



# St Mary's Church

## Prestwich

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14 June 2020

## RS M MUSIC SUNDAY

This week our service is dedicated to Music Sunday and a copy of the liturgy is attached - you are invited to join in with the words in bold. Contributions during the service will be from Gary, our organist and choir master, and from other members of the choir.

### **Opening of churches for private prayer**

- On Saturday, 7th June, the Government announced that churches may re-open for private prayer with effect from Monday, 15th June, 2020. At St Mary's, we recognise the importance of being able to provide a place for prayer. We are currently in the process of undertaking a full risk assessment to ensure that, when we do open, it will be as safe as possible for all concerned to return. In addition, a full clean of the church will be necessary following the building work that was being done prior to the lockdown. We will, of course, keep you informed of progress and, in particular, about when we anticipate being able to open for people to come along to spend some private and personal time and space with God. In the meantime, we continue to pray for you all and look forward to the time when we can, at some stage, worship together again. In love and prayer, Carole, Adele, Susie and Stewart



The Mid Week Music Organ Recitals on our YouTube page will continue each

Wednesday in June. Each recital will include a piece based upon a hymn tune (sung at St Mary's), do listen out to see if you recognise the hymn melody. Enjoy! Gary.



### **Lord Let your love shine on those in need of our prayers:**

Lily-Rose Ahmadi; David Arnold, Lorayah Bevan, David Burwin, Graham Coward, Graham Fleet, Helen Hicks, Perry Hinton, Deborah Kane, Heather Kay, Elaine Kirk, Poppy McLaughlin, Jean Murphy, James O'Meara, Rev'd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Maryam Sedeghi, Peter Simpson, Gill White, Ryan Woods

### **We send love and prayers to the family of:**

Betty (Rikki) Tonge - may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please continue to pray for the Milnes family and for Jo as she passes into God's eternal kingdom.



## Child Trust Fund

We have been made aware that there maybe a number of families who have children who are 16-17 years old (born from 1 September 2002) whose Child Trust Funds are lost to them due to changes of address. The diocese wants to help The Share Foundation to reconnect with these families and young people so that these accounts can be recovered. The following 2 slides explain this process and give the opportunity to register [www.sharefound.org/missingmoney](http://www.sharefound.org/missingmoney) and the accompanying registration page link <https://findCTF.sharefound.org>.

Please feel free to pass this information onto others who you think will be affected by this as its really important to get the word out. Many thanks, Susie.

## BLACK LIVES MATTER

The last few weeks have been an especially troubling time for black communities across the U.K. and the U.S. Let us offer prayer, healing, and support to the friends and families of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, as well as those members of our congregation who may be grieving or traumatised by recent events. To donate, learn, and help, you can go to

[blacklivesmatters.carrd.co](http://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co)



We would like to keep in touch with people at this difficult time. If you are lonely or need a chat, or if you require any help, support or information just give us a call.

We will be providing prayer and other resources for people online and we encourage you to refer to our website, and our twitter account for news and information.

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# Readings for Music Sunday



Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple.

Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## A reading from the second book of Chronicles

*2 Chronicles 5:11-end*

Now when the priests came out of the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to their divisions), all the levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kindred, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with one hundred twenty priests who were trumpeters. It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord,

“For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,”

the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

## A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*Luke 1:57-68*

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.”

And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.”

“Music  
speaks what cannot be expressed  
soothes the mind and gives it rest  
heals the heart and makes it whole  
flows from heaven to the soul.”