

St Margaret's Church

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

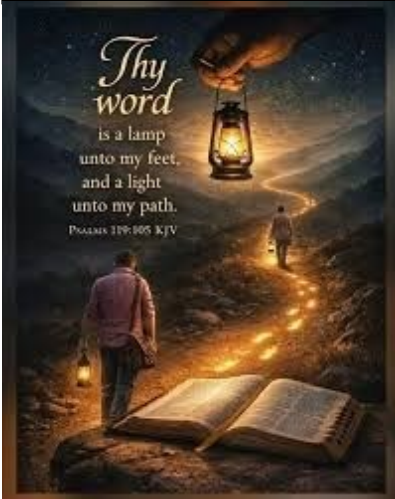
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12th July 2026

Psalm 119.105 - 112

GOD'S WORD

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23



Many Psalms express a passionate outburst of praise, confession or despair. Psalm 119 is not like that. It is the longest Psalm with 176 verses. It is divided into 22 sections each of eight verses. Originally written in Hebrew, it works its way through the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet with verses of the first section beginning with the first letter, the second section with the second letter and so on.

Some Bibles print the appropriate letter (in English) at the heading of each section. It has been compared to embroidery which has been carefully worked on over a period of time. What some people do with the threads of embroidery this writer does with words.

In verse 105 the Psalmist speaking to God says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". A 'word' is something we speak or write to communicate. This is about God speaking to us. Within the Psalm, eight words are used to describe this communication. In the Bibles we use in church, these are described as 'Word... Promise... Decrees... Commandments... Law... Ordinances... Precepts... Statutes'. These give us different shades of meaning of God's communication to us.

God's Word is described as a lamp, which in Bible times would be an oil lamp which would need to be lit if it was to provide light. By opening our Bibles and reading them we are making it possible for them to give light to us. How do we do this? When I first became a Christian I used some helpful questions. They can be used for any part of the Bible:

- What is the main point of this passage?
- What does this passage say about God – Father, Son or Holy Spirit?
- Does it say anything about myself?
- Are there any examples to follow?
- Are there any errors to avoid?
- Are there any commands to obey?
- Is there a promise to receive?

Looking at the Bible in this way will enable us to put our feet on the right path through life. This will help us to make the right choices personally. Churches must do this to keep on the right path. In the New Testament, St Paul pointed out in letters to the Colossians and to Titus that there were people teaching "what it is not right to teach". The laws of our land should also be in accordance with God's Word so it can guide politically too.

The word 'delight' appears often in the Psalm. If we regularly light the lamp of God's Word it can become a delight to us.



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Bible Verse for 2026: Isaiah 43.19, Philippians 3.14

I am about to do a new thing... Press on towards the goal!

This week- Sunday 12th July 2026:

Morning Worship Service at 10.30am: Alan Pugmire will be speaking on the theme: **'God's word'**.

BCP Communion at 3pm

Funeral: Audrey Cantley's funeral will be in church at 12.30pm on **Wednesday 15th July** with refreshments after in the hall.

Next Week 19th July 2026:

Holy Communion Service at 10.30am: Peter Miller will be speaking.

July 12th – 18th – Please Pray for:

- People living in Errwood Road (Green End to Shawbrook Road) & St Margaret's Church, Burnage Lane.
- PCC meeting on Monday around the issue of Children/Youth/Families Worker.
- Helpful reflection after Tuesday Group meal thinking about "retirement".
- Audrey Cantley's funeral.
- Burnage Anti-Poverty group on Thursday – Matt representing church & Foodbank.
- ABC families over the summer following last meeting on Friday.
- Enjoyable BBQ on Saturday as thanksgiving to Foodbank volunteers.
- Open Doors trauma centre in Nigeria helping kidnapped and abused women.

Looking Ahead:

Holiday Special: 27th - 29th July. Any offers of homemade cakes or biscuits would be appreciated for the Holiday Special. Please let Susan Whittaker know if you could make some cakes or biscuits.

Answers to prayer: We want to celebrate what God is doing amongst us, however smaller a thing it seems. Please send to revmattburnage@gmail.com or M19stmargarets@gmail.com.

Welcome Team: If you can help, see Wardens or Matt. We also need help with new people joining the Easy Worship rota.

Nativity costumes: Matt wants to do a pop up nativity in December. If you have any suitable clothing or props, please see Matt.

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

Come and join us for tea or coffee after the service.



Burnage Tesco, Burnage Library
(when open) and Asda Reddish

SHOPPING LIST: Please concentrate on the following - Tinned Fruit, Lunch box snacks, Chocolates, Shampoo, UHT Milk, Toothpaste.