



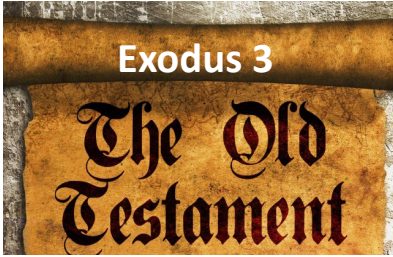
St Margaret's Church

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

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11th February 2024

GOD REVEALED TO MOSES AS "I AM"



On Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. The angel of the Lord, God himself, appears to Moses in a burning bush - a dramatic prelude to what God was about to do in person – and it got Moses' attention!

As God called Abram, God now calls Moses to serve him. He is reluctant to say the least. But Moses asks who God is and God replies: **14 "I Am who I Am." This is what you are**

to say to the Israelites: 'I Am has sent me to you.'"

HIS NAME:

God tells Moses; **"I Am who I Am"** is a common English translation of the Hebrew phrase 'ehye 'āšer 'ehye. This name was considered so holy that it was not ever to be spoken and only the consonants from the Hebrew words, were used in texts which in English are **YHWH**. If you did want to speak the name of God, YHWH, is difficult to pronounce, so inevitably, this name became, Yahweh, and then Jehovah.

HE IS: 'I AM', is a version of 'TO BE'. In English, we talk about past, present & future but on OT Hebrew, they didn't. The name of God:



suggests **continuing, unfinished action**. So, a fuller, better translation would be: 'I am being that I am being'. or 'the One Who Always **Is**'.

We can't help thinking in a line – this happened, then afterwards, that happened. Not so for God. He always is. One other version might be **'I am being that I am being'**. A Christian will say about themselves, that God knew them even before they existed. Psalm 139. Now they are alive, and in Christ I always will be! Eternal living, is possible because God the author of life, **IS**.

HE IS ONE: God is also claiming supremacy over all. So, the Angel of God is saying to Moses, He is not merely the god of a particular people or place, no one named or created him. No culture created him for this city, or that field, — HE IS. He defines himself. "There's just me and no other God. I AM." And I am the one who has been with you all along, and will continue to be with you. Deuteronomy 6:4, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

HE SAVES: Through Abraham God laid a **FOUNDATION**. But through Moses God brought **SALVATION**, saving God's holy nation from Egypt.

Jesus came to us, in person, to lead people back to God. What may be said of God the Father may also be said of Jesus the Son.

What began in Moses time, would be brought to focus in Jesus.

Jesus draws on this language ... I AM. I am the bread of Life... gate for the sheep... light of the world... the good shepherd... the resurrection and the life... The Way, the Truth and the Life.

I AM who I AM.



Bible Verse for 2024: 1 Peter 2:5

“..You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house... acceptable to God” .

This Week- Sunday 11th February 2024:

Morning worship at 10.30am. Today, Tony Hardy will be preaching from Exodus 3, on the theme: ‘**God revealed to Moses as “I am”**’.

BCP Communion at 3pm.

Ash Wednesday Service: 14th Feb by 7:30pm @St. Peters Levenshulme. All Welcome.

Pancake Quiz Night: 6.30pm on Saturday **17th February** in the Parish Centre. Sign-up at back of church to give us rough idea of numbers. Open to all and all for fun.

Next Week 18th February 2024:

Family communion at 10.30am. Matt will be preaching from Exodus 13. 17- 14.31 on the theme: ‘**Moses and The Exodus**’.

February 11th to 17th, Please Pray for:

- ◆ People living in Kenwood Avenue, Avonlea Drive & Bournelea Avenue.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday service in Levenshulme at 7.30pm.
- ◆ A suitable volunteer to be our Pastoral Care Coordinator.
- ◆ Will, the new Foodbank Treasurer, as he settles into his role.
- ◆ All the work to be done at Buds to be ready to open on 1st March.
- ◆ Syrian Christians to be salt and light in their communities,
- ◆ ‘Message’ links with “No More Knives” so more young people are aware of dangers.
- ◆ Sufficient funds for CMS to support Pearts and other mission workers,

Looking Ahead:

World day of Prayer: 2.30pm at St Margarets church, on Friday 1st March.

Together to Wonder: Next on 3rd March and every first Sunday of the month at 3pm. A service that uses stories, songs and creative prayer to wonder and worship together. All are welcome. For more information, see Steph.

Church History: Susan Whittaker is convening this group. If you have any information you would like to share about the life of the church, since year 2000, please speak to her.

*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*



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and at the centres when open.