



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 7th September – Creationtide (Ocean Sunday)



Collect

God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mysteries of the ocean depths, we celebrate the wondrous design of the seas that surround us. Help us to discern how we have polluted our oceans and to empathise with the groaning of creation beneath us. Teach us to sense the presence of God in the tides and currents of the surging seas. Teach us to care for the oceans and all our waterways. In the name of the Wisdom of God, the creative force that designs and governs all creation. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Job

Simon Cannon

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"? 'Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment. Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken. 'Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. **38:1-18**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. **5:1-11**

HYMNS

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| Introit | 163 | Father, Lord of all creation | Communion | 817 | Have you heard the raindrops |
| Gradual | 450 | Morning has broken | Recessional | 662 | There's a wideness in God's |
| Offertory | 153 | Eternal Father, strong to save | | | mercy |

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.

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 **David McConville** no later than Tuesday. please send to: wardendm@stmargaretsprestwich.com

Events Happening This Week

Tuesday 9th September 2.00 pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 10th September 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee
5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers

Sunday 14th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Fauna Sunday)
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 Laying on of
Hands in the Baptistry area during Communion
11.15 am Holy Communion at St George's

Please pray for: -

The Sick: Jill Dodge, Sue Goergen, Olga Henry, Ruby Hewitt, 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, Charlie Heywood, 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: Jean Stansfield

Anniversaries of Death: Kate Monkman, Joan Moore.

Columbarium Flowers:

NOTICES:

Very many thanks to **Laurel** and **David** for their service as churchwardens, which came to an end on August 31st. When they first agreed to take on the role, they couldn't have foreseen the hard times that lay ahead, but they rose to the challenge with dedication and faithfulness. As well as thanking them on behalf of us all, I would like to express my personal gratitude for all the support they have given me, especially during the interregnum. Rev Sue.

I wanted to share with you that I will be going on **placement** at the beginning of October until Candlemas with the Shaw & Crompton Mission Community in Oldham. I'll be doing three days in Prestwich and three days in Oldham a week with alternate Sundays so you will still see me around just not quite as much over the next few months. **Rev Helen.**

Heritage Open Day will be on **Saturday, September 13th** when St Margaret's church will be open to visitors from 10.00 to 4.00. Please let Rev Helen know if you can spare an hour (or more) to greet visitors and make tea and coffee.

We have been asked to host **Deanery Synod** at 7.30 pm on **Thursday, September 18th** and **Deanery Chapter** at 10.00 am. on **Thursday, September 25th**. Please let us know if you can help with refreshments on either occasion.

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 information. Gillian McConville.

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.



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