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SERVICES AT ST MARGARET'S

SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 9.45am Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments Evening Service - As announced
WEDNESDAY	10.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments
HOLY DAYS	Holy Communion - As Announced

See the magazine calendar for the full list of services for the month
(Home communions by arrangement with clergy)

SUNDAY CLUB

Our children's Sunday Club meets in term-time in church for a service of all-age worship at 9:45am on the first Sunday of the month, and in the church house from 9:45am to 11.00am on the third Sunday of the month. All children aged 3 and over are welcome. Co-ordinator Mrs. G.M. McConville <https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/sunday-school/> or SundayClub@stmargaretsprestwich.com

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Dear friends,

The seasons of our churches walk in step with the seasons of the natural world. Christmas comes just after the shortest day of the year, and Easter follows the spring equinox (when day and night are both exactly 12 hours), its date shaped by the cycle of the full moon.

March brings the first signs of spring, even though winter sometimes returns for a while. Daffodils bloom in their cheerful abundance, we begin to leave our thickest jumpers behind, and many of us feel a renewed sense of energy and hope.

Yet no two years are quite the same. Climate change means that March is now, on average, warmer than in the past, with flowers blooming earlier. It is also often wetter and more stormy. For us, this is merely inconvenient; for some, living near rivers it brings a real fear of flooding, for those on the coast, erosion can mean a home collapsing and falling into the sea. In other parts of the world, whole regions are becoming uninhabitable, forcing people to leave everything behind, becoming landless refugees.

Our personal lives also change from year to year. As we emerge from winter, we may find that our health has declined, or that those we love are no longer with us. Alongside loss and weariness, there may also be new joys: births, relationships, and fresh beginnings. Life moves on.

The hymn *Now the green blade riseth* beautifully expresses this connection between Easter and the seasons, comparing the grave to a dormant grain of wheat waiting for new life. Christian tradition allows us to hold together the glory of Easter and the suffering of Holy Week. We do not pretend that all is well, either in the world or in our lives. Our sadness, guilt, fear, and grief can be brought honestly before God as we walk with Jesus through betrayal, cruelty, and indifference.

Jesus suffered willingly, so that suffering would not have the final word. The last verse of the hymn speaks of God's love overcoming darkness and death.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, our worship moves beyond analysis and speaks through words, music, and drama. Together they tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. I invite you to immerse yourself in that story and let it bring hope and healing to your life.

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again.
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

Rev Sue

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

We commend to God's loving care **Brenda Gerrard** whose service of committal and interment of ashes took place on the 17th March at St Margaret's church.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2026

Sunday 1st March Second Sunday in Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
9.45 am All Age Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's

Tuesday 3rd March 2.00 pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 4th Mar 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee
11.15 am Lent course in the vicarage
5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers

Saturday 7th March 11.00 am Stations of the Cross at St. Margaret's
12.00 noon Lenten Lunch in Church Hall

Sunday 8th March Third Sunday in Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion 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

Tuesday 10th March 2.00 pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 11th Mar 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee
11.15 am Lent course in the vicarage
5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers

Saturday 14th March 11.00 am Stations of the Cross at St. Margaret's
12.00 noon Lenten Lunch in Church Hall

Sunday 15th March Mothering 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 Sunday Club
11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
7.00 pm Copy deadline for Magazine

Tuesday 17 th March	2.00 pm Rhyme Time
Wednesday 18 th March	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 11.15 am Lent course in the vicarage 4.00 pm Messy Church 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
Sunday 22 nd March	Fifth Sunday in Lent 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
Tuesday 24 th March	2.00 pm Rhyme Time
Wednesday 25 th March	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 11.15 am Lent course in the vicarage 4.00 Hymn Planning 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
Sunday 29 th March	Palm Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with the blessing of the palms 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
Monday 30 th March	7.00 pm Holy week service at St Margaret's
Tuesday 31 st March	2.00 pm Rhyme Time 7.00 pm Holy week service at St Margaret's

Livestreamed services (9.45am Sundays and 10.00am Wednesdays) are only available via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StMaggieP>
Please do check our Facebook page, Instagram, Bluesky feed and website for up-to-date information.

NB GOODS FOR PORCH BOXES CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON THURSDAY MORNINGS, 9.30-11.00AM

St George's Church, Simister

The boiler has been repaired once again so fingers crossed it lasts us through the winter, until the new boiler is installed.



Teapot Time Monday 1pm to 3pm

There will be teapot time Monday 9th and 23rd March.

Everybody is welcome, chat and enjoy a couple of hours relaxing. There is always some 'homemade' cake, biscuits and good company. All the money taken goes to the Lady Wilton Hall.

Thank you to Pauline and Shirley for their continued support at Teapot and for their help in all our fund-raising activities.

Lady Wilton Hall

SVCA are holding a Tabletop Sale on 7th March, please support, it is for LWH.

Looking forward, our St. George's Festival will be held on 25th April, please make a note in your diary. There will be more information in the April magazine.

There will be no flowers during Lent and on Easter Day flowers will be given from the Church congregation.

Messy Church: Wednesday 18th April, 4pm in Lady Wilton Hall, Light refreshment provided, lots of activity and fun. WHY NOT TRY IT?

PRAYER LIST: Will you please remember in your prayers those who are sick: Tom Porter, Joyce Roebuck, Rita Evans, Bob Hardy, John Porter, Harriet Knott, Joan Knott, Barbara Taylor, Geoff Knaggs, Barbara Peeling, Achmed, Mike Crompton, all our church Families, our own relations and friends.

If you know of anybody who should be included in our prayer list, please notify Rev Christine.

Anniversaries of our loved ones

WE REMEMBER in our prayers in March

Bessie Harding, Janet Olive Clark, Barbara Bradley, Ethel Evans, Colin Hawthorne Hargreaves and John Warburton.

Thank you for your prompt payment of magazine fees and the members of our congregation who deliver each month.

Herald Mice

These mice write notice sheets; put notices on boards for people to read. They edit and write articles for the parish magazine, post on Facebook and web sites to tell people what is happening as well as giving information.



Thank you

Sincere thanks to my church family and friends for your love and support following the recent loss of my father.

Carol P

Lenten Lunches

Please come along and support one of our remaining 2 lunches this month, on Saturday 7th March and Saturday 14th March. Still only £6.00 for homemade soup with roll and butter, apple pie with either cream or custard, tea or coffee.



Starts 12pm so come early for your choice of soup. Some sell out faster than others!

A raffle will be held each Saturday, with all proceeds going to our fundraising efforts. Profits will be shared between Church and Christian Aid.

If you can help on any of these dates, or you can make a pan of soup, then please contact Laurel Avery, Steph Caldwell or Judith Murphy and let them know when you are available.

Hope to see you all there, plus bring your friends and neighbours.

Social event to Stockport Plaza

I have now received the new prices for the coach to Stockport on 21st March. The price has had to go up just slightly to £11.00. This includes the tip for the driver. I will need the money paid in by 15th March.

Thank you – Joan E



Give a Little

QR codes, like the one you see here, are clever bits of technology – a bit like bar codes – that link the real world with the online world. Those of us comfortable with using smartphones can simply point the camera at the QR code, and it will open a website (which is specific to a particular QR code). In this case, the QR code opens the parish “Give a Little” page, in which we can donate £10, £20, £30, £50, or an amount of your own choosing, to help with the running of our parish.

For those of you reading this issue of our magazine online (and therefore for free!) here’s the link – please help us to help you, by contributing to our running costs:

<https://givealittle.co/c/7BenBwKBCZ82XbR8wJRir8>

Attende, Domine (The Lent Prose)

“Attende, Domine”, or “Listen, Lord” is a liturgical chant for the season of Lent, more commonly known as the Lent Prose. It matches Rorate Caeli, known as the Advent Prose (see my article in the December 2024 issue of this magazine).



Surprisingly, this plainsong melody was created as recently as the 19th century. The text is drawn from the *Preces* of the sext office of Wednesday of the fifth week of Lent. The themes are the sinfulness of man and the mercy of God:

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Innocent captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

In previous years, Tom and I have used this as a preface to the main Sunday service at St Margaret's, adding a verse each week through Lent. This year we hope to include it at some point, family commitments allowing, but you will definitely be able to hear it included in the parish daily Lenten broadcasts on 7 March. If you can't wait that long, here it is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5iYlsMEuu8>

Carol P



MESSY CHURCH

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 18 March 2026 in the Lady Wilton Hall, 4:00-5:30pm. Please come and join us then for lots of messy fun!

For various reasons (including Lent and family commitments) we won't be meeting again until Monday 20 April. To keep ourselves occupied during this time, we have five books to read:



- The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper (Phaedra Patrick)
- In the Midst of Life (Jennifer Worth) - in a departure from all her Call the Midwife books, this documents her time as ward sister nursing terminally ill cancer patients. I'm finding it quite comforting right now.
- The Book Share (Phaedra Patrick)
- Winter: the story of a season (Val McDermid)
- We'll Prescribe You Another Cat* (Syoun Ishida)

*These books are circulating the Club in hard copy. If you wish to borrow either of them to read, please let any member of the Book Club know.

Silent Prayer:



This is on the 1st Sunday in each month at 9.15am. in St. Margaret's Church House.

If you require further information, please see Carol Olive – ALM (Prayer and Spirituality)

A message from Bishop David:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I would like to invite you to join us at one of our deanery gatherings this spring. These evenings will offer us a welcome moment to meet together, to recognise the ways in which God is renewing lives and communities across our diocese, and to consider the next steps we are being called to take in mission and ministry.

They will also give us the opportunity to learn more about the national church funding we have received, and how this investment will support our diocese's vision. I hope you will come, share in the conversation, and find encouragement in the stories of creativity, faithfulness, and hope emerging from our parishes, chaplaincies, and schools.

Please see the invitation below for dates and venues. Between us, bishops Matthew, Mark and myself will be sharing attendance at these events. We look forward to our conversations with you.

Yours in Christ,

+David

Celebrating Our Shared Journey: Deanery Gatherings Across our Diocese

This spring, please join us for one of our deanery celebration events taking place across the Diocese of Manchester. People from our parishes, chaplaincies, and schools will come

together to reflect on how God is renewing lives and communities and to explore the next steps we can take together.

We'll share our diocesan vision, hear stories of hope from each deanery, and outline the national support and investment that is strengthening our mission and ministry.

At each gathering, we will explore the following four themes at the heart of our diocese's strategy and how national funding will support your deanery:

1. Parish Renewal
2. Growing Younger
3. Church Planting and Revitalisation
4. Developing Missional Leaders

You'll hear local stories of creativity, faithfulness, and discipleship offering ideas and encouragement for your own ministry context.

Each evening will be led by one of our bishops alongside members of the teams responsible for supporting the delivery of our shared vision. Through worship, prayer, and conversation, we will celebrate what God is doing, acknowledge the challenges we face, and highlight the support, resources, and investment available to help us flourish.

These gatherings are for everyone: clergy, lay leaders, members of PCCs, school staff, chaplains, volunteers, new worshippers, and anyone curious about where God might be calling us. We hope you'll leave inspired and equipped to share this vision in your local context.

Dates and Locations

Each venue will open at 6.45pm for refreshments and the event will start at 7.15pm. You are welcome at any gathering but you'll get the most from attending your local deanery evening. As each gathering follows the same format, you only need to book onto one event.

Wednesday, 15th April – Bury and Rossendale Deanery [Book Your Place Here](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrating-our-shared-journey-bury-and-rossendale-deanery-gathering-tickets-1982273842424?aff=oddtcreator>

St Peter's Church, St Peter's Road, Bury, BL9 9QZ

From the flower arrangers:

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March 1 st March 8 th March 15 th March 22 nd March 29 th	Lent Lent Lent Lent Lent	No flowers No flowers No flowers No flowers No flowers	
April 5 th April 12 th April 29 th April 26 th	Church Donations Pat Waghorn	Easter Church flowers Easter church flowers Elizabeth & John White 23/4	Vera Swallow
May 3 rd May 10 th May 17 th May 24 th May 31 st	S & J Gale G McConville Irene Kellett Vicky Crookes	Clara Gale Shirley & John Wellavize Ada & Jim Owens 19th Kane Crookes 25th	Christine Taylor
June 7 th June 14 th June 21 st June 28 th	Zandra Lewis Vacant Vacant Pat Waghorn	Irene Macrae 7th June Vacant Vacant Shaun Waghorn 1st July	Vera Swallow
July 5 th July 12 th July 19 th July 26 th	Anne Orrell Martin Harper Joan Evans Sheila Johnson	Michael Orrell 17th Brain Harper 19th Harry Evans 21st Norman Johnson 31st	Vicky Crookes
Aug 2nd Aug 9th Aug 16th Aug 23rd Aug 30th	Yvonne Naylor Yvonne Naylor Sheila Johnson Sue Hunsley Barbara Sheppard	Joan & Brian Lane David Naylor John Gamble 26th Ian Hunsley The Bland family 31st	Sheila Johnson
Sept 6th Sept 13th Sept 20th Sept 27th	Viv Jones Carol Olive Watson family G & D McConville	Edna & Eric Case 8th & 10th Simpson Family 14th Betty & Stewart Watson 21st Ted & Irene McConville	Vicky Crookes
Oct 4th Oct 11th Oct 18th Oct 25 th	Vicky Crookes Hedley Cox Ann Booth Martin Harper	Kane Crookes 7th Oct Gilford & Eveline Preston Jean & Jack Mundy 19th Phyllis Harper 12th	Vicky Crookes

DATE	PAID FOR BY:	IN MEMORY OF & DATE:	ARRANGER
Nov 1st Nov 8th Nov 15th Nov 22nd Nov 29th	Irene Kellett church flowers Judith Hall Vacant Vacant	Richard Kellett 1st Remembrance Sunday Roger Hall 8th Nov Vacant Vacant	Christine Taylor
December	Advent – no flowers		

COLUMBARIUM ROTA 2026

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Jan 4th Jan 18th	Vera Swallow Joan Evans Direct to church Anne Orrell Direct to church	John Swallow 16th Jan Harry Evans 22nd Jan Betty Smethurst 25th Jan Michael Orrell 27th Jan Irene Smethurst 28th Jan	Vera Swallow
Feb 1st Feb 15th	Barbara Dutton McConville Vera Swallow Zandra Lewis	Ernest Francis 2nd Shirley Wellavize 6th Neil Swallow 19th Gwyn Lewis 7 th Jan	Christine Taylor
March 1st March 15th March 29th	The McConvilles VACANT June Thompson The Bland Family Carol Porter	Alan Collison 10th March VACANT Norman Wright 19th March Jean Bland 24th March Gladys Moffatt 30th March	Vicky Crookes
April 5th April 19th	CHURCH FUNDS June Thompson	EASTER FLOWERS Muriel Wright 30th April Jeremy Plummer 29 th April	Vera Swallow
May 3rd May 17th May 31st	Joan Evans Sheila & Jack Gale Yvonne Naylor	Maud Riley 10th May Clara Gale (2nd) Yvonne & John Keenan	Sheila Johnson
June 7th June 21st	VACANT Hedley Cox Carol Porter	VACANT Angela Cox 20th June Barbara Porter 21st June	Vicky Crookes

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July 5th July 19th	Rimmer family The McConvilles The McConvilles Anne Orrell Christine Taylor	Sheila & Geoffrey Rimmer 2nd Irene McConville 5th July John Wellavize 16th July Michael Orrell 17th July Lilian Dean	Christine Taylor
Aug 2nd Aug 16th Aug 30th	Joan Evans The McConvilles Mrs Brundrit VACANT	John Riley 2nd Aug Ted McConville 14th Aug Florence Brundrit 15th Aug VACANT	Vicky Crookes
Sept 6th Sept 20th	Barbara Sheppard Dutton Family Thelma Kenevin Sue Hunsley	Herbert Bland 4th Sept Ellen Francis 4th Sept Alex Kenevin 15th Sept Ian Hunsley 29th Sept	Vera Swallow
Oct 4th Oct 16th	VACANT Margaret Nolan VACANT	VACANT Raymond Grayshon 20th Oct VACANT	Sheila Johnson
Nov 1st Nov 15th Nov 29th	VACANT Carol Porter Sheila & Jack Gale Sylvia Hickson	VACANT Maureen Jones 18th Nov Wilfred Gale 23rd Nov Brian Hickson 30th Nov	Vicky Crookes
Dec 6th Dec 20th	Direct to Church Vera Swallow Church Donations	George Smethurst 16th Dec Gina Swallow 22nd Dec Christmas Church Flowers	Sheila Johnson

For enquires please call Vicky Crookes on 07936548439

OUR DAILY BREAD FEBRUARY 2026



Lord, during Lent help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worship. As Jesus resisted temptation by the devil in the wilderness, help us reflect on his faithfulness to God, his rejection of worldly values and hold these thoughts in our hearts throughout Lent and beyond. Amen

Sunday 1st: St. David's Day



Almighty God, who called your servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries for the people of Wales: in your mercy, grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ, we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

2nd: At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" **Mark 1:12-15**

3rd: Like a dove come to me, fill me with peace; Lord, I leave all in your care. Time now for worry and striving to cease; always my God, you are there. Amen

4th: Lord, we know that You carried all our suffering and will one day turn it around into resurrection life. Still, there is so much healing that we wait and long for. As we wait for that morning, help us to rest in Your song of love in the night. Amen

5th: Father, thank You for the way Your tender touch embraces and holds us in our times of joy and pain. Help us to turn in trust to You for healing Amen. *God's love carries and holds us through our pain into peace and joy.*

6th: Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay and You are the Potter. We are all formed by Your hand. **Isaiah 64:8**

7th: Have courage for the great sorrows in life, and patience for the small ones. And when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake
Victor Hugo

Sunday 8th: Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent and when I've given it up remind me to pray to You instead. To thank You To love You To hear from You
Each and every day in Lent Amen

9th: I trust in you, O Lord: I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand.
Psalms 31:14,15a

10th: This is the day the Lord has made; let us celebrate and rejoice in it. **Psalms 118:24**
Lord teach me to make time for me, for others and for you. Amen

11th: One day at a time – this is enough. Do not look back and grieve over the past, for it is gone; and do not be troubled about the future, for it has yet to come. Live in the present and make it so beautiful it will be worth remembering.

12th: Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. **1 Peter 5:6**

13th: To see a world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wildflower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour. (**William Blake**)

14th: These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. **1 Peter 1:7**

Sunday 15th:

Mothering Sunday Prayer

Thank you God for the love of our mothers and all who take on this role within the family unit: thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for the pains they have borne for us; thank you God for all that they give and have given to us. Amen

16th: When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it’s your world for the moment. (**Georgia O’Keefe**)

17th: St. Patrick’s Day



Almighty God, who in your providence chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people: keep alive in us the fire of the faith he kindled and strengthen us in our pilgrimage towards the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

18th: Life becomes more precious and more special to us when we look for the little everyday miracles and get excited about the privileges of simply being human. **Tim Hansel**

19th: Joseph of Nazareth

God our Father, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph the carpenter to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and husband of the Blessèd Virgin Mary: give us grace to follow him in faithful obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

20th: Cuthbert-Bishop of Lindisfarne

Almighty God, who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people: in your mercy, grant that we, following his example, may bring those who are lost home to your fold; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

21st: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. **Psalm 25: 4-5**

Sunday 22nd:

He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.
He hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before his cold?
He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
Psalm 147:8, 16-18

23rd: If we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. **Romans 8:25**

24th: Nature is the living, visible garment of God. **(Goethe)**

25th: The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

26th: You can get anything – **anything** you ask for in prayer – if you believe **Matthew 21:22**

27th: Always remember to slow down in life; live, breathe and learn; take a look around you whenever you have time, and never forget everything and every person that has the least place within your heart.

28th: O great Spirit, teach me to think quietly, to speak gently and to hear thy voice in the whispering breeze, the songs of birds and the murmuring brook. Amen.

Palm Sunday 29th:



On Palm Sunday, we remember the time Jesus entered Jerusalem--and everybody , started praising him! This was even prophesied many years before in Zechariah 9:9.

30th: We know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **1 John 3:2**

31st: Happy are those who are strong in the Lord, who want above all else to follow Your steps. **Psalm 84:5**

***Be strong!
Be courageous!
Do not be afraid!...
For the Lord your God will be with you.***

Deuteronomy 31 **The Future of the Magazine**

Thank you to everyone who submits articles for publication in this magazine – it simply wouldn't be the same without you and your words!

If you think “oh no, I couldn't possibly”, just have a think: is there something you think could be included in our magazine? Are you the person to provide that? Do you know of someone unable to continue with their contributions? (*HINT – we all do!*) Could you do that for them?

Articles for future editions of our parish magazine should be emailed as an attachment (**Word doc, A4, portrait, no columns, preferably Calibri body 14** and try to avoid BLOCK CAPITALS – it's a bit shouty) to Magazine@StMargaretsPrestwich.com no later than 7:00pm on:

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Sunday 15 March
Sunday 19 April

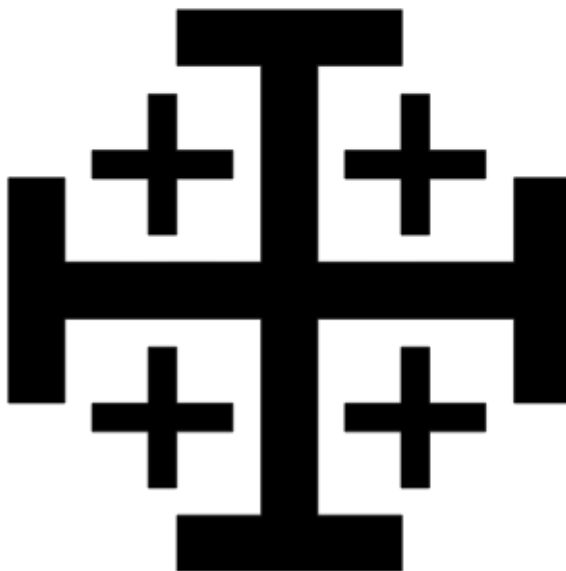
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 Ash Wednesday
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One-Pot Winter Dinners That Save Time, Money, and Cleanup



Chicken Veg Stew
Sauté 1 onion, 2 carrots, 2 potatoes, garlic in oil. Add 500 g chicken, salt, pepper, herbs, 4 cups broth. Simmer 25 min.



Beef Barley Soup
Brown 500 g beef. Add onion, carrot, celery, garlic, ½ cup barley, 5 cups broth, salt. Simmer 45 min.



Creamy Tuscan Chicken
Cook 500 g chicken in oil with salt & pepper. Add garlic, 1 cup cream, sun-dried tomatoes, herbs, spinach. Simmer 10 min.



Lentil Curry
Cook onion, garlic, curry powder in oil. Add 1 cup lentils, tomato, carrot, 3 cups water, salt. Simmer 20 min.



Sausage Potato Skillet
Brown sausage. Add potatoes, onion, pepper, paprika, salt, ½ cup water. Cover 20 min.



Chicken & Rice
Sauté onion, garlic. Add chicken, salt, pepper, 1 cup rice, 2½ cups broth. Cook 18 min.



White Bean Kale Soup
Cook onion, garlic in oil. Add beans, 4 cups broth, salt. Simmer 15 min, add kale.



Creamy Tomato Pasta
Cook pasta, crushed tomatoes, water, salt, herbs together. Finish with cream or cheese.



Shepherd's Pie Skillet
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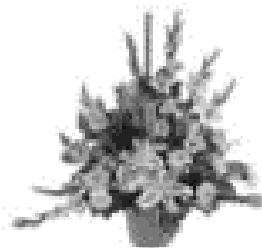
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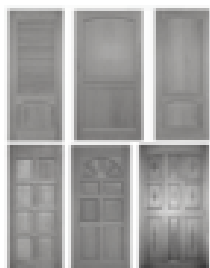
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