



The parish of St Margaret, Holyrood, Prestwich

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

Sunday 11th January – The Baptism of Christ



Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 the Prophet Isaiah

Simon Cannon

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. **42.1-9**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Andrew Ginn

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' **10.34-43**

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased. **3.13-end**

HYMNS

Introit	154	Eternal Ruler
Gradual	506	O let the Son of God enfold you
Offertory	552	O worship the Lord
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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.

Events Happening This Week

Tuesday 13 th January	2.00pm Rhyme Time
Wednesday 14th January	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
Sunday 18th January	The Second Sunday of Epiphany 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.15 am Silent Prayer 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with Sunday Club 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's 7.00 pm Magazine Deadline

Please pray for: -

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

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

Recently Departed: Sheila Dunn

Anniversaries of Death: Marie Brook, Mike Richards, John Swallow, Susan Kilpatrick, Pamela Whitfield, Stephen Woodward.

Columbarium Flowers: John Swallow Jan 16th.

NOTICES:

Candlemas: Candles to sponsor in memory of a loved one are available at the back of the Church. The candles will be blessed at the service on Sunday 1st February.

I have recently been given some old **knitting patterns** if anyone would like some please take them . They are in a box at the back of the church near the columbarium. Joan

The first **magazine** of the year are on sale now. Still priced at 60p a copy. Distributors, please take your copies and the payment for the 12 months is £7.20. Thank You.

We have received an **enquiry** about **hiring the hall** for a party on Sunday 8th February. As I will be away on holiday, the booking can only go ahead if we can find someone to **help** on the day.

This would involve: Opening the hall at 1:30 pm. Closing and locking up at 4:30 pm. Taking payment for the party. Checking that all equipment used has been put away. Ensuring the hall is left clean and tidy. Checking toilets and doors, and making sure all lights are switched off before locking up. If you are able to do this, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. Otherwise, we will unfortunately have to decline the booking. Joan.

Christingle at St George's raised £42.28. Thank you to everyone.

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



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