



St Margaret's Church

Together we aim to: Worship God, Proclaim Jesus, Grow in the Spirit and Serve the World

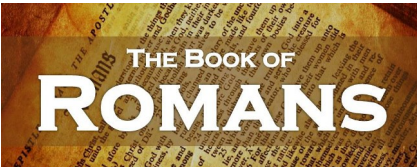
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19th September 2021

*If you are visiting St Margaret's for the first time we hope you will enjoy worshipping with us today.
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Romans 1: 8-17

Roamin' in Romans 2: Power to Save



I wonder if you watch any of the popular documentary type programmes about saving lives : 'Ambulance' about the NW ambulance service or 'Saving lives at sea' about the RNLI or '24 hours in A and E'. The programmes concentrate on successful rescues where people's lives are saved but they all have to face up to the reality that sometimes things don't work out and lives are lost. That is the nature of human life. The paramedics and doctors and lifeboat crew have the power to save many lives but they do not have the power to save every life.

So what is this power of God that Paul is talking about in verse 16? And what is this salvation? These are the big themes that Paul will work through in the course of his letter. Because God is all powerful he is able to deliver on his promises. He doesn't fail to do what he has promised. He doesn't fail to rescue in the way that human rescuers sometimes sadly fail. He doesn't let anyone down who comes to him in faith. He brings new life in Christ to everyone who comes to him in faith. He saves them and us from being dead in sin, separated from God and eternally lost for ever.

The reason God doesn't let anyone down who comes to him in faith is because of the righteousness of God. If someone is righteous or just, then they do the right thing. They act justly. God is righteous and just in that he always does the right thing. That is the very nature of God. What sort of God would it be who could not be trusted or depended on? God acts justly in making a way of salvation, a way to be brought back to God. You see God is entirely trustworthy and never lets us down. He is powerful to deliver on his promises to us.

God's salvation plan works because of the righteousness of God and through the righteousness of God. Because we sin, because we do things that are wrong, however hard we try we can never be righteous in our own strength. But the wonder of the gospel of Jesus Christ is that as we come to him in faith he makes us right with God, so that we live in that relationship of faith with him. He regards us as righteous even though we don't deserve it and we have new life walking with him.

The message of the gospel is that the greatest need of humanity is not to be saved from every danger in this life. The greatest need is to be right with God and to live in a right relationship with him now and for eternity. God makes us right with himself. That's not because of our own goodness but because God is great and does what he promises. He alone is powerful to save everyone who comes to him in faith.



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Peter Capon

Bible Verse for 2021:

I am about to do something new; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43: 19

Here is our new Sunday timetable:

First Sunday:	10.30am Morning Prayer	3.30–5pm Family Special
Second Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion	
Third Sunday:	10.30am Family Communion	3.00pm BCP Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday:	10.30am Holy Communion	
Fifth Sunday:	10.30am Morning Prayer with Healing	

We have re-started kids club and have opened a new Youth Club:

Kids Club ages 6-11 Thursdays at 3:30-5pm and Sundays at 10:30- 11:45am.

Youth Club ages 11-14 Thursdays at 7-8pm and Sundays at 10:30-11:45am.

This week: 3rd Sunday

In the morning we continue with our Sermon series 'Roamin' in Romans'. Peter Capon will be preaching on the theme 'Power to Save', from Romans 1: 8-17. Pray for Matt as he preaches and presides at St. Paul's Heaton Moor today from 10.45am
At 3.00pm at St Margaret's there will be a Book of Common Prayer Communion Service.

Next Week: 4th Sunday

Rev Matt Calladine continues our sermon series in the book of Romans on the theme of 'Righteous Judgement' from Romans 1: 18-32.

September 19th to 25th Please Pray for:

- ◆ People living in Baldwin Road & Chorleywood Avenue.
- ◆ Previous members & new children to join Kids Club on Thurs afternoon & Sun morning.
- ◆ More volunteers to leaflet streets prior to prayer for that street.
- ◆ Prompt & safe removal & replacement of roof of main building of Falconer Home.
- ◆ Barnabus as they support homeless people & help them find homes.
- ◆ Family of Jessica & Ronnie Knott preparing for their baptism next Sunday (26th) in the afternoon.

Four items for Harvest

Harvest is usually a time when we celebrate the vastness of God's provision for us, however, this year Burnage Foodbank have asked us to concentrate our Harvest giving on the following four items which they are most in need of: Thank you.



UHT Semi Skimmed Milk Tinned Fruit
Tinned Cold Meat UHT Fruit Juice

You can find donation points at:
Burnage Tesco, Burnage Library (when open) and Asda Reddish
(and at the centres when open)