

St Margaret of Antioch, Leigh

Serving West Leigh Since 1919



Trinity 15

(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday 20th September 2020

Although this service will be live streamed (and posted online for 24 hours), not all the material presented here will be used but is offered for your use.

Personal prayer, public worship and parish life.

As we move into a new “normal era” we are trying to do two things:

1. Open the church for prayer and public worship on Thursdays and Sundays.
2. Continue engaging with the wider world beyond the physical space.

Supervisors and sidespeople are urgently required for the first objective and back up assistance is required for the second. Please consider helping over the coming season in these tasks without your help we cannot fulfil these objectives.

Building confidence

As we seek to rebuild our parish life it is vital that everybody is able to participate as they can without undue obligation. To build confidence amongst those in our community, to comply with the law and assist in lowering my own stress levels ☺.

1. *Let me know with 24 hours notice who is doing what, how, when and with whom, within the church property.*
2. *Please give Carol Dowsett your details and plans of attendance and also non-attendance if you have previously committed to one of the public masses*
3. ***Face masks – these are now mandatory by the government for inside church except when reading receiving communion and leading worship. There are other exemptions, see link below.***
4. *You may attend one of the non-public masses with 24 hours notice.*

Thank you Fr. David

Safety and sustainability are our watchwords. We offer opportunities not onerous obligations whilst continuing to offer distanced streaming and other means of engaging

with the body of Christ. The presence of willing and able parishioners is essential sought to make this sustainable. The two days a week allows for safety as 72 hours is left between each church opening as a safe sanitising period which does not require deep cleaning. This alongside our other measures should give confidence.

Constraints at mass for the foreseeable future

- 1. Numbers.** Weddings and funerals are restricted to 30, regular worship is not, but we will use this as a guideline. Blessed with a large airy building with 200+ seats this should not be a problem but we must be mindful of numbers. ***Please give your name, number of attendees and which service you are attending to Carol Dowsett 07415271458. If you intend to make it weekly there is no need to keep “booking” but please say if you are not coming if you have put your name down. Church attendance is not just about ourselves in normal times and even more so now affects others.***
- 2. Key holders to the church or hall must give notice to Fr. David of intention to use our buildings except in the case of emergency.**
3. The Sunday 10:00 mass will continue in the manner it has been streamed this last few months but mercifully officially open to a real as well as virtual congregation.
4. All services will be conducted from the main nave altar – spread out following the guidelines and please don't keep to your normal seats!!
5. There may be music including a cantor but no congregational singing which may be a relief to some and a sadness to others! 😊
6. Readers and prayers leaders are welcome at all masses (we may be able to record these at home and broadcast in church).
7. We will have no liturgical servers for the time being – although serving assistance in the behind the scenes serving tasks to enable worship is welcomed.
8. Communion will be in one kind – administered at the normal point except for the 10:00 mass when it will be at the end out of “film shot”.
9. The principles that already apply to our opening for personal prayer continue to apply and the notice is copied here.
10. I will generally take a photograph at the end of mass to record those present in case required for contact tracing – it is not for use otherwise.
11. Facemasks: it is mandatory to wear facemasks by the government within church. There are exceptions and you will need to apply your common sense and judgement.

Pastoral Notes for general parish life

A “charism” of the early church was support of each other in their need contributing to such as they were able. For us it is what lies behind pastoral, practical and financial support within our parish network. It's why we take our biblical roots for stewardship of time talents and money seriously not just for our own sake and making account before God but for the sake of the whole Church body. Continue to look after each other as we enter a new normal and bless you as you continue to show your love of God and Neighbour as self. *Fr. David.*

1. As we emerge to a new normal please do not be too proud to ask for help. We will do our best. Looking after self is not selfish in this situation. Many folk in our parish will feel the need to be shielded for some time to come whatever the guidelines. If you are unwell please don't come to church but do let us know.
2. The church continues its daily cycle of prayer and worship as advertised. Whilst open publicly Thursdays and Sundays you may attend one of the non-public services by arrangement with 24 hours notice.
3. Daily prayers and readings are available for use at home, in a personal space, or elsewhere subject to guidelines. A good source is

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A> The Sunday booklet is also available online - please ask if you wish to receive it in hard copy. Also use the parish prayer cycle on the website and on the church notice boards and doors.

4. Sacramental ministry: if anybody desires to be baptised, receive communion or make their confession they will not be refused, this would be done in as safe and as pastoral way as possible please ask.

Mission and Ministry to the wider Parish

5. Schools and the young. Our ministry to our schools in the parish continues and if you have any practical ideas and time please offer - some of this may be through social media and websites.
6. Home communion and home visits from authorised persons may be undertaken where **essential and desired** compliant with best practice for protection, hygiene, distancing and brevity of visit.
7. Residential homes for the elderly remain locked down except for specially arranged visitors (using gardens for example) and we comply with their protocols please keep in touch with them and offer your prayers and support.
8. Hospital visits will not be undertaken and pastoral care will be left to chaplaincy teams at the hospital – please pray for those teams. The Revd David Childs is in charge of the team and his number is 01702 435555 x 6453.
9. **Pastoral care**. Continue looking out for each other by communicating as you have by phone and email and garden conversations. Your response so far in building a buddy buddy system of care has really helped those who live and worship in our parish, especially the lonely and vulnerable and those who come to be with us from further afar.

Stewardship of time and money

10. This is a very important element of our Christian life. And like other organisations the Parish of St. Margaret has suffered hardship, loss of income and voluntary giving of time. This can be mitigated in two ways

Time

11. Please give your time in a different way **especially to point 9 above**. Additionally, we will have the opportunity to undertake self-help maintenance gardening and care of the property in ways we are not always able to do – of course in accordance with protocols of social distancing, fresh air and exercise – please ask.

Money

12. The church giving guideline is 5% of net income after essential housing and living.
13. ***Key point***. If you normally give cash and have a bank account please set up a standing order or transfer by phone or internet. Our account details are as follows:
Account name: **St Margarets Church Leigh on Sea** (exact name of account)
Bank: **Santander UK plc**
Sort code: **09-01-55**
Account number: **49884807**

Please let Peter Maddox and Fr. David know when you have done this and if you would like a standing order form and/or wish to gift aid speak to Peter Maddox – peter.maddox6@btinternet.com or 01702 478413

Protocols for “Open Church” (please don’t loiter in the entrance)

- 1. Adhere to current mandated government practice and guidance on physical distancing and personal hygiene***
- 2. Sanitiser and disinfection buckets are sited at the entrance and exit – however bring and use your own where possible.**
- 3. Use West end doors as entrance and south aisle door as Exit.**
- 4. Refrain from touching items unnecessarily**
- 5. If you touch and use a “takeaway leaflet” please take it away**
- 6. Light candles from the lit candle**
- 7. Use your own pen or pencil if you wish to write a prayer**
- 8. Offerings may be left in the boxes at doors and candle stand (or in the baskets at services)**
- 9. Facemasks are mandatory (exemptions see link below)**
- 10. Adhere to current mandated government practice and guidance on physical distancing and personal hygiene.***

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**Hymn**

**1.** Lord you give the great commission:  
‘Heal the sick and preach the word.’  
Lest the Church neglect its mission,  
and the Gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity,  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

**2.** Lord, you call us to your service:  
‘In my name baptise and teach,’  
that the world may trust your promise  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervour,  
draw us closer in community;  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

**3.** Lord, you make the common holy:  
‘This my body, this my blood.’  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children’s liberty;  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

**4.** Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
‘I am with you to the end.’  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity,  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

**Greeting and Entrance**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Call to Confession

My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us first call to mind our sin.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sin, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

God, who of thy generous mercy didst send the Holy Spirit upon thy Church in the burning fire of thy love: grant that thy people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, ever abiding in thee, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading (Please sit)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (55:6-9)

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm** (144)

R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

**I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.**

**The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. R.**

**The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

**How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. R.**

**The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.**

**He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. R.**

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (1:20-24, 27)

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven

and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

## **Gospel** (Please stand)

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (20:1-16)

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon** (Please sit)

**Creed** (Please stand)

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Intercessions** (Please sit or kneel)

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*As we pray for each other let us affirm our faith in the life to come and ask for the prayers of the saints in heaven and especially blessed Mary as we say.*

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Peace** (Please stand)

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace

## **Offertory Hymn**

**1.** O praise ye the Lord!  
praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word,  
ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him,  
by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him,  
in brightness arrayed.

**2.** O praise ye the Lord!  
praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord,  
all you of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought  
you his grace horn above,  
praise him who hath taught you  
to sing of his love.

**3.** O praise ye the Lord!  
all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord  
re-echo around;  
loud organs his glory  
forth tell in deep tone,  
and, sweet harp, the story  
of what he hath done.

**4.** O praise ye the Lord!  
thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured  
all ages along:  
for love in creation,  
for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!

## **Offertory Prayers**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, fruits of the earth and of the vine and work of human hands; they will become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**



Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord, may these gifts which we now offer to show our belief and our love be pleasing to you. May they become for us the Eucharist of Jesus Christ your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,  
**we lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

Father, all-powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through his cross and resurrection he freed us from sin and death and called us to the glory that has made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart. Everywhere we proclaim your mighty works for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory  
your power and might  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes  
Blessed, blessed is he who comes  
Blessed is he, blessed is he,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

*We kneel or sit for the Eucharistic Prayer*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying. Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying. Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all, rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God, St Margaret and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Communion**

### **Our Father**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the bread**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one Bread.**

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Behold Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World.

Happy are those who are called to His supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word  
and I shall be healed.**

## Communion Hymn

1. Father, we love You,  
We worship and adore You,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth.  
Glorify Your name, glorify Your  
name,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth.

2. Jesus, we love You,  
We worship and adore You,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth.  
Glorify Your name, glorify Your  
name,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth.

3. Spirit, we love You,  
We worship and adore You,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth.  
Glorify Your name, glorify Your name,  
Glorify Your name in all the earth.

## Prayer after Communion (Please stand)

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because our human frailty without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Notices (Please sit)

## Blessing (Please stand)

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

*Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Notices

## Worship and Prayer

The church is open for personal prayer, public worship as well as non-public.

***Please help to enable adequate supervision for open times.***

***Read note on social restrictions from 14<sup>th</sup> September***

Tuesday to Saturday 08:00 and 18:00 daily prayer is normally said

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| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 15 Church open from 07:50*</b>                                                                                                                          |
|                               | 08:00-08:30 Said Public Mass                                                                                                                                       |
|                               | 10:00-10:50 Public Mass with audio music (Live streamed)<br>Sermon written copy and voice recording online<br>Presentation to Noah Cockett for ordination training |
|                               | 11:30 Holy Baptism Dottie Penelope Newell                                                                                                                          |
|                               | 17:30-18:10 Public Mass with music for family groups                                                                                                               |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | No Mass will be said                                                                                                                                               |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>     | 09:30 Said Public Mass                                                                                                                                             |
|                               | 11:00 Thank you presentation to Fr. David Childs Hospital Chaplain                                                                                                 |
|                               | 14:00-17:00 Church open*                                                                                                                                           |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>       | 09:00 A Non-public Mass will be said                                                                                                                               |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>     | 09:00 A Non-public Mass will be said                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Trinity 16 Church open from 07:50*</b>                                                                                                                          |
|                               | 08:00-08:30 Said Public Mass                                                                                                                                       |
|                               | 10:00-10:50 Public Mass with audio music (Live streamed)<br>Sermon written copy and voice recording online                                                         |
|                               | 16:00 Confirmation and baptism class 3                                                                                                                             |
|                               | 17:30-18:10 Public mass with music for family groups                                                                                                               |

**Please notify Carol Dowsett 07415 271458 of your intention to attend our public services (once only for regular attendance but give absence if you are regular)**

*\*<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic#section4>*

**Congratulations: to Emma and Fraser MacLeod, who got married here yesterday. Although restricted in number the prayers and support of the parish go with them into their married life. Congratulations too, to Dottie Newell who is to be baptised here today.**

**Help needed with live broadcasting of worship** – It is our aspiration to broadcast the 10:00 Sunday Mass for the foreseeable future. To provide this for parishioners, congregants and friends who cannot attend but wish to be part of our community this is vital. At present we are reliant on Bob Southward staying at home to direct this through the website and Facebook. We need an occasional deputy to allow him breaks and also to attend church. If not forthcoming the facility may cease at some point as it will not be sustainable. It's not only a brilliant opportunity for a bit of stewardship of time but would add to anyone's CV and life skills – it need not be overly complicated.

**At home volunteer:** using a PC to monitor the Test broadcast (09:30 for five minutes) and Live broadcast (from 09:50 until the end of the service). This person watches the broadcast and sends Facebook messages in the event of problems e.g. a failure in broadband

service. Simple written instructions and training will be given. Please consider helping so we may continue.

***Please consider helping so we may continue some of the good things we have done and sustain our community. Fr. David.***

***Also help is required with open church for personal prayer – our Thursday slot will move to 14:00-17:00 from the beginning of term to coincide with folk going home from our schools – offers of supervision are needed.***

**Those in Need of our Prayers:**

**Wed:** Rebecca, Marie, Jack Puttock, Jeanne Stroud, Julia Margaret Rayner, Gail, Tony, Barbara, Valerie Underhill.  
**Thurs:** Gabrielle, Shirley Williams, Emily, Mario, Linda, Ruth Fink, Peter Colloff, Christopher Searle, Ian Bristow.  
**Fri:** Sue, Jenny Sheldon, Jo Forrester, Irene, Pat, Fr Paul, Margaret Royce, Mary Conroy, Margaret Purves, Shaun. Sarah Conway-Clark  
**Sat:** Lyn Davies, Josie, Isobel, David Sims, David Morgan, Richard Southward, Danielle Curtis, Theresa Wiffen, Kenneth Davis.



**The Recently Departed:** Alan Cross (priest), Rike Adegboyega, Eugene Rafferty, Joyce Johnson

**Anniversaries of Death this Coming Week:**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> John Cartwright, Clarissa Foot  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Harold Tilston (priest), Sidney May, Jim Stephen  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Stanley Squires  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Roy Whitby  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Dennis Quick  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Peggy Power

**Church Governance, Parochial Church Council, Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Financial Statements** – The APCM, including acceptance of accounts, is postponed to October. New people have offered to serve on the PCC alongside most current most existing members. Lorrina Cockett and Michael Bridge have offered to stand as Wardens and will be mentored for the coming months. The delay gives others a chance to learn and offer - please feel free to seek information from Fr David or Nick Harris (secretary to the PCC).

**Electoral Roll** – Notice is hereby given of a Revision of the Electoral Roll of this church. This will take place between **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and wish to be included please fill in a form and hand it to Fr David or leave it in the S letter box. Forms are at the back of church. A copy of the names of those on the Electoral Roll will be displayed on a board in church after this date. The revised Roll will be on display for checking from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October before being presented to the APCM on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**If you are not on the Electoral Roll you are NOT eligible to vote at the APCM.**

**A simplified financial summary of 2019, our year to date and current ongoing monthly estimate** –

The figures in the first and last column are derived from our accounts that have been audited but await presentation to the delayed annual meeting in the autumn in accordance with church and government guidelines. The figures in the second and third column are from our treasurer who will be retiring at the presentation of the accounts in the

autumn. Whilst the finances appear to be manageable in the short term and you will easily discern serious questions for our levels of stewardship income and the long term future of the parish.

|                                                                       | Total 2019       | 5 months to May 2020 | <b>Ongoing monthly estimate June to Dec 2020 from treasurer</b> | 2019 monthly apportion for comparison |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Gift Aid Donations (stewardship)                                      | £20,641          | £13,390              | £1,590                                                          | £1,720                                |
| Tax recoverable                                                       | £8,763           | £3,944               | £468                                                            | £730                                  |
| Open plate cash                                                       | £6,389           | £704                 | <b>NIL</b>                                                      | £532                                  |
| <b>Ongoing normal regular income</b>                                  | <b>£35,793</b>   | £18,038              | £2,058                                                          | £2,983                                |
| <b>Church hall income</b>                                             | £37,670          | £9,851               | £250 note 3                                                     | £3,139                                |
| Expenses                                                              | £(19,235)        | £(8,676) note 2      | £(929)                                                          | £1,602                                |
| Net income                                                            | £18,435          | £1,175               | £(679)                                                          | £1,536                                |
| <b>Rental income</b>                                                  | £18,594          | £6,208               | £2,250                                                          | £1,550                                |
| Expenses                                                              | £(10,483) note 1 | £(10,078) note 1     | £(407)                                                          | £(874)                                |
| Net income                                                            | £8,111           | £(3,870)             | £1,843                                                          | £676                                  |
| <b>Total ongoing regular income</b>                                   | <b>£62,339</b>   | <b>£15,343</b>       | <b>£3,222</b>                                                   | <b>£5,195</b>                         |
| <b>Church expenses</b>                                                | <b>£(33,309)</b> | <b>£(6,140)</b>      | <b>£(882)</b>                                                   | <b>£(2,776)</b>                       |
| (i) church maintenance                                                | £20,259          | 0                    | 0                                                               | £1,688                                |
| (ii) other regular                                                    | £13,050          | £6,140               | £882                                                            | £1,087                                |
| <b>Total regular net income</b>                                       | <b>£29,030</b>   | <b>£9,203</b>        | <b>£2,340</b>                                                   | <b>£2,419</b>                         |
| Diocesan requested parish share                                       | £98,246          | £98,270 (full year)  | £8,189                                                          | £8,187                                |
| <b>Actual Paid share</b>                                              | <b>£65,000</b>   | <b>£27,083</b>       | <b>£1,500 (note 4)</b>                                          | <b>£5,416</b>                         |
| <b>Parish share as % of regular net income before church expenses</b> | <b>104%</b>      | <b>176%</b>          | <b>47% (= 99% for full year)</b>                                | <b>104%</b>                           |

**NB: Excludes fundraising, legacies and specified project donations.**

1. Includes large refurbishment costs including eviction of tenant for non-payment of rent. Ongoing it is hoped the estimate is an accurate and more reasonable figure.

2. Includes new cleaning contract for at £20/hour 3 hours a day for 6 days per week from December 2019. It is hoped a more cost effective solution long term will be found by the parish – solutions were requested from the PCC in March - ongoing.

3. Beehive nursery are paying £250/ month retainer until they open in the lower hall. This may be in September. The retainer is deductible from the first 6 months' rent.

4. To be approved by the PCC. It would give a total diocesan parish share for the year of £37,583 and would represent 99% of our £37,897 estimated regular net income before church expenses. All church expenses would therefore be paid from legacies, special donations, fund raising, etc. which was the case in 2019 and in recent years.

## Teaching

**Cross and Dragons** – our Sunday School is postponed until further notice, we encourage families with children to come to the Sunday afternoon mass.

## Children and Youth

There are lots of opportunities for younger members of your immediate and wider families to engage with the Church and its mission this coming season - let's use them. This includes a guide for young folk and children in isolation at the moment on the website. ☺ Do feel free to offer your own suggestions and ideas.

**Edward Bear Club** – is postponed until further notice. Normally meets Wednesdays term time 09:15 - 11:15 for under 5s accompanied by an adult with toys, activities and refreshments and the chance for grown-ups to meet and relax over coffee.

**Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion** – A course will begin in the lower hall at 16:00-17:00 Sunday afternoons from 6<sup>th</sup> September. The course is aimed at 15-17 year olds although others will be welcome to attend. Bishop Norman will be with us for confirmations on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at the 17:30 mass. Any candidates I am not aware of please make yourselves known over the next couple of weeks. Thank you. Fr. David.

**Beehive@St.Margarets** – The pre-school has started, there are places especially in the afternoons if you know anyone in need. Please remember Mrs Jody French in your prayers that it may be a success for her and the parish.

## Pastoral

**Vicar Visits** – I am happy to come to your garden or outdoor space, please ask me to come and suggest a time. Fr. David.

## Social

**One Stop Coffee Shop** – During school term time. **Postponed indefinitely.**

**Social Restrictions** Please note that the latest Covid 19 changes do not affect services but do apply to socialising after church which from 14<sup>th</sup> September may only take place in groups of up to 6. Please have regard for this in and around the church property.

## Mission

**May Fayre** – This is postponed not cancelled. Keep doing your work and planning and Julia will come up with a suitable day in the autumn when, God willing, we can have an Autumn Fayre instead. This is our May (now Autumn) Fayre and ideas and suggestions to Julia 07950 909244 or email [Juliafenton@hotmail.com](mailto:Juliafenton@hotmail.com) with thanks. If you need help with storage please ask. We hope you have stored your 40 Lent items. ☺

**St Margaret's the next 100 years – planned giving** – The number of planned givers is 50% of our electoral roll. Average giving in the Church of England is £7.50/week. Our average planned giving is currently £5.50 per member of the electoral roll. The church's guidance is 5% of disposable income after tax and housing costs. We all have different circumstances and the motto "*no more than you can afford or less than you ought*" is really important. Please consider this prayerfully as we focus on what God has given us in Christ. Our stewardship campaign will resume when the lockdown guidelines allow. However: **If you are interested in joining our regular giving Stewardship Scheme please take one of the leaflets and speak to Peter Maddox, either at Church or call 01702 478413.**

**HARP** – We support the Homeless Centre in Southend by donating food and clothing. If you have any items to donate, please put them in the box at the back of church. On the side of the box are lists of food they need. **Alternatively you can donate money via their website [www.harpsouthend.org.uk](http://www.harpsouthend.org.uk)**. Thank you for all the support you give. ***This is even more important than ever at this time.***

**Communita** – Though postponed for the immediate future it is a high tea on the first Sunday of the month in the Church Hall 16:30-18:00. Anyone is welcome, no charge. If you have any questions please contact Angela or Michael Bridge on 01702 477126.

**Southend Soroptomists** – Help women and girls in need locally, nationally and internationally. They supply toiletries to women's refuges in Southend and Basildon. As a club they collect Shower gel, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Flannels, Hair brushes, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes. They welcome donations from anyone. Please contact Jill Healey, Hadleigh Deanery member, email [jillhealey@ymail.com](mailto:jillhealey@ymail.com), or 07854 959389.

### **Parish General**

**Access to Church and Church Hall** – If you require access to the church or hall please give Fr. David 24 hours' notice with time of arrival and departure to ensure deconfliction and compliance with regulations. The hall only being cleaned minimally at present.

**Notices for the Sunday Booklet** – Please send all notices to Peter Maddox at [notices@saintmargaretsleigh.org](mailto:notices@saintmargaretsleigh.org) by Wednesday lunchtime at the latest. Thank you.

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