



# St Margaret's Church

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

## In Contact

5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### KING DAVID



Is the growing interest among people exploring their family history only by older people or is it because the internet has made the process easier?

In Old Testament Foundations, we have seen God's people down the generations. We have considered Adam, Abraham, Moses and Joshua and jumped over the book of Judges with Deborah, Gideon and Samson. All these died before we reach King David. But three living characters in today's story are Samuel the prophet, Saul the King and David the future King.

David was the youngest of eight sons of Jesse. Think of different stages of his life:

**Shepherd:** *"There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep"* 1 Samuel 16:11. God had guided Samuel to invite Jesse and his sons to a feast. Seven sons were there, but not David. Samuel asked the question "Are these all your sons?" I wonder what tone of voice Jesse used in his reply.

**Anointed:** *"Rise and anoint him; for this is the one"* 1 Samuel 16:12. Samuel knew he was going to anoint one of Jesse's sons as a future King, but not which one. It is likely that others present didn't know the implications of this anointing.

**Musician:** *"I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skilful in playing"* 1 Samuel 16:18

David played the lyre (a small harp). Saul was still King but troubled by an evil spirit. David was introduced into the royal household to play and soothe the King.

**Champion:** *"You come with sword and spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts"* 1 Samuel; 17:45. David's words facing Goliath's challenge. His experience as a shepherd fighting lions and bears prepared him for this challenge.

**Fugitive:** *"David rose and fled that day from Saul"* 1 Samuel 21:10. Saul was angry that women were praising David more than himself and was jealous of David. Several chapters tell of David's escapades as he fled from Saul. His outdoor life as a shepherd would be good preparation for his time in the wilderness.

**King:** *"...and they anointed David king over all Israel"* 2 Samuel 5:3. This was a public anointing in contrast to the previous private anointing. God had used his previous experiences to prepare him for this.

The New Testament begins with family history. It is *"the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David"* St. Matthew 1:1. David was a preview of Jesus, also born at Bethlehem. Thanks for David. Thanks for Jesus.



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## **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 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024:**

**Morning Worship at 10.30am.** Alan Pugmire will be preaching from 1 Samuel 16:1-13 on the theme: **‘King David.’**

**Family Picnic, 12.30pm-3pm** in church. Bring your own picnic and perhaps a treat to share with others too. Everyone is welcome.

### **Next Week 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024:**

**Morning Worship at 10.30am.** Tony Hardy will be preaching on the theme: **‘A Divided Kingdom (North and South)’** from 1 Kings 12:1-19.

**Communion at 3pm.**

### **May 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, Please Pray for:**

- People living in Northbank Gardens, Briarfield Road & Burnbray Avenue.
- Meaningful Ascension Day service here with St Peter’s & St Mark’s on Thursday.
- Helpful Burnage Residents Association meeting in Parish Centre on Thursday.
- An opportunity for Mission Community clergy to meet together.
- Sermon series on the Old Testament to help us understand our foundations.
- Andrew Peart, Richard & Jenny leading new community Bible study every Friday.
- Muslim converts rejected by their families because of their faith in Christ.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Ascension Day Service:** Thursday, 9th May at 8am, with Bacon butties to follow. Any one willing to cook bacon, please speak to Matt.

**Prayer Journal:** Please pick up a copy of "Thy Kingdom Come" Prayer Journal. This covers the 9 days from Ascension Day to Pentecost and encourages all to pray for growth, as we ask our Father in heaven to bring His Kingdom nearer.

**Prayer meetings at St Margaret’s:** Monday: 7.00—7.45pm: **on ZOOM** / Wednesday: 12.00-12.45pm : **On ZOOM**, Thursday at 7.30-8.15am in Errwood Room.

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

**MOST NEEDED: Long life Orange Juice, Pasta Sauce Jars, Curry Sauce Jars, Tinned Chicken /Ham Tinned, Tuna, Tinned Corned Beef, Tinned Carrots Tinned Sweetcorn, Coffee \*\*\*Shampoo\*\*\***

