunday Roger Hall 8th Nov	Christine Taylor 0161 773 1272
December	Advent - no flowers		

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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 JANUARY 2025



New year's come and new year's go, Pieces of time all in a row. As we live our life, each second and minute, we know we're privileged to have you in it. Our appreciation never ends. For our greatest blessings: our family and friends. Happy New Year! By Joanna Fuchs

1st: *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

God gives us the seasons of our lives. Lord God, You lead me through the seasons, and whether I'm laughing or crying I know You are with me, guarding and strengthening me. Amen.

2nd: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God, and you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

3rd: Your gifts are beyond compare.... And with God, your dreams are always within reach.

4th: O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. My Saviour God, how great thou art!

Sunday 5th: Epiphany GOLD FRANKINSENCE MYRRH

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star.



6th: Lord, we invite you into our midst. Bless all who are praying with us today in every corner of the world. Amen

7th: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

8th: In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, Long, long ago.

9th: When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of

them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. **Acts 8:14-17**

10th: It is God who can make each day a blessing, because every lasting joy finds its source in Him. *My people will receive a double portion And everlasting joy will be theirs.* **Isaiah 61:7.**

11th: *Worry has the capability of ruining a perfectly good day!* Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? **Matt 6:25**

Sunday 12th: The good shall never lose God's blessings **Proverbs 10:30**

13th: God before me, God behind me, God below me, God be to my right, God be to my left. May God be all around me. **Amen**

14th: "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant." - **Anne Bradstreet**

15th: When the Holy Spirit controls our lives He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control -**Galatians 5:22,23**

16th: As a young man marries a young woman, so will your builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you. **Isaiah 62:5**

17th: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. For all eternity, God's love endures forever.

18th: Life is all about loving God and loving others- it really is as simple as that.

Sunday 19th: Make your life like a garden full of daises; Bright and happy to be basking in the Lord's care.

20th: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. **Psalms 119:105**

21st: Moods have a way of swinging just when you need them to hold still- and there's one word for that: **PRAY.**

22nd: I will meditate about Your glory, splendour, majesty and miracles. **Psalms 145:5**

23rd: The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. **Luke 4:18-19**

24th: "Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream." - **Barbara Winkler**

25th: Conversion of Paul

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 for ever.

Sunday 26th: Timothy & Titus

On the day following the Conversion of St Paul, the Church remembers his two companions, 'partners and fellow-workers in God's service'. Timothy, we are told, had a Jewish mother and a Greek father, whilst Titus was wholly Greek. It was because of Titus that Paul stood out against compulsory circumcision but, to avoid suspicion from other Jews, Timothy was circumcised. They are honoured in the Church for their devotion and faithfulness to the gospel.

27th:

God, be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of your countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **Let the peoples praise you. Psalm 67**

28th: Thomas Aquinas

God of truth, whose Wisdom set her table and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine of the kingdom: help us to lay aside all foolishness and to live and walk in the way of insight, that we may come with your servant Thomas Aquinas to the eternal feast of heaven.

29th: We will receive from Him whatever we ask because we obey Him and do the things that please Him. **1 John 3:22**

Sunday 30th:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12.

With God's Holy Spirit guiding our every step, we'll never walk in darkness. His light always shines bright.

31st: Let your light shine bright, dear God, in every corner of my life. Amen

Blessing:

You are the peace of all things calm; You are the place to hide from harm.

You are the light that shines in the dark; You are the heart's eternal spark.

You are the door that's open wide; You are the guest who waits inside.

You are the stranger at the door; You are the calling of the poor.

You are my Lord and with me still; You are my love, keep me from ill.

You are the light, the truth, the way; You are my Saviour this very day. Amen

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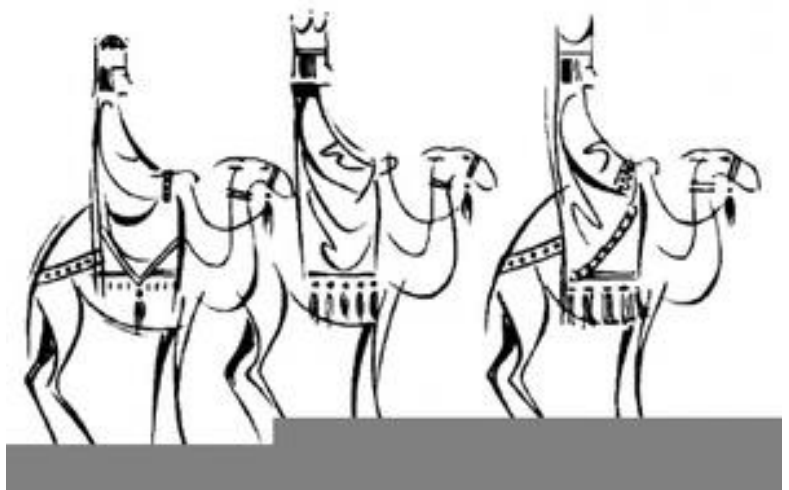
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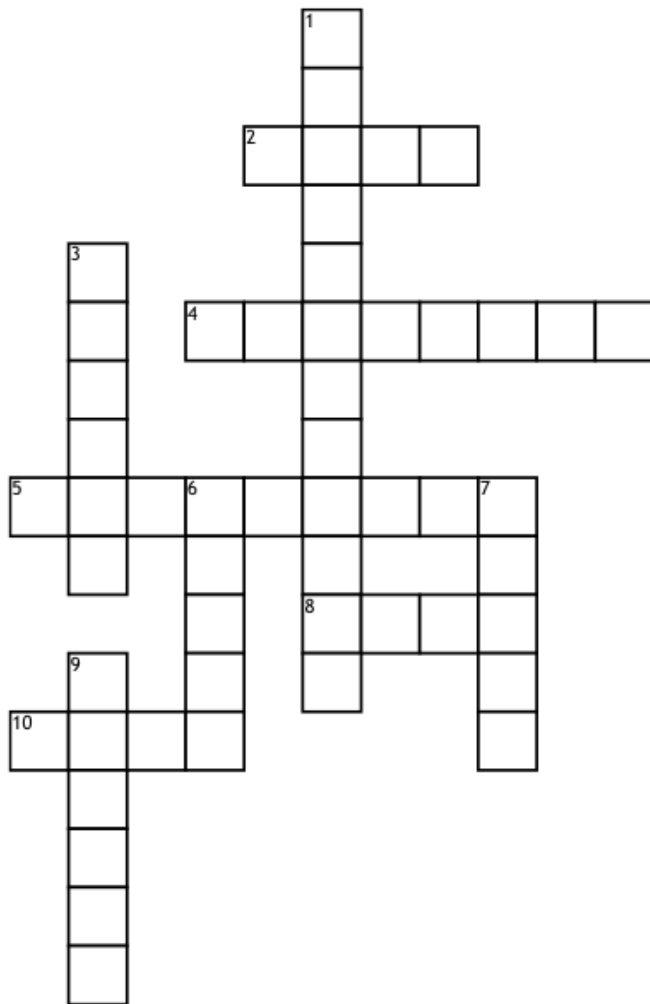
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Epiphany



Across

2. The gift of the
4. The 12th day of Christmas celebrating the visit of the 3 kings to the Holy Family.
5. What little town was baby Jesus born?
8. What was in the sky that led the wise men and shepherds to where baby Jesus was?
10. The shiniest gift of the 3 from the wise men given to Jesus.

Down

1. Aromatic gum resin. (One of the 3 gifts of the wise men.)
3. Because there was no room in the Inn, where did Mary and Joseph go to give birth to Jesus?
6. The jealous king who ordered all first born sons to be killed when Jesus was born.
7. Oil from a small spiny tree used for incense and perfume. (One of the gifts from the wise men)
9. Wise men came to baby to Jesus to pay him

Epiphany Word Search



FIRST MIRACLE	REVELATION	MELCHIOR
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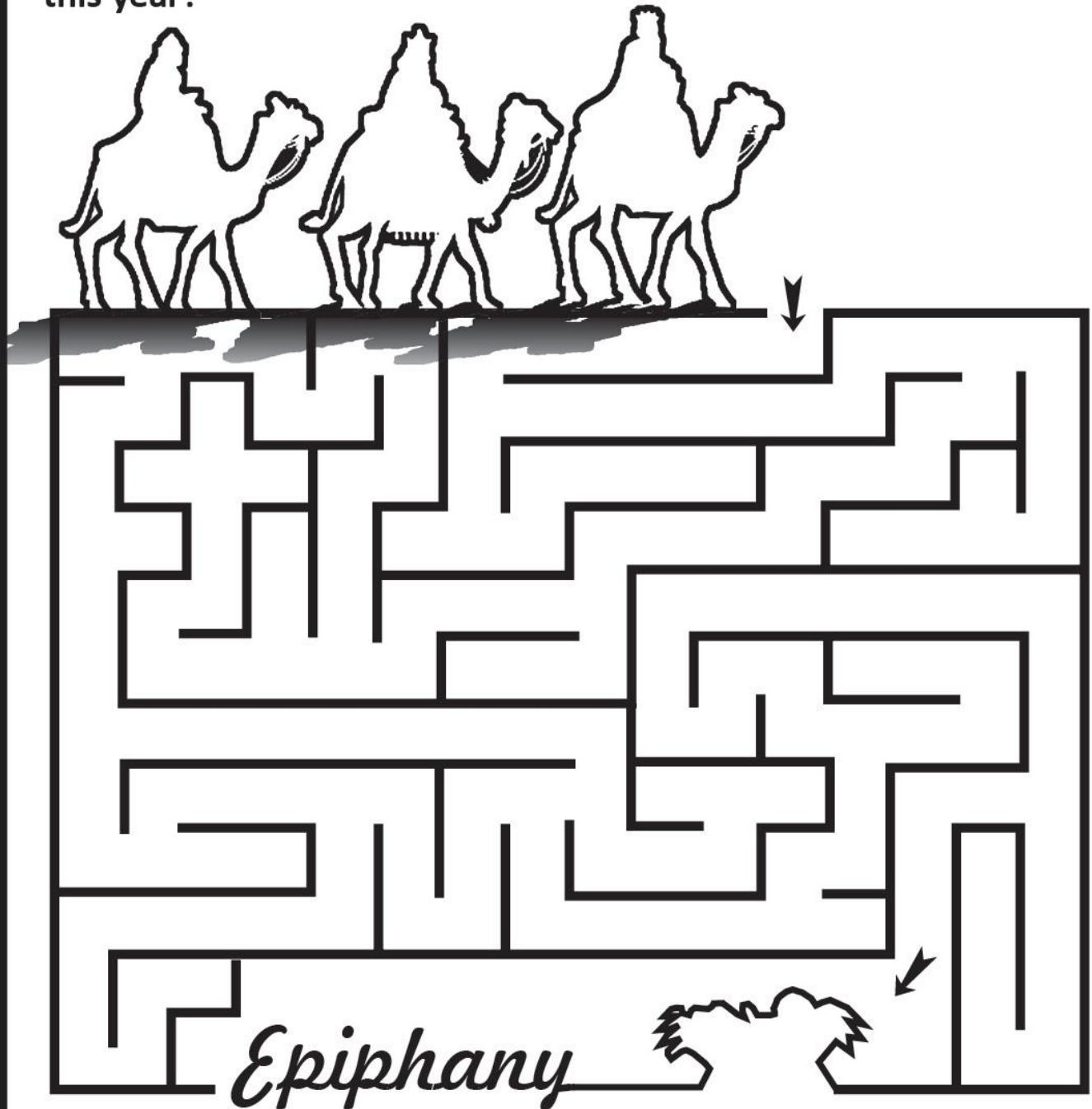
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Novice



Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**



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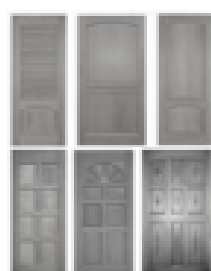
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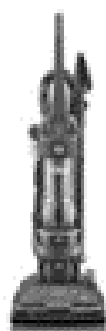
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