

# *St Margaret's Parish Church, Burnage*

## *In Touch*

*Easter 2015*



### *Easter Message from the Rector*



**There have been some unbelievable triumphs across the centuries – wars won against all the odds, extraordinary discoveries that advance the human race's understanding, people who have faced terrible suffering and survived.**

**Yet no single event has changed history so much as the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.**

The astonishing story at the heart of Easter is also the central truth of the Christian faith: that Jesus has defeated death – and is alive today. These are the words spoken to the women who went to the tomb very early on that Sunday morning: “You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! *He is risen from the dead!* Now go and tell his disciples . . .” (Gospel of Mark, chapter 16, verses 6 and 7)

Join us as we once again echo the age-old words “He is risen!” – and discover what it means for you today. Join us at St Margaret's at one of our Easter services to find out more.

**Messy Good Friday:** There will be the usual opportunity in church for a thoughtful, reflective time focusing on the cross. At the same time, in the Parish Centre, there will be a special ‘Messy Church’ activity centre around the Good Friday theme. We will then all come together in church for the last 15 minutes for a final time of worship, followed by refreshments with hot cross buns.

**Walk of Witness:** At 12 noon on Good Friday we will meet up with fellow Christians from the other Burnage churches for our annual silent walk of witness along the streets of Burnage.

**Easter Sunday:** Services will be at 9am and 10.30am. The former is quiet, reflective and very traditional. The latter is more of an Easter Celebration for all ages. Communion will be offered at both occasions.

Please join us if you can at any of these occasions.

You'd be most welcome!

***All at St Margaret's wish you a very happy Easter.***



Building bridges between church and community



Come and join us for church  
with a difference!

Crafts, games, prayer, stories,  
songs and a delicious meal!

Special Messy Good Friday

April 3rd | 10.30am

Mondays at 3.30pm on: 11th May,  
8th June and 13th July

If you would like more information then please text  
'Messy Church' to 07769 644 191



St. Margaret's Church  
Parish Centre  
Burnage Lane



Messy Church is FREE  
and everyone, of all ages  
are WELCOME





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## Good Friday Special

Friday  
3rd April  
10.30am-  
11.30am



CRAFTS, GAMES, CELEBRATION  
followed by HOT CROSS BUNS  
and our CTIB WALK OF WITNESS at 12 noon

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# Poem

Lord we would have done it differently,  
Your coming to earth.  
Press releases.  
Banner headlines.  
Discussions on the telly.  
All the hype of the supermarket.  
We'd have really sold it Lord.  
Your coming

Yet you chose to come as a baby.  
Helpless, dependant.  
To a carpenter's wife.  
"no better than she should be",  
I expect they said.  
Away from home, on the road.  
Not the sort of people we'd notice,  
Except to joke about their accent.

And yet your arrival moved the world.  
Shook it. Changed it  
Shone light in dark places.  
Brought hope and love.  
Especially love, Lord.  
Not the pale reflection we show,  
But love as a flame.  
Burning into our lives,  
Bright, clean, pure.  
Burning itself out on a cross.

And yet, in the burning out,  
Lighting new flames,  
Flames of faith and hope.  
Spreading warmth across the world.  
Love, rich in a poor stable.  
Love, discounted on a cross.  
Glorious in resurrection.  
Tangible in human lives  
Made beautiful today.

*Eddie Askew*

## At St Margaret's we pray for the people who live and work in the streets of Burnage.

Here's a list of streets for the next 4 months

### April 2015

05/04/15	Kingsway (East side): Mauldeth Rd. to Barcicroft Rd, & Ferndale Gdns.
19/04/15	Burnside Dr. & Astor Rd
26/04/15	Kingsway (West side), Burnage Park to Grangethorpe Rd.

### May

03/05/15	Grangethorpe Rd
10/05/15	Hoscar Dr, Orville Dr & Lynton Dr
17/05/15	Burnage Hall Rd
24/05/15	Burnham Drive, Omer Drive & Calverley Ave
31/05/15	Lindsay Rd.

### June

07/06/15	Devon Ave, Paignton Ave & Hanlith Mews
14/06/15	Acorn Close, Cringle Hall Rd & Ferguson Ct.,
21/06/15	Brecon Ave, Connaught Ave Brighton Ave
28/06/15	Main Ave, East Ave, South Ave

### July

05/07/15	North Ave, West Ave., West Place.
12/07/15	Hydefold Close, Bibby lane, Church Lane. Dahlia Close
19/07/15	Western Circle, Baldwin Rd, Chorleywood Ave & Winslow Place
26/07/15	Asquith Rd, Ascot Parade, Epsom Ave & Hatfield Ave

## Tuesday Group at St Margaret's

### Tuesday 31st March 2015

Keep fit sessions with George  
10.00 - 11.00 and 11.30 -  
12.30pm

Time to have coffee and chat  
10.00- -12.30pm

Why not join the **Knitting/chat**  
group?  
Tuesdays 10.00 to 12.00pm.

**Easter Meal March 31st at**  
**12.30pm –Cost £2.50**

Drop in and let Margaret know in  
advance if you want to join us.

### Easter Reflections in Church

**March 31st at 2.00pm**  
Followed by refreshments.  
All welcome to join us.

## What's in a name?

**Easter, that wonderful spring festival that (usually!) heralds the end of the winter and the beginning of summer. For Christians, it celebrates the time when Christ Jesus, the Son of God, came back from the dead bringing the promise of new life, eternal life, to his followers.**

But for the very first Christians centuries ago, the season was known as Pasch – one translation of the Hebrew word for the Jewish Passover festival, which is when Jesus was executed, buried, and rose again. Some churches light a special candle, the Paschal candle, on Easter Sunday to represent Christ, the light of the world, returning from the darkness of the grave to spread the light of God's love to all people.

But what about that name "Easter"? Well, *Eástre* (or Eostre) was the name of an old pagan Saxon or Norse goddess, the divinity of the radiant dawn, of upspringing light, a spectacle bringing joy and blessing, a festival whose meaning was easily adopted by early Christians as the resurrection-day of God's own son. And where does the Easter Bunny come from? The hare was the special animal sacred to Eastre, which looks very much like a rabbit (although they are very different creatures) hence the "Easter Bunny" made popular by Walt Disney, and beloved of children everywhere who hunt for Easter Eggs.

I have no trouble with eggs at Easter. Eggs are a very old symbol of new life, and cracking open an egg represents Christ breaking out of his tomb on Easter morning. Easter eggs have been made in all sorts of ways for a long time – from boiling eggs with onion skins to produce a lovely red colour on the shells (as I did when a child), to tasty chocolate eggs\*, and fine china eggs studded with precious jewels and painted with gold which only the very rich could afford.

But why does the date of Easter wander about so much? By tradition,

Easter falls from one to seven days after the paschal full moon, shortly before the spring "equinox" (when the hours of night and daylight are about equal) so if the paschal full moon is on Sunday, Easter is the following Sunday. Thus the earliest possible date of Easter is March 22, while the latest possible date is April 25.

What's in a name? Does it matter what we call the festival, when we honour the sacrifice Christ made for us all? He died, the only sinless human being there has ever been, so that we can stand before God the Father with the slate wiped clean of all our sins. All those things which we do (or don't do) in our lives that cause pain or sorrow to other people.

As long as we remember the "reason for the season" I don't think the name matters.

God bless you this joyful Easter time,



*\*Fair trade or Traidcraft "Real" chocolate Easter eggs are delicious, and are available in most supermarkets. They guarantee that a fair price is given to the growers of cocoa, and that small farmers are not exploited by the big retail companies. Buy one, read the real story of Easter inside, and enjoy your Real Easter Egg with a clear conscience.*

Pam Corps, Lay Reader, St. Margaret's Church

### Parish Register

#### Baptisms

None

#### Funerals

Dec 22

Joseph Billington

Jan 13

Irene Tonge

Jan 16

Thelma Duffin

Jan 20

Leslie Morrison

#### Weddings

Feb 13

Michael Kay

None

Mar 06

Stephen May



# Easter Activity Zone



Welcome to our St. Margaret's children's page. We hope you enjoy these activities this Easter time. Get started by cracking this Easter coded message.

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M		
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		



This editions Video Hunt - Type Y3UKd6LQKng into Youtube and WATCH the Easter Story. This ace video is made by [www.biblesociety.org.au](http://www.biblesociety.org.au)

**ACROSS**

4 Jesus did not stay dead! Three days later he rose again. What is this coming to life again called?

7 The name of God's son who loves you so much that He died for you.

8 Jesus had to do this to put an end to all our sin. He did this to make a way for us to be forgiven. It happens at the end of our life.

**DOWN**

1 All the wrong things we do are called.

2 Easter is all about Jesus dying and rising again. He did this because of His great \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

3 Jesus was crucified by the Romans on this. Do you think he deserved it?

5 The time of year when we remember the death of Jesus but we also celebrate new life!

6 Jesus was laid in one of these. A round stone covered the entrance.

**Loads happening!** We love having fun here at St. Margaret's. Why not come along one Sunday morning? Or call to ask about our Boys Youth Club or Brownies and Guides.

Speak to our Youth Worker Tom on 07769 644 191

Jesus died on the cross, but didn't stay dead. God raised him to life! Jesus has paid the punishment for all the wrong things we do wrong. Now we can live as God's friends forever, when we trust Jesus. What does this tell you about Jesus? How do you feel about Jesus, that He died and is alive again? Draw or write your thoughts feelings and feelings here:

GodSpace.org.au and Biblesociety.com.au

# Step towards employment

A free club for jobseekers, helping  
you step by step  
into employment.



## Venue:

**S. Mcr Family Church, 814 Burnage Lane, M19 1RS**

## Runs on:

**Every Thursday 5.30-7.30pm**

## Call to get involved:

**0800 328 0006**



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Christ Church Parrs Wood Rd  
 United Reformed Church  
*Maundy Thursday* 7pm  
*Good Friday* 10.15am  
*Easter Day* 6.30am Sunrise  
 worship at Marple Ridge  
 Meet 6am

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St Bernard's RC Church  
 Burnage Lane  
*Good Friday* :  
 Stations of the Cross 10.30am,  
 Passion of our Lord , 3pm  
*Easter Sunday* :  
 Holy Mass: 10.30am

Christ Church, Burnage Lane  
 United Reformed Church  
*Easter Sunday* 10.45am

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# W O R S H I P

St Nicholas C of E Church,  
 Kingsway

*Monday 30th March* 7pm:  
 Stations of the Cross

*Tuesday 31st March* 7pm:  
 Evening Prayer

*Weds 1st April* 7pm:Evening  
 Prayer

*Maundy Thursday*: TBC

*Good Friday* 2pm: An Hour at  
 the Foot of the Cross

*Easter Day*

8.30am:Communion

10.30am: All-Age

Easter Celebration

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St Margaret's C of E Church,  
 Burnage Lane

*Tues 31st March* :

Easter Reflections 2pm

*Maundy Thursday* :

Holy Communion 8pm

*Good Friday* :

Messy Good Friday 10.30am

*Easter Sunday*:

Holy Communion 9.00am

All-age Family Communion  
 10,30am

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S.Manchester Family Church  
 Parrs Wood High School  
*Easter Sunday*, 10.30am

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**CTIB Good Friday Walk of Witness – meet at St Nicholas' Church  
 Kingsway at 12 noon**

