



St Margaret's Church

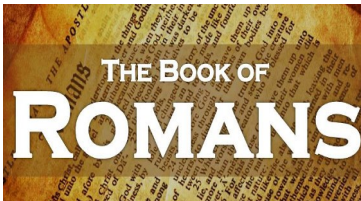
Together we aim to: Worship God, Proclaim Jesus, Grow in the Spirit and Serve the World

In Contact

29th May 2022

Romans 8: 18-27

Future Glory



The other day I rang up a business with a question.

The person answering the phone said 'Don't worry if you hear some noises. I'm working from home.' But she efficiently dealt with my query. Work, home and leisure may have been in three different places in the past. "Working from home"

means the division is less clearly defined. In a similar way the three headings below are not separate areas of our lives. They overlap.

Suffering is seen in creation. In verse 20 it is "*subjected to futility*" and in verse 21 "*as in bondage to decay*". We experience this in climate change. The sin of Adam and Eve has its consequences in the problems we experience in creation. We ourselves also experience suffering (v.23) and groan inwardly (or even outwardly!). It can be physically, mentally or as we try to cope with the difficulties of life.



Anticipating is also the experience of Paul. In v.18 he says, "*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us*". Alongside suffering we anticipate the "*Future Glory*" which will one day be ours in a New Creation. That will bring freedom from the suffering in creation and in ourselves. In verse 25 Paul says "*we wait for it with patience*".

Waiting is not always easy. What happens while we are waiting? Verses 26 & 27 tells us not as much about what we do, but about what the Holy Spirit does. Even Paul writes about weakness and not knowing how to pray. God by His Spirit searches our hearts. Often in hospital, people have a scan to see what is happening inside them. The Spirit can scan our lives, but we need to give space for it to happen. He may do it through the Bible, a hymn or song or another Christian. Sometimes when we pray, we bring God our agenda of things to pray about. God's agenda may be different. We need to allow God's Spirit to intercede for us "*according to the will of God*" (verse 27).



Bible Verse for 2022:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2.8

This Week Sunday 29th May :

Healing Service 10.30am:

Alan Pugmire will be preaching on Romans 8: 18- 27: **'Future Glory'**.

Next Week Sunday 5th June:

Holy Communion 10.30am:

Matt will be preaching on Acts 2. 1-21: **'Power and Praise.'**

Jubilee Cream Tea: 3-5pm Jubilee Cream Tea, traditional games, short outdoor service. Please see Matt or Steph if you can help. Scone bakers needed too!

Social Media:

If you have a flair for social media and would like to help us to better project our image to the community, please see Matt.

Disaster Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal:

Your donations came to £655, this will be added to the £1463 which the PCC allocated from our missionary giving spare unit.

Event Keyholder:

The PCC are looking to employ someone to open and lock the Parish Centre when it is used for parties and similar events. These are normally (but not exclusively) on Saturdays after 12.30pm. The applicant must be able to commit themselves to being available and they must be confident in dealing with members of the public on behalf of the PCC. For more details, please see Peter Miller.

May 29th to June 4th Please Pray for:

- ♦ People living in Hydefold Close, Church Row, Bibby Lane, Pearn Rd & Pearn Ave.
- ♦ Matt conducting the funeral of Kim Preston on Monday.
- ♦ Helpful discussions at the final sessions of the Living in Love & Faith course.
- ♦ Wise decisions at the Foodbank Trustee meeting on Wednesday.
- ♦ Good time at Youth Club as they litter pick and have pizzas on Thursday.
- ♦ Fun & safe time at Friday craft morning for ABC, Family Special and Kids & Youth Clubs.
- ♦ Enjoyable Games and Sports morning for children & families on Saturday.
- ♦ Fruitful chatting between church and fringe people at the Jubilee tea .

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

For more information please visit our website: www.stmargaretsburnage.org.uk

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



Vegetable Oil or Sunflower Oil Sugar
Tinned Cold Meat UHT Fruit Juice