



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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



Sunday 10th August – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from The Book of Genesis C Pieroni

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. **15.1-6**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews A Iles

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. **11.1-3, 8-16**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.' **12.32-40**

Welcome to St Margaret's & St George's . Postcards with service times and clergy contact details are available at the back of the church. Take one for yourself or for a friend.

HYMNS Intro 19 - All My Hope On God is Founded Grad 25- All Things Bright & Beautiful

Off 411- Living Lord

Comm 374- Just As I Am

Rec 409 - Lord For The Years

Events Happening This Week

Wednesday 13th August 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee

Saturday 16th August 3.00 pm Wedding in St Margaret's

Sunday 17th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity
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 with Sunday Club
11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's

The Sick: Jill Dodge, Sue Goergen, Olga Henry, Ruby Hewitt, Charlie Heywood, Martin Ingley, Joan Knott, Iain Marshall, Michael Richards, Gail Tyldesley.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness : Celia Barnett, Becky, Michael Chadwick, Ros Cope, Audrey Dalton, Philip Dawson, Rev Hilary, Hilda Hyde, Brian Jones, Robert Lyne, Ella McConville, Archdeacon Rachel Mann, Peter North, Peter Owen, Rev Pauline, Mary Simmons, Pierce Smeaton, Rev Keith Trivasse, Brian Wareham.

Recently Departed: Marilyn Gregory, Joan Knight, Inger McDougal, Susan Sumara

Anniversaries of Death: Derek Buckley, Ted McConville, Derek Todd, Friederike Waddington.

Columbarium Flowers: Ted McConville Aug 14th, Florence Brundrett Aug 15th.

NOTICES:

Joan Knight's Funeral: will take place at St Margaret's Church on Monday 18th August at 12pm.

Christmas Fair: there is a list at the back of Church for helping in this years Christmas Fair (if you are interested). To be held on Saturday 15th November. Please sign & indicate if you will run a stall. Many Thanks

Stations of The Cross: A discussion will take place over the next 4 weeks regarding the Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's. There is a form at the back of the Church for you to indicate your preference. Please complete and return. Thank you.

Advance notice: The Parish retreat to **Foxhill House and Woodlands** next year will be from **Wednesday 23rd Friday to 25th September, 2026** - for everyone who likes to plan early. Best wishes Rev. Christine.

Porch Boxes: St Margaret's Church will be open between 9.30 and 11am on Thursdays for Donations. **Many thanks.**

All Notices for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to David McConville no later than Tuesday please send to: wardendm@stmargaretsprestwich.com



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