

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Letter from Fr Bernard

Did you choose, or were you chosen?

Part of the answer is in John 15 vs16 when Jesus said "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit."

Jesus chooses because of His great love for us. How deep and personal that love is, is expounded by Henri Nouwen, an international spiritual writer, director, and teacher, in his book, *Life of the Beloved* pages 48-9;

Long before any human being saw us, we are seen by God's loving eyes. Long before anyone heard us cry or laugh, we are heard by our God who is all ears for us. Long before any person spoke to us in this world, we are spoken to by the voice of eternal love. Our preciousness, uniqueness and individuality are not given to us by those who meet us in clock-time - our brief chronological existence - but by the One who has chosen us with an everlasting love, a love that existed from all eternity and will last through all eternity.

In a similar way, Psalm 139 speaks of God's involvement with us before we were born:

Oh Lord, You created my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. I know that full well. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

With God so closely involved with us, then naturally, we are at one with Him and His purposes for us and our fellow man. We are therefore to take notice of the advice St Paul gives us in this Sunday's reading from his letter to the Christians at Ephesus. "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another." Then we can tackle together what lies before us.

Last Sunday's intercessions, led by Judith, set out very clearly the task before us, to fight climate change. Look out for Glasgow in two months' time, and be ready for massive lifestyle changes both in our churches, and in our homes.

Fr Bernard

Let Us Pray

Loving God, we thank you for choosing us,
in spite of our weaknesses and shortcomings.

From now on, we are your children.

Make us instruments to carry your word
and help us to bear good fruits for you.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen

Our Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges 1844-1930

Please pray for Rosie Anderson who is to be baptised into God's Church on the afternoon of Sunday, August 8th. Please also pray for her parents and godparents.

Please pray for Fr Philip who will be welcomed as acting Canon Precentor at Bradford Cathedral during their 10.30am Eucharist on Sunday, August 8th. Everyone at St Margaret's wishes him well in his new temporary post.



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Sunday, August 8th at 10.45am

First Reading: Eph 4.25 - 5.2

Gospel Reading: John 6.35, 41-51

The Order of Service is [here](#)

In our Prayers

Departed Sheila Gill

Years' Mind

Monday Malcolm Wade, Hedley Wright

Wednesday Charles Sigsworth

Thursday Colin Cail, Daphne Page, Bill Prestwich, Paul Robinson

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Christine Atkinson, Ann Bruun, Joan Gelder, Lauren Green, Ramone (Ray) Guha, Thomas Harrison (baby), May Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Charlotte Lockhart, Lily McKay, Vivienne Swindells, Tony Warnes

Please contact the churchwardens or Vickie if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Easing of Covid Restrictions – Worship at St Margaret's

- You no longer have to book for services. You may scan in using the NHS QR code or leave your details with the Stewards if you wish.
- In line with government and Diocesan advice **we encourage everyone to continue wearing face masks in church**, particularly when moving around, receiving communion and singing. There will still be hand sanitiser available.
- Although there will be no seating plan, **please be considerate of others when choosing your seat and in maintaining social distance**. Stewards will be available to help seat you, if required.
- Our current practice at communion will remain unchanged for the time-being. The priest will continue to be masked and sanitise his hands when preparing and administering communion which will be in one kind. **We particularly encourage the wearing of masks when going up to receive.**

- Sung responses and the offertory and communion hymns will be re-introduced. Hymn books will be available in the backs of seats – please select one at the beginning of the service and return it to its place at the end. Like the orders of service, these will not be used again until the following week.
 - As a precautionary measure, we encourage you to continue to offer the sign of Peace in a non-physical manner and there will be no physical offertory. The collection plate will be at the back of church.
 - **With these changes, it is particularly important that, if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms or feel unwell in any way, you do not attend church that week as a courtesy to other worshippers.**
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Links to live-streamed worship

St Matthews, Northampton

St Matthews is an Anglican Parish Church, in the catholic tradition. You are welcome to join Fr Nicholas Setterfield and the congregation of St Matthews for their live-streamed Parish Mass at 10.15am. Service booklets can also be downloaded. Go to <http://www.stmatthewsnorthampton.org.uk/> and then click on the link to join the live-streamed Sunday service which is posted on the home page. You can also "like" St Matthew's facebook page to receive live notifications of streamed services. The link to the facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchnorthampton/>

Links to live-streamed services in churches within Leeds Diocese

Click [here](#) to reach live worship in churches across the Diocese.

Church Opening Hours

St Margaret's is open from 9.30am - 4.00pm daily for private prayer and reflection (except Sunday mornings) - you are welcome to visit church at a time that suits you.

We ask you to continue to observe covid safe practices when you enter church. Please use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave church and take responsibility for your own social distancing. Although it is no longer a legal requirement to sign in we encourage you to scan the NHS QR code or sign in on the sheet provided. We have also kept the "Please clean me" notices for you to pick up on entering church. We kindly ask you to leave this notice on your seat when you leave church.

If you would like any prayer resources please bring these with you and take them away when you leave.

Institution and Induction of Fr Alex, Sunday, September 5th

The Institution and Induction of Fr Alex will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday, September 5th. As we need to know numbers for seating arrangements, if you would like to attend, please contact Vickie at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com (or by phone if you are not on email) by Wednesday, August 25th with your postal address and an invitation will be sent out to you. (We ask that the congregation is seated by 2.40pm.)

Please be aware that numbers may not allow social distancing.



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SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

Sunday 8th August

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10.45am High Mass

Celebrant: The Rt Revd David Hope

Sunday 15th August

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10.45am High Mass

Celebrant: The Rt Revd David Hope

Booking is no longer required for services at St. Margaret's

We encourage you to wear face masks
throughout the service, continue to use hand sanitiser
and maintain social distancing

The Family Service and Choral Evensong will resume
on Sunday, September 12th

DIARY DATES

Morning Prayer on Zoom Wednesday, August 11th

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, August 11th at 10.00am. We will use the words from Common Worship. These will be shown on the screen or can be downloaded [here](#). Click the link scroll down and click on Morning Prayer for the order of service. Click the Zoom link to join morning prayer [here](#). The link will be open from 9.50am. All are welcome.

S. Chad
Toller Lane, Bradford
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Come and join us for Mass
on
Wednesday 11th August at 7.30 pm

Choir of Queens' College, Cambridge
Director of Music: Ralph Allwood

Byrd - Mass for Four Voices
Durufle - Tantum ergo
Palestrina - Salvator mundi

A Prosecco reception follows Mass



The Choir of Queens' College will also perform at Bradford Cathedral at 1.00pm on Wednesday, August 11th. For more information and tickets click [here](#)

Parish Office - Holiday Notice

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Friday, August 13th until Wednesday, August 18th.

100th Anniversary of the British Legion

A costumed programme at **Fewston St Michael and St Lawrence** with the words and music which kept the spirit of Britain alive in World War Two, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the British Legion. It will be taking place on **Saturday, August 14th** from 3.30pm. Proceeds divided between British Legion and Fewston and Blubberhouses Churches.

Tickets £10 inc. tea and cakes from PCC members Pat Anderson and Cheri Beaumont. Book a ticket by contacting Pat on 01943 880284 or anderson@delvesridge.plus.com

The funeral of **Sheila Gill** will be held in church on Tuesday, August 17th at 11.15am to be followed by a wake in the Parish Hall.

Church Cleaning on Saturday, August 21st

We would like to have St Margaret's looking its best in preparation for Fr Alex's Institution and Induction on September 5th. Therefore, we would welcome volunteers to help with cleaning between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday, August 21st. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Helen Buswell via the Parish Office at stmargaretschurch@gmail.com. Thank you.

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NOTICES

Resumption of Sidesmen's Rota - Volunteers Wanted!

Thank you to everyone who has helped steward since Easter. From Sunday August 22nd, some of the usual sidesmen's duties will be resumed. If you have volunteered in the past as a welcomer, sides person, offertory bearer, etc please contact Janet Kish to let her know your availability between August 22nd and the end of September. Anyone who would like to start volunteering should also contact Janet for information via the Parish Office stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com. Newcomers particularly welcome!

Please could readers and intercessors also let Janet know of their availability.

You can read the **minutes of the PCC Meeting** held on July 22nd [here](#). This also includes notice of the new guidance for worship at St. Margaret's following the lifting of restrictions.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Organ Recital in July** which raised £84.75 for the Music Fund.

**Daily Hope, is a 24 hour free phone line for Christian worship and prayer.
Call 0800 804 804.**