



The Parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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



Sunday 23rd November – The Sunday Next Before Advent

(Christ The King)

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 the Prophet Jeremiah Nadia Malahi

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' **23.1-6**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians Zandra Lewis

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. **1.11-20**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' **23.33-43**

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 572 - Praise To The Holiest in The Heights Grad 448 - Meekness & Majesty

Off 683 - Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne Comm 931 - Jesus, Remember Me

Rec 219 - God is Our Strength & Refuge

Events Happening This Week

Tuesday 25th November 2.00pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 26th November 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee
5.30pm Maggie Music Makers (St M'gs)
7.30pm PCC in Church (St M'gs)

Sunday 30th November Advent 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

The Sick: Jill Dodge, Brian & Barbara Faulder, Sue Goergen, Rev Christine, Ruby Hewitt, Alan & Michaela Jones, Joan Knott, Iain Marshall, Andrew Olive, Barbara Southworth, Gail Tyldesley, Florence Webb.
Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness : Celia Barnett, Becky, Michael Chadwick, Ros Cope, Audrey Dalton, Philip Dawson, Charlie Heywood, Hilda Hyde, Brian Jones, Robert Lyne, Ella McConville, Peter North, Peter Owen, Rev Pauline, Pierce Smeaton, Rev Keith Trivasse, Brian Wareham, Alice White.

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries of Death: Irene Baxter, Hayley Green, Clarice O'Connor, Wilfred Gale.

Columbarium Flowers: Wilfred Gale Nov 23rd.

NOTICES:

CHRISTMAS FAIR: We have raised so far **£2395.65**. Thank you to all who came, donated, helped with the stalls or counted the money. The Cafe and Kitchen deserve a particular mention. They were very busy and worked extremely hard preparing, serving and washing up. Thank You. MDN

Knitted Angels: Any knitters please could you let us have your angels by Sunday 30th November. We're going to get the Angel's ready to send to the knitted angels to the school on Wednesday 3rd December. Thank you Revd Helen.

Our Parish Choir: is busy rehearsing to take part in a Carol Service recording for BBC Radio 4 Daily Service at Manchester Cathedral. If you would like to be in the congregation, please click here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/daily-service-carol-concert-05dec25> There will be contributions from the Bishop of Manchester, The Daily Service Singers, Warehouse Worship, the BBC Young Choristers, and of course our choir. The service will be broadcast on 4Extra and Radio Manchester between 22-26 December. Thanks, Carol P

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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