



# St Margaret's Church

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

In Contact

14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Romans 5. 1-8

## The good news of the Kingdom

Matthew 9. 32 - 10.8



Switching on the telly or going to a phone app to find the news, usually serves up a dish of disasters: wars; violent crimes; things going wrong; new deadly viruses; failures; U-turns; political infighting, and imminent catastrophes caused by global warming. Where is the good news? I suppose, one day if the producers did a whole programme of good news

we would miss the bad!

In our passage today, we are told that *"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming **the good news of the kingdom.**"* 9.35. This got me asking the question: What is the good news of the Kingdom?

If we only had our Bible reading today to answer this, we would say the good news of the kingdom is:

**1.Freedom and Healing-** We see here stories of exorcisms (v.32-33) *and curing of every disease and sickness* (v.35). It does not talk about forgiveness here directly but the Greek word for healing has the same root as the word for *salvation*, Jesus comes to make us whole in body, mind and spirit.

**2.Compassion-** the people were *harassed and helpless* (v.36). Rather than getting frustrated or dismissive, Jesus sees the need of the people and has compassion. He looks at them with love, mercy and tenderness and wants to meet their need. This is true for us today.

**3.Purpose-** Jesus sees that they are shepherd-less- they need a protector and guide. The good news is that Jesus is our good shepherd doing just this.

**4.Involving ordinary people-** Jesus does not select those who are wealthy, well educated and have everything sorted. The apostles listed in 10. 2-4 reassure us that Jesus picks a ragtag group of very ordinary people to be his disciples, Just like us! And he gives us a shared responsibility of being those to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to our people today.

**5.Grace-** Our passage ends with *"You received without payment; give without payment."* (10.8). This does not mention grace as such but the implication is that God's salvation and the good news of the kingdom are given to us freely as an act of grace by God. So we should be passing this good news on freely too.

By going elsewhere in Scripture, we could add much more to this list, including the future fulfilment of the kingdom when Jesus returns. But this short passage gives us plenty to ponder and praise God for!

The passage also gives us something specific for which to pray. The sending out of the 12 to proclaim the good news of the kingdom comes after Jesus gives one of the clearest instructions of what to pray for: *"therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."* (9.38). This makes us think: where are fields ready for harvest in Burnage? Let us ask the Lord of the Harvest and see how we can be the answer to that prayer in our homes, work places and community.



Rev Matt Calladine

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026:**

**Morning Worship Service at 10.30am:** Matt will be speaking about the good news of the kingdom from Romans 5: 1-8, Matthew 9: 32 – 10:8.

**BCP Communion at 3pm.**

**No Monday and Wednesday prayer meeting this week.** Thursday 7.30am as usual.

### **Next Week 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026:**

**Father's Day Celebration at 10.30am:** Matt will be speaking on the 'Running Father' from Luke 15.11-32.

**No Wednesday prayer meeting this week**

### **June 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Please Pray for:**

- People living in Moorcroft Drive, Moorcroft Walk, Mauldeth Road & Whitehurst Road.
- Matt at Diocesan Clergy Conference Monday to Wednesday in Swanwick.
- Matt & Steph planning next Sunday's Father's Day service.
- Steph to benefit from her college alumni gathering Monday to Tuesday.
- 2026 Motto "Press on towards the goal" – Courage to forward Kingdom of God here.
- God to open more doors for evangelism in Myanmar.
- UK-based Trustees of Falconer Home managing limited financial resources.
- Continue to pray for students doing exams.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Burnage Parade** 5<sup>th</sup> July. Parade starts at 11.30am so we will start our worship that Sunday at **10am**. Any creative people who wants to work on banners or symbols, please see Matt.

**Vigil for Sheila Brown:** in Church 7pm-8pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Celebration and thanksgiving for Sheila Brown in Church, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 12.15pm.

**Holiday Special:** 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:revmattburnage@gmail.com) or [M19stmargarets@gmail.com](mailto:M19stmargarets@gmail.com).  
*"Duncan and Susan Stansfield thank God that they've been able to rearrange their flights to Africa from June to October at no extra cost"*

**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](http://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, Tinned Veg, Cordial, Biscuits, Shampoo, UHT Milk, Shaving foam .**