



# St Margaret's Church

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

In Contact

26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**1 Corinthians 15. 12-28**



**SEVEN DISCIPLES**

**John 21. 1-14**

It might be helpful to begin this summary with a reminder of Jesus' "Resurrection Appearances" We don't know exactly how many "appearances" there were, but in the 1890s, the then Bishop of Liverpool, J.C. Ryle, drew up the following list of 11 appearances which he found in the Bible. Those recorded in bold print were appearances to one or more of his 12 disciples.

ON THE "THIRD DAY:

1. TO MARY MAGDALENE (Mark 16:9-11 and John 20:11-18)
2. TO A GROUP OF WOMEN (Matthew 28:1-10)
3. **TO PETER (sometimes known as either Simon, Simon Peter or Cephas) (Luke 24:33-35 and 1 Corinthians 15:5)**
4. TO TWO OF HIS FOLLOWERS ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS (Mark 16:12-13 and Luke 24:13-35) – the passage on which Peter Miller preached, last week.
5. **TO THE DISCIPLES (with Thomas absent) (Luke 24:36-49 and John 20:19-23)**

LATER ON - A WEEK LATER:

6. **TO THE DISCIPLES (With Thomas now present) (John 20:24-29) – the passage on which Matt preached, 2 weeks ago.**

UP TO 40 DAYS LATER:

7. **TO SOME DISCIPLES BY THE SEA OF GALILEE (John 21:1-19) – the passage on which we are focussing this week.**
8. **TO THE DISCIPLES ON A GALILEE HILLSIDE – (Matthew 28:16-20)**
9. **TO MORE THAN 500 AT ONCE (1 Corinthians 15:6)**
10. TO JAMES (1 Corinthians 15:7)
11. **ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, PRIOR TO HIS ASCENSION (Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:6-11)**

On April 26th, I will be asking, and seeking to answer, some questions as we focus on John 21:1-14.

Why had the disciples returned to Galilee? How would they have felt after their time in Jerusalem, and all that had happened there? How would they be feeling now, back in Galilee? Who were the seven disciples mentioned? Why did they go out fishing? Did they return to their former lives as fishermen, or were they going to move on into a new life?

Would some of them have remembered Jesus's words, three years ago, "*I will make you fishers of men*"? What happened 2-3 weeks later? How does all this apply to us, generally?

How does all this apply to us, as we meet, after our service, for our Annual Meeting?



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

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

**APCM:** 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.

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. Nominations are now closed.

### **Next Week 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026:**

**Morning Worship Service: at 10.30am.** Rev Matt Calladine will be speaking on the theme: **'The Eleven Disciples.'**

**Prayer for growth at 7pm**

### **April 26<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Please Pray for:**

- People living in Westcroft Road, Southbank Road, Southlea Road, Kingsway Crescent & Woodbray Avenue.
- Creative Prayer on Tuesday concluding topic "The Rest is Worship".
- Helpful Reflective service after Tuesday Group lunch.
- Matt at St Thomas CE Primary on Tuesday to talk about Emmaus Road story.
- Mission Community Clergy meeting to pray on Wednesday.
- Steph attending residential course in Cardiff Sunday to Wednesday.
- Matt attending Ministerial Development Reviews (MDR) training on Thursday.
- Believers in Sudan suffering violence and displacement from their homes.
- Motto 2026 - "I am about to do good things" – eyes to see what this is.
- TearFunds work in Burkino Faso where many displaced & need shelter & supplies.

### **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).

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