



St Margaret's Church

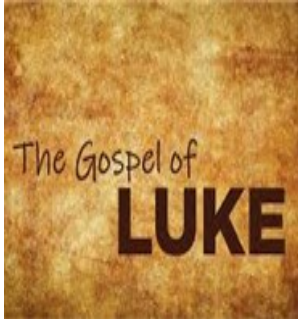
Together we aim to: Worship God, Proclaim Jesus, Grow in the Spirit and Serve the World

In Contact

19th Nov 2023

Luke 22.7-23

Fulfilled in the Kingdom of God



For Jesus, the Last Supper was a very emotional time. He said 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.' The fact the disciples didn't understand what was about to happen didn't help. It would only be afterwards that they would look back and see that it was indeed their last Passover supper while Jesus was here on earth.

The Passover was an annual celebration recalling God's rescue of his people from Egypt with the reading of Scripture and a meal of roast lamb, bitter herbs, unleavened bread and cups of wine.

At the start of the meal Jesus took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples. This was exactly what the disciples would be expecting. What they would not have been expecting were the words 'This is my body which is given for you'. What did He mean? Only later would they understand that His death on the cross was the giving of His life and his body for them, and the way in which the broken bread would represent His broken body to all who receive it.

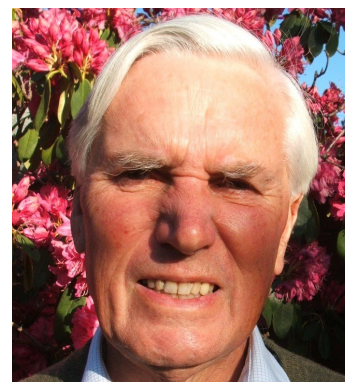
The words 'Do this in remembrance of me' emphasise the theme of remembrance. Just as the Passover was a remembrance of what God had done long ago, so the Lord's Supper is a remembrance of Jesus and all that He did in rescuing his people from sin and death. The rescue Jesus achieves in His passion and death is far greater than the rescue of God's people from Egypt.

After the meal Jesus takes the cup of blessing, gives thanks and gives it to the disciples saying 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.' The shedding of His blood on the cross ushers in the new covenant which supersedes all that has gone before. Forgiveness of sins and reconciliation to God only comes through faith in Christ and what He has achieved through His sacrifice on the cross.

The final part of the annual Passover celebration looked forward to the coming of God's kingdom with words from Psalm 115: 'We will bless the Lord from this time on and for evermore. Praise the Lord'. Jesus looked forward when He said 'I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God' and 'I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'

Death is followed by new life in the kingdom of God. Jesus died and rose again to inaugurate his coming kingdom of which we who follow Jesus are all a part.

In sharing in the Lord's Supper we participate in God's kingdom here and now but we also look forward to the time when that kingdom comes in all its fullness, when we all join in the heavenly banquet, and all things are fulfilled in the kingdom of God.



Bible Verse for 2023:

Prepare the way of the Lord. Luke 3: 4

...do good works, which God prepared for us to do. Ephesians 2: 10

This Week- Sunday 19th November 2023:

Family Communion at 10.30am: Today, Peter Capon will be preaching from Luke 22.7-23 on the theme 'Fulfilled in the Kingdom of God'.

Annual Memorial Service by 3pm. Where we remember our lost loved ones.

Next Week 26th November 2023:

Morning Worship at 10.30am: Matt will be preaching from Luke 23.35-43 on the theme 'The King and his kingdom'.

CW communion at 3pm.

Focused prayer gathering at 7pm.

November 19th to 25th, Please Pray for:

- ◆ People living in Broadhill Road & Mauldeth Road (Kingsway to Burnage Lane).
- ◆ Visit of Year 1 class of Cringle brook School to church on Monday.
- ◆ Meeting of Burnage Foodbank Trustees on Monday, with thanks for new Treasurer.
- ◆ Visit of Year 1 class of Green End Primary School to church on Tuesday.
- ◆ Matt doing 8am Advent Eucharist at Trinity High School on Thursday.
- ◆ Matt at Anti-Poverty meeting at Westcroft Centre on Thursday.
- ◆ Christian Schools in Muslim-majority countries to be safe spaces for children to learn.
- ◆ Trained Dignity Life Group Leaders in Tanzania & Malawi as they form other groups.
- ◆ Those attending Andrew Peart's course in Santa Cruz on family finance & stewardship.

Looking Ahead:

Vivaldi Ensemble Concert: concert of light classical music on Sunday Nov 26th, 6-7.30pm, St Marks, Levenshulme. Please contact Frances Tweedy for more details.

Manchester Baroque Concert: Manchester Baroque are putting on Handel's Messiah at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday December 9th at 7pm. Tickets from £10 plus booking fee. Please contact Matt for further enquiries.

Needed: More people to go on rota for managing our Livestream during service. Please see Matt, Catherine Iddin or Richard Baker for further enquiries.

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



MOST NEEDED: Long life Orange Juice, Oil and Sugar

Burnage Tesco, Burnage Library (when open) and Asda Reddish
and at the centres when open.