



## Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

**Lynda Horridge**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God. 'And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. 'Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.' **49.1-7**

## A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

**Nadia Malahi**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **1.1-9**

## Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter). **1.29-42**

## HYMNS

<b>Introit</b>	<b>16</b>	All hail the power of Jesus name	<b>Communion</b>	<b>658</b>	There is a redeemer
<b>Gradual</b>	<b>374</b>	Just as I am	<b>Recessional</b>	<b>54</b>	At the name of Jesus
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>12</b>	Alleluia sing to Jesus			

## 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: The week of prayer for Christian unity

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	2.00 pm Rhyme Time 2.30 pm Standing Committee
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee</b> 4.00 pm Messy Church 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>The Conversion of St Paul</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with Sunday Club 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's 3.00 pm Churches together service at St Paul's, Moor Lane

## 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, Robert Lyne, Ella McConville, Peter North, Peter Owen, Rev Pauline, Pierce Smeaton, Barbara Southworth, Rev Keith Trivasse, Brian Wareham.

## Recently Departed:

Brian Jones

**Anniversaries of Death:** Gladys Burton, Brian Clift, Graham Cooper, Maureen Mezger, Frank Moran, Andrew Young.

**Columbarium Flowers:** Harry Evans Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> February.

We still need a volunteer to **open and close the hall** for a party on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February** at 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm, to take the money and check the hall after use. If you can help, please see Joan as soon as possible. If no one volunteers we will lose the booking.

There will be a Churches Together Service on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January, at 3.00 pm**, in St Paul's Church. The speaker will be Rev David Cooper, the Rector of St Mary's, and leader of the Mission Community.

The **standing committee** will meet at the vicarage at **2.30 pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan**. The next **PCC** meeting is on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** 7.30 pm in church. For either meeting please let Joan know as soon as possible if you cannot attend.

**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](mailto:wardendm@stmargaretsprestwich.com)



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