



In Touch

St Margaret's Church, Burnage

Autumn 2018

An odd year for growers



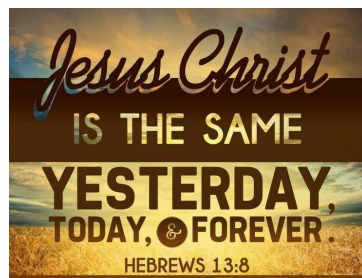
Spring was cold and the growing season delayed. Then we had those glorious weeks in June and July. Some things have loved it especially my broccoli, lettuces, courgettes, tomatoes and chillies. Some things stopped for a while like runner beans but now it has cooled and got wetter, they are off again. Others, like strawberries, have failed to keep

producing after the main season in June when all future fruits shrivelled up and my apples are all smaller than last year.

No two growing seasons are the same and each year brings it challenges. Nature has a wonderful way of responding to many of these changes, but the gardener must learn to adapt. I am always mindful that for me, this is a hobby and my life and livelihood do not depend on it. This is always a sobering thought as we come to celebrate Harvest.

However, this year, I have appreciated more what stays constant with all the changes in the seasons. In life so many things change but I find it a great comfort that *"yesterday, today, for ever, Jesus Christ is the same"* (Hebrews 13.8). When so much is in flux, God is always there and always dependable no matter the next season brings.

The Rector, St Margaret's Church



St Margaret's Church Website - www.stmargaretsburnage.org.uk

Busy Bees in Burnage ... a sweet harvest

"I wondered about having a hive of bees in the garden. For my birthday I received a voucher for a course on bee-keeping. I went and was hooked!"

So says Adrian Rhodes who has been keeping bees in Burnage since 2011. He has two hives which means about 120,000 bees harvesting nectar around Burnage! They are active from March till October, so early flowers like crocuses and snowdrops are good for foraging." Foxgloves, wisteria, sunflowers, honeysuckle and lavender also attract them. But even if your garden is full of dandelions that is good news for bees.

Female bees do all the work. In summer they live for about 6 weeks. Three are spent in the hive and three out foraging. The queen stays in the hive and lay anything from 6 to 32 eggs. Other bees surround and feed them for about 8 days, especially one cell from which will emerge a new queen. The old queen and a swarm will be driven out of the hive. So a swarm may arrive in your garden. It will only be there for a short time while some bees scout for a new home. "They are not interested in humans" says Adrian. *"If you feel troubled by them contact the British Beekeepers' Association."*

Honey is harvested early autumn, towards the end of the season. The national average is 43 lbs of honey per hive. Depending on the weather the bees remain in the hive and survive the winter going out occasionally on a nice day. Bees like the suburbs. There are gardens with different flowers unlike farms of the countryside.

In Burnage we no longer have the harvest of the 19th century farms of Tanyard, Dahlia, Broadhill and Hyde Fold . And Mr. Hills from High Farm (now Levenshulme High School) doesn't deliver milk to the area in churns.!

But there is a sweet harvest of honey from the gardens of Burnage.

"Bees don't like bears. They can destroy their hive and their fur means bees can't sting them" Adrian adds. But we don't have bears in Burnage either!



Lest We Forget



On the 11th November 1918 the First World War, which had cost the lives of over 18 million people, came to an end. People wanted to remember those who had fallen and throughout the country war memorials appeared, often in churches. Each year we recite a verse from a poem that was written in 1914 which ends, '***we will remember them.***'

This year, the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War is on a Sunday. This is a special opportunity for the people of Burnage to gather to remember those from our community and beyond who gave their lives so long ago.

Our Remembrance Day service usually begins by the laying of a wreath at the Lych Gate which is a war memorial. Here we pause to remember them. Later in the service two more wreaths are laid at the two plaques inside church which name those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. We hold a two-minute silence and we remember them.

There is another war memorial, not obvious, but in plain sight; it is the beautiful stained-glass window at the front of church. After the First World War parishioners commissioned this window as a memorial. The scene they chose depicts Jesus being raised from the dead. It is a reminder that Jesus gave His life so that we might live. Jesus took our sins upon himself and died on the cross but on the third day he defeated His death, which is the consequence of our sin and rose to life. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we have hope that due to what he did for us, we might have life.

On Remembrance Sunday it is right that we remember those who gave their lives for us.

Lest we forget...



We care about our Community! So we pray.....

Not long now until a 48 hour opportunity to pray for your community. Why not consider coming along as little or as long as you wish between 6pm on Friday 12th October to 6pm on Sunday 14th October. Yes, that's right, your local church is holding a prayer event so you can come and use the space at St Margaret's church anytime, day or night, over 48 hours. A team will always be here to welcome you. We are holding this prayer time because we believe in the power of prayer. The Bible says, *"Always be full of joy. Never stop praying. Whatever happens, always be thankful"*.

Let's do this together. Prayer makes a real difference in peoples lives and communities.

What will happen?

Prayer is vibrant and varied and there are lots of ways you can pray.

This time will be a great opportunity to pray in different ways. There will be creative, visual prayer: for example, painting a picture or looking at images to help you pray. There will also be space to sit and pray as you prefer.

Information about our local community will help us to know what to pray for. We are also including some slots to sing together and celebrate God.

Timetable

6pm Friday 12th to 6pm on Sunday 14th October St Margaret's church is open for prayer.

10am - 3pm Saturday 13th October - focused prayer on issues including GMP law enforcement and policing, health, housing, the Foodbank, provision for elderly and youth, education and local schools...

See www.stmargaretsburnage.org.uk/prayer for exact times and more details nearer the event.

Saturday 6pm - Worship, Thanks and Praise

Sunday 10.30am - Worship and Prayer Together. Guest speaker, Jane Sullivan, will talk about prayer.

Sunday 4pm - Worship and Prayer Together
If you would like, there will be an opportunity for someone to pray with you and /or anoint you with oil.

"Prayer is incredible! God really is listening to my prayers. My back was healed."



Prayer Request Slip - Do you want us to pray something for you?
Write it below and drop it into our prayer box outside St. Margaret's on Burnage Lane.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH BURNAGE

48 H⌚OURS
OF

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THE CLOCK
PRAYER FOR BURNAGE

OCTOBER 12TH 13TH 14TH

"We prayed for my dad who had been ill and lost his confidence. He is now starting to go out and do things for himself again."

"God answered our prayers for new neighbours. They have arrived, they have children the same age as ours and we all get on really well."

Prayer for the Streets

Each Sunday we pray for streets in Burnage.

Why not join us at the 10.30am Service on the Sunday when we pray for your street?

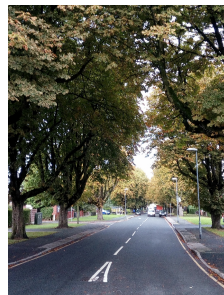
Oct 2018

07/10/18 Overlea Drive
14/10/18 Westville Gdns & Edgedale Ave
21/10/18 Southholme Gdns & Northholme Gdns
28/10/18 Holmdale Gdns, Lansdale Gdns & Eastville Gdns.



Nov 2018

04/11/18 Carrgreen Close, Moorcroft Drive, Moorcroft Walk & Brookway Close
11/11/18 Burnage Lane (Green End Roundabout to Shawbrook Rd.)
18/11/18 Dernford Ave, Fair Oak Rd
25/11/18 Pearn Ave, Pearn Rd



Dec 2018

02/12/18 Green End Rd
09/12/18 Broadlea Road (Green End Rd. To Rosevale Ave) & Rosevale Ave
16/12/18 Thornfield Road, Sunnylea Ave, Briarlea Gdns & Holcombe Gdns
23/12/18 Broadlea Road (Rosevale Ave to Broadhill Road)
30/12/18 Hovington Gdns, Woodlea Ave, Shawlea Ave & Brookdene Rd

Parish Register

Baptisms

TBC

Funerals

TBC



Home Communion



Do you know of anyone housebound who would like Holy Communion this Harvest season? Holy Communion can be taken to the home of anyone in our parish or who has links with St. Margaret's Church, and cannot attend services because of chronic or long term illness.

Trained and authorised people take Communion wafers and wine (which have been blessed by the clergy) to individual homes. These are given out in a simple Church of England service, which includes the gospel reading, prayers and blessing.

If you or any of your friends or relatives who are not able to get to church because they are housebound, please phone Pam (0161 445 0632) or the Parish Office (0161 432 4606) and leave a message with a contact number.

We will be in touch with the person concerned before visiting. Any personal information given will be discussed with Rev. Matt Calladine (the Rector of St. Margaret's Church, Burnage Lane) but is otherwise confidential.



UP Holiday Club a Soaring Success

At the end of August for 3 days we welcomed over 20 Junior aged children to St. Margaret's. Using Disney's "UP" as a springboard, we looked at our lives as an adventure and we made scrap books. We thought of distractions ("SQUIRREL!"), role models, father figures and how we can always depend on God. We took part in the Great Burnage Bake Off, did some drama, sang fun songs and played lots of games- many with balloons and once with water squirters. We had a great adventure!

We run a club every Thursday during term time for Year 2-6's - 6.30pm- 7.30pm.

Why not come along? Check out St Margaret's website for details.



Burnage Holiday Special for Older People

This annual event was held by Christians together in Burnage for a week at the end of July. The theme was “A Little Bit of Everything” which gave us plenty of scope to have a varied programme of activities, interesting talks, lots of chatting and good food. A highlight for some was Ranger Bob who brought snakes and insects! Others were helped with computing or trying all the different crafts on offer. Whatever your taste, there was something to enjoy. The day trip to Llandudno was a great success too.

More than 70 people came each day and everything was free except the day trip. We will be holding a similar event next year so why not give it a try!



Musical moments entertained us



Technological support was given



Crafts and games were enjoyed



Delicious meals were provided

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