



St Margaret's Church

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

In Contact

24th May 2026

Acts 2. 1 - 12

PENTECOST– Power On



One of the many devices in our home, when switched on, plays an ascending musical tone and then says, with a robotic American accent: "Power on!"

Pentecost was the day when God, probably not with an American accent, said: "Power on!" The disciples had been waiting in Jerusalem, having been instructed by Jesus before his Ascension to do so. Then 10 days later, a rushing wind and tongues of fire heralded the outpouring of God's Spirit on all believers. Power on!

And to show those gathered in Jerusalem from all over the known

world for the Jewish Festival of First fruits, people heard God being praised in their native tongues by those who clearly would have no knowledge of these languages. Then Peter stands in front of a crowd, some of whom may well have been there over 50 days earlier for Passover, and had cried out for Jesus to be crucified. With the power of the Spirit in him, Peter boldly and clearly addresses the crowd, proclaiming that Jesus died and rose again and calling on them to repent for their sins.

Look what happened: *"So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added."* (Acts 2.41). Power on!

The disciples of Jesus move on in the power of the Spirit and we see many signs and wonders performed in Jesus' name as we read through the Acts of the Apostles. But that was back then. How about now? The same Spirit of Pentecost, that raised Jesus from the dead, is at work in us today. Jesus promised that He (the Spirit) would be with us and in us (John 14.17). The Spirit comes to give us:

1. Power to Grow- The Spirit helps us be more like Jesus and helps us to understand all He taught. The Spirit grows in us the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5. 22-23). He gives gifts to the church to build us up (1 Corinthians 12). The Spirit shows us where we are going wrong and guides us through life.

2. Power to Go- Just like Peter being given the courage and the words to say on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit helps us to share the love of Jesus in words and actions. Jesus has given us a story to share and He wants us to do this in a way as naturally as we would talk about any family member. The Spirit gives us the power to do this.

3. Power to Go on- Even the Duracell bunny will run out of power. Ephesians 5.18 tells us to "go on being filled with the Spirit". For those who like linguistics, the verb used in this verse is a present continuous. We need to keep coming back to God and asking His Spirit to fill us afresh.

So let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us afresh. Be still before God and pray "Come Holy Spirit". **Power on!**



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 24th May 2026:

10.30am Pentecost Sunday celebrations: Matt speaking about the Holy Spirit– Power on!

CW Communion at 3pm

Workparty: Church grounds Saturday 30th May 10am-12pm. To be cancelled if weather is bad.

Next Week 31st May 2026:

Healing Sunday Service at 10.30am: Peter Miller will be speaking from Psalm 8 and Matthew 28: 16-20.

Confirmation: 1st June 7pm here. Please support our candidates by being there and praying.

May 24th – 30th Please Pray for:

- People living in Hydefold Close, Church Row & Bibby Lane
- Inspiration for Creative Prayer team for fresh ideas on Tuesday.
- Three Food Banks meeting together on Wednesday to discuss collaboration.
- Alicia (part time Food Bank fund-raiser) making good progress securing funds.
- Kurdish Christians facing opposition by authorities & population in Turkey.
- Thanks for progress made at Falconer Home on farm & girls' dormitory.
- Message running faith-based lunch club in high school in Partington.
- Pray for students on half term, especially those with exams after the holidays.

Looking Ahead:

Parish lunch– 7th June to celebrate with those recently confirmed. Bring and share. Details to follow.

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.

Falconer Home special appeal: The home finds itself in financial difficulty further compounded by hospital fees for Simon (the Orphanage Manager). **If you would like to make a one-off donation, please use one of the envelopes at the back of church. Thank you** to all those people who took a bag for the children at the Falconer Home. Could you please return your completed bag to Sue and Duncan Stansfield by the end of May. They can also take the following, unused, items: Tennis Balls, Coffee, Tea Bags, Paracetamol, Infant Calpol Liquid, Plasters, AAA Batteries, Bamboo Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Soap, Pencils, Chalks, Coloured Pencils, Hair Bands/Bobbles, Skipping Ropes. Thank you.

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

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 Peas/ Sweet corn/Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, UHT Milk, Spaghetti hoops, Pasta sauce .