

THE PARISH OF ST MARGARET
DUNHAM MASSEY

Trinity 16 Sunday 24th September 2023 Harvest

WELCOME TO CHURCH THIS MORNING, IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully
to fulfil them,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Today's readings

1st Reading : Exodus 16.2-15

2nd Reading : Matthew 20.1-16

Services Next Week Trinity 17

sunday 1st October 2023

11.00 Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th October

11.00 Holy Communion

Coming Up in September....

27th Sept	Midweek Holy Communion 11-00
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Wedding



We offer our warmest Congratulation's and very Best Wishes for the future to Christian and Chloe whose marriage took place at St Margaret's yesterday.

Dave's rumbles!

I do enjoy reading Jean Wise' reflections. She is an American lady who I can see in my minds eye, gently teasing out scripture and quietly writing down her thoughts. Going back into our Bible, she reminds us that on the seventh day God had finished his work on the world, on that day He rested. Every day at some stage I ask the question of friends and colleagues; 'How are you?' Their reply is a well- trodden path, 'Busy!' I don't think I have ever heard anyone say; 'I am peaceful and at rest!' Somehow in our demanding lives, to suggest we need rest is a sign of weakness. But even Jesus rested, He spent the night with his friends after the craziness of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the turmoil of throwing out the money changers and businessmen who were exploiting the pilgrims in the Temple. And think of the energy he expended in the healing of the blind and lame. After that, our Lord needed rest. God rested and Jesus rested, they model a healthy habit for us to follow. Take time for rest before and after busy seasons. You don't have to go onto retreat or lock yourself away in a cave; rest can be a place or a companion you enjoy being with or just a pause in time. Time was imminent for the events in Jesus' life. He intentionally took the time to journey to Bethany and to be with his friends. We too, need to manage the time in our schedules and calendars for a peace that offers rest. How do you rest? Where do you go for respite and restoration? The place may be simply the chair where you spend time with God. The person may be the friend who listens and brings laughter into your life. The space on your daily calendar awaits to be discovered if you seek it. Even in Jesus' hectic, daunting and demoralising last week on earth, He took the time to rest. How about you?

As always, have a great week, Dave M



Curious about Faith?

Alpha is a series that explores the basics of the Christian faith in a welcoming open and friendly environment. It's free and there is no pressure to follow –up.

Each session you'll be hosted in a group where you'll hear different topics of Christianity, and have time to chat through any thoughts. You can say anything or nothing at all.

Everyone is welcome. No matter your background or beliefs. **You're invited. Begins 19th September 2023 at Bramley Farm pub, Sinderland Road, Broadheath Run by a team from Altrincham, Broadheath and Timperley churches.**

www.alpha.org for more details or 0161 928 4820

ORGAN RECITAL

at

St Margaret's Church

Dunham Road Altrincham

October 19th at 7.30pm

Terry Crolley Msc. FRSA, FLSM

and Sasha Johnson Manning

Terry has been our much- loved organist at St Margaret's for over 20 years.

He has played at St Georges Chapel, Windsor, Westminster Abbey and many cathedrals throughout Britain.

He will be joined by **Sasha Johnson Manning**, vocalist and composer who has performed across Europe and USA

FREE ENTRY (including refreshments)

Donations to St Margaret's gratefully received

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Hope to see you next week