



St Mary's Church

Prestwich

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Like living stones, let yourself be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.
1 Peter 2:5

Sunday, 11th October 2020

TRINITY 18

8.00am - Eucharist

President: Rev'd Adele McKie
Preacher: Canon Susie Mapledoram
Deacon: Rev'd Carole Barnet

10.30am - Said Common Worship Eucharist

President: Rev'd Adele McKie
Preacher: Canon Susie Mapledoram
Deacon: Rev'd Carole Barnet
Organist: Gary Hulme
Music before the Service: Pastorale and Berceuse (from 24 Pieces in Free Style Op. 31) Louis Vierne
Reader: Alex Holmes
Gospeller: Rev'd Carole Barnet
Intercessor: Pauline Jones
Altar Preparation: Prelude on Gibbons' Song 13 - Healey Willan
Communion: Anthem - Rejoice in The Lord alway - Anon/Redford
Final Voluntary: Gaudeamus (from 5 Improvisations) - Alec Rowley

Huge Thanks to those who contributed to Porch Boxes as part of our Harvest Festival last weekend.

We would be most grateful if people could spare an hour or so to help

Clean the Church

from 9:30am on Saturday, 17th October 2020, in anticipation of the arrival of our new incumbent, Shaun.

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.

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.



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



From now on we will be worshipping at both 8:00am and 10:30am. 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.



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.

Private Prayer

The church will be open again on Wednesday 14th October for one hour between 12 noon and 1:00pm for individual private prayer.

I'd like to say a huge
Thank You

for all the ordination cards, flowers, gifts and messages of support I have received over the last couple of weeks.

Sunday was an incredibly moving and special day and I had an overwhelming sense of being surrounded by your prayers and best wishes.

If you weren't able to catch the live streamed service but would like to see it - it is available at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_KNvd0-WcshEOKIk0nrrrA

(its the 6pm service)

I feel truly blessed to have the privilege of serving amongst you all here at St Mary's as we walk our faith journeys together and discover where God will take us next.

God bless
Rev Adele Xx

Welcome Book

We are compiling an album to present to our new incumbent to help to introduce him to as many of the congregation as possible in these lockdown times. We are inviting people to send in a photograph of themselves (and their family if applicable) together with their names and a short message of welcome for Shaun. Please send these to Susie by email -

susiemapledoram@googlemail.com - by next Thursday, 16th October.

Readings for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the book Exodus *Exodus 32.1-14*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the

stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'" But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and

bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post-Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.



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.

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