



The parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 7th December – Second Sunday of Advent (Christingle)



Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Peter North

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. **11.1–10**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' **3:1-12**

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.

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

HYMNS

Introit	W108	Christingle song
Gradual	W85	Our God reigns
Offertory	W92	Round orange
Communion	901	This little light of mine
Recessional	419	Shine, Jesus, shine

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

Events Happening This Week

Tuesday 9th December 2.00 pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 10th December **10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee**
11.15 am Advent course in the vicarage.
4.00 pm Messy Church
5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers

Sunday 14th December **Third Sunday of Advent**

8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with the Laying on of hands
11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (St Margaret's)
7.00 pm Copy deadline for the magazine

Please pray for: -

The Sick: Jill Dodge, Brian and Barbara Faulder, Sue Goergen, Ruby Hewitt, Alan and Michaela Jones, Joan Knott, Iain Marshall, David Porter, Barbara Southworth, Gail Tyldesley, Florence Webb.

Ongoing Prayers for Healing & Wholeness: Celia Barnett, Becky, Mike Chadwick, Ros Cope, Audrey Dalton, Philip Dawson, Rev Christine, Charlie Heywood, Hilda Hyde, Brian Jones, Robert Lyne, Ella McConville, Peter North, Andrew Olive, Peter Owen, Rev Pauline, Mike Richards, Pierce Smeaton, Rev Keith Trivasse, Brian Wareham, Alice White.

Recently Departed: Elizabeth Peckitt

Anniversaries of Death: Richard Buckley, Bessie Cox, Sylvia Dawson, Tim Pimblott.

Columbarium Flowers:

NOTICES:

Our Annual **Digital Advent Calendar** began back in December 2020, and it's back now for its 6th year! If you have any bible readings, poems, short stories or prayers that you would like included, please make a video recording of yourself reading it, and WhatsApp it to Carol P. If the technology seems a bit daunting, help is available! The theme this year is **angels**. Thank you.

Last Sunday Carol and members of the choir were **interviewed** to publicise the recording of the carol service to be broadcast at Christmas. You can listen on **BBC Sounds** Simone Riley show November 23rd 70 minutes in, or contact Rev Sue for a link. The clip is less than 5 minutes – if you don't have access to digital technology ask someone who does to play it to you!

If you have put your name down to go to **Stockport Plaza** the ticket money must be paid by 14th December at the latest. It has to be sent off before Christmas. I will be organising a coach but at the moment I haven't got the exact costs. Joan.

This year's **Advent Course** will be on **Wednesdays at 11.15** on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th in the vicarage. We will be using the book **Listening to the Music of the Soul** by Guli Francis-Dehqani. Let Rev Sue know if you have any difficulty obtaining a copy.

Please do not **park** so that you are blocking the **vicarage drive** at any time. Rev Helen may need to get her car out in an emergency.

Magazines are on sale and all distributors please take their copies. Thank you. Joan Evans.

Final total for **St George's Christmas Fair** is **£1,200**.



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