



# St Margaret's Church

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

In Contact

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

## THE EMMAUS ROAD

Luke 24. 13-35



In 1 Corinthians 15 v 3-6 Paul outlines four main points of the gospel message:

1. Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
2. He was buried,
3. He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
4. He appeared.

Let's look at these 4 points in the experience of the two followers of Jesus walking to Emmaus.

These two people were probably going home, and they were going over all that had happened, trying to make sense of the last few days. What were they going to tell their family and friends when they got home?

**1. Jesus was dead.** They knew He was dead; they might even have seen Him die on the cross just three days before.

**2. Jesus was buried.** His body had been taken down from the cross and placed in a tomb.

**3. His body was missing.** Earlier that morning some of the women had visited the tomb. It was open and the body had gone. They came back with the story that an angel sitting on top of the stone had told them that Jesus had risen. When they came to tell the others, nobody believed them. Some had gone to investigate and they reported that the tomb was empty as the women had said, but they saw no-one.

When Jesus joined the two people on the road, he explained to them all the Scriptures relating to the Messiah beginning with Moses and the prophets. The death, burial and resurrection of the Messiah were all foretold in the Scriptures and fulfilled in Jesus. This leaves us with the final point.

**4. He appeared.** They invite Jesus to stay with them and share a meal together and as their guest Jesus was asked to 'say grace'. He took the bread and thanked God for its provision and then He broke it, and...He disappeared!

But, in the breaking of the bread Jesus revealed Himself to them...He appeared to them and their immediate reaction was to set off back to Jerusalem to tell their friends the good news. There are many people who know what Christians believe without believing it themselves. There often seems to be something that tips the balance from head knowledge about who Jesus was, to a new faith in Jesus himself.

The two disciples were convinced when Jesus broke the bread. The disciple John was convinced when He saw the folded grave clothes. On an Alpha course, one man came to faith when he heard that Jesus ate a piece of broiled fish. I was convinced by the invitation to receive communion at an evening communion service.

What was it that convinced you? Or are you still waiting to be convinced?

The Scriptures, the Bible, tell us everything about Jesus, who He is and why He came. If you want to know more about Jesus, the Bible is a great place to start.



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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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026:**

**10.30am Holy Communion:** Peter Miller will be speaking about the two disciples who met a comforting stranger on the road to Emmaus- Luke 24. 13-35 & 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

### **Next Week 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026:**

**Morning Worship Service: at 10.30am.** Roger Dixon will be speaking on the theme: **'Seven Disciples.'**

### **April 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Please Pray for:**

- People living in Thornfield Road, Rosevale Avenue, Holcombe Gardens & Oasis Close.
- Parents at ABC who have new babies.
- Discussions at Youth Club to provoke deep thoughts & help them grow in faith.
- Those recovering from addiction to have the support they need from Barnabus.
- Christians in India amidst increasing Hindu nationalism & anti-conversion laws.
- Issues of delayed clearance for Ahmed, Managing Chaplain, & for Free Church chaplain.
- Men attending Bible Study run by Phoebe, a Message Prison Worker.
- Becks (Manager) & Helen (Project worker) at the Foodbank.
- Helpful APCM meeting next Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> ) after Morning Worship.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**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).

**APCM:** This year's APCM is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April after the morning service. Hard copies of the paperwork are at the back of church for those who have not received it via email.

There are four vacancies for PCC members, three vacancies for Deanery Synod and two vacancies for church wardens. Many thanks to Jane Franklin for her work as warden over the last 6 years, to Andrew Foulkes and Mark Stansfield as Deanery Synod representatives and to PCC members Peter Miller, Ruth Miller and Tom Musgrove, whose terms of office end at the APCM. Please note Jane can not stand for re-election as warden as she has served for 6 consecutive years. Nominations close on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**CONFIRMATION:** 1st June 7pm here. If you are interested in being confirmed please see Matt. There are 3 preparation sessions: 6.30– 7.45 pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May. Venue tbc.

*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.*



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(when open) and Asda Reddish

**SHOPPING LIST: Please concentrate on the following - Tinned Peas/ Sweet corn/Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, UHT Milk, Spaghetti hoops, Pasta sauce .**