



St Margaret's Church

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

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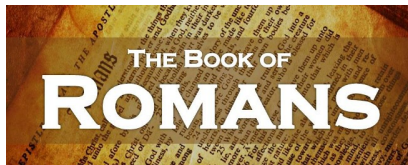
If you are visiting St Margaret's for the first time we hope you will enjoy worshipping with us today.

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Come and join us for tea or coffee after the service.

Romans 2: 1-16

'Roamin' in Romans': Judgement



Insurance claim forms often include the excuses people make for their accidents. Like "an invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished"! In life we make excuses for our behaviour. St. Paul begins this chapter with "Therefore you have no excuse".

If we see "therefore" it is good to ask, "what is it there for?". Here, it reminds us of the list of "every kind of wickedness" at the end of chapter 1. Paul says they have "no excuse" for doing those things. Why?

By their human judgment on others they condemn themselves (verse 1). Their human judgment has a flawed view:

- 1 **Of others.** Paul is writing to religious people who look at non-religious people and condemn their behaviour. Like them, we make a moral judgment. But it is easy to select from the list those we think are bad (like murder) and ignore those which we think are not so bad (like envy).
- 2 **Of ourselves.** When we compare ourselves with non-religious people it can make us feel better about ourselves. We think "I am not like that". Romans teaches us that we are not accepted by God based on what we do or don't do.
- 3 **Of God.** Verse 4 tells of "the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience". Because God is like that He forgives us. But those characteristics are meant to lead us to repentance, that is a turning away from our sins.

Rather than base our lives on human judgment we should be aware of God's judgment described from verse 5 onwards.

It is based on truth not appearance (verse 2). We should compare our lives to Jesus who said He is the truth. God's judgment is expressed in wrath (explained in chapter 1). This is not God losing his temper but expressing just judgment like a judge in a lawcourt.

Who will be judged? God's judgment is on those who know His law but fail to keep it. (Verse 12). Those who don't know about God will be judged by their conscience. Even those who know nothing about God have a conscience showing right from wrong.

"God... will judge the secret thoughts of all". But it is "through Jesus Christ" (verse 16). Later in Romans Paul shows how. That will be good news. But we should live in the light of God's judgment rather than our human judgment.



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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

Last Week Family Special:

What an awesome start- we had 18 children from 9 families and 5 of those families had not worshiped with us before. We began with a scavenger hunt in the churchyard followed by bulb planting. We then went into church for our service which involved "pooptatoes", apple tasting, a message from Helen, worship songs and prayer. Then it was outside to the fire which Mark had kept going to roast apples on long sticks, peel the skins and then soak in sugar and cinnamon to make toffee apples.

This week:

We return to our sermon series 'Roamin' in Romans'. Alan Pugmire will be preaching from Romans 2: 1-16 on the righteous judgement of God.

Next Week:

Will be a baptism service and we welcome the family and friends of Jahnia and Iyana Augustus Young who are coming to be baptised.

In place of our sermon section next week we will be having a 'Here's Steph' Live, and Steph will be teaching us about creation.

At 3.00pm there will be a Holy Communion service (Book of Common Prayer).

Looking ahead:

Grace Cooke's Funeral:

The funeral service of our beloved Grace will take place here at St Margaret's on Monday 18th October at 12.00 noon.

Memorial Service

On Sunday 7th November we will be having our memorial service.

This is a service of sadness, reflection, joy and healing in which we come to remember family, friends and loved ones who have died.

October 10th to 16th Pray for:

- ◆ People living in May Drive, Arbor Drive & Arbor Avenue.
- ◆ Second Chapter Meeting of new Deanery on Monday to be helpful.
- ◆ Matt & Jane Franklin supervising Heather, FoodBank manager, on Wednesday.
- ◆ Gathered worship at HMP M/c & worries about COVID in confined spaces.
- ◆ TearFund's Reboot Campaign to tackle poverty, injustice & help climate crisis.
- ◆ Health concerns of Boaz clients to be treated seriously & with respect.
- ◆ Right emphasis for children & adults in our Family service with Baptism next Sunday morning.



UHT Semi Skimmed Milk Tinned Fruit

Tinned Cold Meat UHT Fruit Juice

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