



# St Margaret's Church

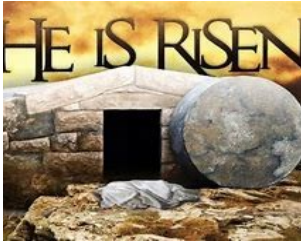
Together we aim to: Worship God, Proclaim Jesus, Grow in the Spirit and Serve the World

## In Contact

31st March 2024

Matt 28.1 - 10

### EASTER SUNDAY 2024 – JESUS IS 'I AM'



Christ is risen... He is risen indeed, Hallelujah! Jesus risen from the grave is also the God of the Old Testament. Through every story of the Bible, he reveals himself to us because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8).

**Jesus our Creator:** In Genesis, God says 'Let us create mankind in our image' (Genesis 1:26). God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were there from the start.' Through the word (another name for Jesus), all things were made.' (1 John 1). Jesus was part of the miracle of our creation. He is the God who makes us 'fearfully and wonderfully' (Psalm 139:14). He is not only our creator, but he is our recreator as well. 'If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation.' (2 Corinthians 5:17).

**Jesus our righteousness :** After the fall of Adam and Eve, God provides his children with clothes to cover up their nakedness and shame. Through Jesus, God provides us with a greater covering. We are told to 'put on Christ' (Romans 13:14) and to 'Put on the full armour of God' (Ephesians 6:11). One piece of armour is the breastplate of righteousness. In Christ, we never have to hide from God or live in guilt and shame. We are given Jesus' righteousness to wear, in Christ we stand blameless before God.

#### **Jesus our Passover Lamb:**

Throughout the Old Testament, we see God's people offering sacrifices to God. Sacrifices cleansed the people from their sins and made a way so that the priest could enter into God's presence. During the Passover, God tells the people to sacrifice a lamb and put its blood over their doorways, so that the angel of death will pass over. In Jesus, we see a 'new and living way' to enter God's presence (Hebrews 10:19). Jesus himself becomes the sacrifice once and for all. Now we can be cleansed from sin and forgiven, we can go into God's presence, death passes over us. All because of Jesus the lamb of God (John 1:29).

**Jesus our Freedom Bringer:** In Exodus, God sets his people free from slavery, he leads them through the waters of the red sea and into freedom. Jesus also leads us out of our slavery to sin and death. We go through the waters of baptism and are brought into new life and freedom in relationship with him.

**Jesus is 'I AM':** The 'I AM' that speaks to Moses is Jesus (John 8:58). In the gospel of John, Jesus tells us another 7 times that He is God. He says...

'I am the bread of life,' 'I am the light of the world,' 'I am the door of the sheep,' 'I am the good shepherd,' 'I am the way, the truth, and the life,' 'I am the true vine.' And perhaps the most important for today 'I am the resurrection and the life 11:25.'

Jesus is the only way to be recreated and brought into a right relationship with God. He is the one who brings forgiveness and freedom, he is the one who brings us from death to life. Turn to him this resurrection day and celebrate!



## 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– Easter Sunday 31st March 2024:**

**Easter Sunday Service at 10.30am.** Today, Steph will be preaching from Matt 28.1 - 10, on the theme: **Jesus is ‘I Am’.**

**Clocks: The clocks move forward by one hour this Sunday 31st March, by 1am. Kindly remember to adjust your clocks by Saturday night so you do not miss Easter service.**



### **Next Week 7th April 2024:**

**Holy Communion Service at 10.30am.** Theme: **‘Holy Humour’.**

**Together to Wonder at 3pm.**

### **March 31st to April 6th, Please Pray for:**

- ◆ People living in Burnside Drive, Astor Road, Glendale Avenue & Hembury Avenue.
- ◆ Martin Palmer as he carries out Independent Examination of our church accounts.
- ◆ Initiatives through the Prayer Survey to help people in their walk with God.
- ◆ Guidance as the Foodbank seek 2 new Trustees to strengthen the Board.
- ◆ Our Muslim neighbours in Ramamdan & for a response to dreams & visions of Jesus.
- ◆ Isolated Somali believers to know God’s comfort & find ways to grow in faith.
- ◆ Church leaders in Gaza/Israel leading their people through fear & uncertainty.
- ◆ More families to come to “Together to Wonder” service next Sunday (7th).

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll is open from 23rd March to 6th April 2024. If you would like to join, please see Susan Stansfield for a form.

**Bud Garden Centre:** The grand opening will be on 13th April from 2pm. We are supplying refreshments. Home made cakes, biscuits and helpers needed on the day.

**Annual Meeting (APCM):** This year’s APCM will be after the service on Sunday 21st April. Nomination forms for Churchwarden, Deanery Synod and PCC members are @the back of church. There is one unfilled vacancy on Deanery Synod and THREE vacancies on PCC. Many thanks to Karen Dring, Pearl Hardy and Catherine Iddin for their work on PCC and Jane Franklin and Chris Rogers as Wardens over the last year. The paperwork for the meeting will be distributed via email and some copies put at the back of church.

*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](http://www.stmargaretsburnage.org.uk)*



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