



# St Margaret's Church

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

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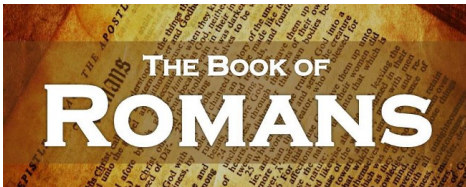
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*If you are visiting St Margaret's for the first time we hope you will enjoy worshipping with us today.*

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### Romans 1: 1-7

### Roamin' in Romans 1: Introduction



This week in our teaching through church, we start a long journey in St. Paul's letter to the Romans. It may take us a couple of years to get through as there are other seasonal services and breaks on the way. So setting out we should ask ourselves the question: Why Romans?

St. Paul wrote to challenge the young Corinthian church with these words: *"I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food"* (1 Corinthians 3.2). He certainly does not do this when he writes to the church at the heart of the Roman Empire. Instead he produces some of the meatiest teaching we have in the Bible. It is thought to have been written in 57 AD from Corinth and is his longest letter. He has never been to Rome but tells his readers of his hope to visit soon (See Romans 1. 10-15; 15. 22-29).

Paul's primary theme, even in these opening verses, is the Gospel - God's good news of salvation and righteousness for all humanity. He goes to great pains to explain the relationship between Jew and Gentile in God's overall plan of redemption. He quotes widely from the Old Testament and the letter reads more like an elaborate theological essay. He covers the big themes of: sin and death, salvation, grace, faith, righteousness, justification, sanctification, redemption, resurrection and glorification. And all the time, he shows a deep concern for Israel and its relationship with the Gentiles. The letter concludes with an appeal to the readers to work out their Christian faith in practical ways, both in the church and in the world.

In the opening verses (1-7) we are told how the Gospel had been promised by the prophets reminding us of the importance of Old Testament Scriptures. This Gospel was about Jesus, a son of David (Jewish) and Son of God (divine: holy and grace giving). Jesus was declared as the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead. But most importantly this message is given to enable all, including us today, to belong to Jesus Christ- to know how to become a Christian by faith and through grace and then how to live as one. This requires our obedience as a response to the love of God, not as a way to earn salvation; which comes through Christ alone.

This amazing letter had a profound influence on Martin Luther and John Calvin during the Reformation (16th Century) and more recently John Stott, which in turn has helped to shape the Church. It is our hope that we, in our church, will all be blessed as we chomp through the meat of this letter.



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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

### ***The Lord says "I am about to do a new thing":***

In response to this, we are starting a new 'Family Special' Service. This will usually take place on the first Sunday of the month at 3:30-5pm.

Here is our new Sunday timetable:

<b>First Sunday:</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>3.30–5pm Family Special</b>
<b>Second Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Third Sunday:</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>3.00pm BCP Holy Communion</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday:</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Fifth Sunday:</b>	<b>Morning Prayer with Healing</b>	

We are also re-starting kids club and opening 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:**

We begin a new Bible study series '**Roamin' in Romans**'. We will need to take a deep breath as we look at this magnificent first sentence: Romans 1: 1-7.

### **Next Week:**

Peter Capon continues our 'Roamin' in Romans' as we look at Romans 1: 8-17

### **Prayer Meeting:**

There will be a hybrid prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 12 noon with a physical gathering meeting in the vestry.

### **September 12th to 18th Please Pray for:**

- ◆ People living in Western Circle, Asquith Road & Ascot Parade.
- ◆ Matt at first Chapter meeting of new Deanery on Mon & for good relationships.
- ◆ Matt's monthly meeting on Tues with George & Katie Reeves for prayer, support & planning.
- ◆ Good response to restarting of Tuesday afternoon Reflection Service.
- ◆ Discussion of policies & storage issues at FoodBank meeting on Tuesday.
- ◆ 27 new IEM missionaries going on Sat May Drive, Arbor Drive, Arbor Ave, to the mission fields where they will serve.
- ◆ Continuing recovery from COVID in S America where Pearts are working.

### **Burnage Foodbank:**



The Foodbank are short of the following items and have been buying them in.

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

### **Television & Radio this Sunday:**

**BBC 1 - 13.45pm: Songs of Praise.** Sean Fletcher climbs Pendle Hill in Lancashire to learn how the area has inspired radical Christians from the past.

**BBC Radio 4 - 8.10am: Sunday Worship.**