



St Mary's Church

Prestwich

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Sunday, 27th September 2020

TRINITY 16

10.30am – Said Common Worship Eucharist

President:	Rev'd Carole Barnet
Preacher:	Canon Susie Mapledoram
Deacon:	Rev'd Adele McKie
Organist:	Gary Hulme
Music before the Service:	Celtic Melody - G. O'Connor - Morris
Reader:	Prelude on Werde Munter - Percy Whitlock
Gospeller:	Pauline Jones
Intercessor:	Rev'd Carole Barnet
Altar Preparation:	Rev'd Adele McKie
Communion:	Finale from Sonata No. 6 - F. Mendelssohn (Op 65)
Final Voluntary:	Chorale Prelude "When we are in deepest need" - J.S. Bach (BWV 668)
	Choral & Minuette Gothique - Leon Boellmann

Harvest Service

We will be celebrating Harvest at next week's service, 4th October 2020. Donations of either non-perishable goods and/or financial contributions will be gratefully received. [Donate to PorchBoxes](#). All donations will be given to Porch Boxes who have continued to do amazing work in helping families in need especially during the pandemic. Alternatively you can take food donations directly to one of the dedicated Porch Boxes located at some of the major supermarkets, including Morrisons, Asda and Tesco.



Please note that from next Sunday, 4th October, 2020, we will be re-starting our 8:00am BCP service in addition to our 10:30am Common Worship service. If you wish to attend either service, please do book in by emailing Susie - susiemapledoram@googlemail.com - so that we have some visibility of numbers in advance of each service.

Adele's Ordination

Please pray for Adele who will be Priested at a service to be held in the evening next Sunday at Bolton Parish church. If you wish to make a contribution to a gift for her, please see either Susie or Stewart after the service



School Admissions Policy

Diocesan and national advice has been issued about the recording of attendance at Church worship for school admission purposes. Please refer to either the Church or the School websites for further information.

Lord Let your love shine on those in need of our prayers: Lily-Rose Ahmadi; David Arnold, Lorayah Bevan, Nigel Birtwistle, David Burwin, Graham Coward, Graham Fleet, Andrew Hardman, Gareth Hardman, Helen Hicks, Deborah Kane, Heather Kay, Elaine Kirk, Jean Murphy, James O'Meara, Rev'd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Maryam Sedeghi, Peter Simpson



Please be aware that the latest guidance from the Diocese is that the wearing of face coverings in church is now mandatory except for those leading worship. Face coverings should therefore be worn by all those attending church.

Please note that those leading or taking part in leading the service are exempt from the wearing of face coverings provided appropriate social distancing can be maintained. Face masks will be worn during the distribution of communion.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We will be holding our APCM on Wednesday, 28th October, 2020, by Zoom at 7:30pm. Details of how to join the meeting will be issued nearer the time. Details will also be made available both on the church website - stmarysprestwich.org - and by email about the process to follow should you wish to stand for any office, including as a PCC member, churchwarden, sidesperson, Deanery Synod member.

The Electoral roll is now open and will close on 11th October, 2020. Please sign up at the back of church or speak to one of the Churchwardens or the Clergy. Please note, if you wish to stand for office at the APCM or be able to take part in the APCM and to vote, you must be on the electoral roll.

Private Prayer

The church will be open again on Wednesday 30th September for one hour between 12 noon and 1:00pm for individual private prayer.



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Readings for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the book Exodus *Exodus 17.1-17*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some men for us and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun

set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Write this as a reminder in a book and recite it in the hearing of Joshua: I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.' And Moses built an altar and called it, The Lord is my banner. He said, 'A hand upon the banner of the Lord! The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.'

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians *Philippians 2.1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you,

enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *Matthew 21.23-32*

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.