



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 24th August – St Bartholomew



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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. **Amen**

A reading from the book of Acts

Pat Waghorn

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. 5.12–16

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Joan Evans

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. **4.9–15**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **22.24–30**

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

Introit	88	Brother, sister, let me serve you
Gradual	590	Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Offertory	411	Lord, Jesus Christ
Communion	297	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Recessional	77	Blest are the pure in heart

Events Happening This Week

Wednesday 27th August 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee

Sunday 31st August The Eleventh 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

Please pray for: -

The Sick: Jill Dodge, Sue Goergen, Olga Henry, Ruby Hewitt, Charlie Heywood, Hilda Hyde, Joan Knott, Iain Marshall, Mike Richards, Gail Tyldesley

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

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

Anniversaries of Death: Edith Alston, Barrie Hilton, Majorie Lucas, Charles Tinker.

Columbarium Flowers: Nora Gerrard Aug 23rd.

NOTICES:

This year's **MacMillan Coffee Morning** will take place on **Saturday 27th September** between 10.30 am and 12 noon in Church House. Enjoy homemade cake with a cup of coffee. Please come along and support the valuable work the MacMillan Cancer Charity does. Many thanks and further info Gillian McConville.

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 25th September, **2026** - for everyone who likes to plan early. Best wishes Rev. Christine.

Christmas Fair: There will be a short meeting in Church House after the service on Sunday, 7th September. If you can help in any way, please come along. There is also a list at the back of church for you to indicate if you are willing to run a stall and what that stall will be. Thank you

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

All **notices** for next week's Service Sheet to be sent to **Rev Sue** no later than Tuesday. please send to: revsue@stmargaretsprestwich.com



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