

# St Margaret's Church

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

## In Contact

## 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Romans 4. 13-25

### Jesus Changes Lives

### Matthew 9.2-13,18-26



We live in a world of change and all of us are affected by big life changing events, our circumstances, our health, big decisions or who we share our lives with.

The people in today's gospel reading from Matthew 9 could hardly be more different from one another. But they each had a life changing meeting with Jesus.

**The paralysed man** was carried to Jesus by his friends. Jesus saw their faith, their belief that Jesus could change his life, and says 'take heart son your sins are forgiven.' And then 'stand up take up your bed and go home' which he did. When he was brought to Jesus in faith his life was changed for ever spiritually as well as physically.

**Matthew** is an outsider because he was a despised tax collector. Jesus takes the initiative, calling Matthew to follow him. Jesus gladly eats with tax collectors and sinners at his house. When he is challenged Jesus is clear, it is sinners who need to find the healing and forgiveness that he brings. As an apostle, Matthew devoted his life to following Jesus and his life was changed for ever.

**The unnamed woman** who touches the fringe of Jesus garment was another outsider in Jewish society. Her bleeding would make her ritually unclean and supposed to keep away from people but she came up behind Jesus. He says to her *"take heart daughter, your faith has made you well"*. Jesus welcomed her unconditionally and she was instantly made well and her life was changed for ever.

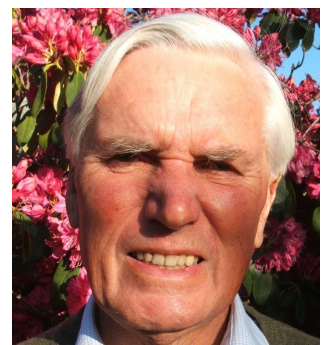
**The leader of the synagogue** was putting his reputation on the line by coming to Jesus. He asks that Jesus come and lay hands on his dying daughter, confident that Jesus could restore her life. Jesus' touch changed her life and his as well.

**Faith in Jesus** is the one thing these people all have in common. They all had complete confidence in Jesus's ability to change lives and when they came to him in faith he did just that.

**What about today?** We need to be reconciled to God and to our neighbours and to know peace with God. We need to be made whole and put right with God. Jesus is not here on earth but he is still with us by His Spirit as we come to Him. So does Jesus still change lives today?

Today, we celebrate with those were confirmed on Monday. They each have different stories about how they have come to this point in their spiritual journey. What they have in common is that in some way Jesus has changed them as they step out in faith and they have been prepared to stand up publicly and profess that faith. By his Spirit Jesus has changed them and Jesus is changing them.

The challenge for every one of us is whether we still let the Holy Spirit work in our lives, changing us to be more like Jesus, to live for him today and tomorrow. This is our lifelong journey of faith.



Peter Capon

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

**Holy Communion Service at 10.30am:** Peter Capon will be speaking from Matthew 9: 2-13, 18-26 on the theme: **'Jesus changes lives.'**

**Parish lunch- 7<sup>th</sup> June** to celebrate with those recently confirmed. Bring and share. Details to follow.

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

**Morning Worship Service at 10.30am:** Matt will be speaking from Romans 5: 1-8, Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8 (9-23) .

**BCP Communion at 3pm.**

### **June 7<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup> – Please Pray for:**

- People living in Westdean Crescent, Alston Gardens & Ashburn Avenue.
- Matt talking on Monday to Acacias Year 1 about Baptism.
- God to speak at Prayer Ministry team meeting on Monday as they wait on Him.
- Reflection by Matt after Tuesday Group lunch on "God gives good gifts".
- Wisdom for Holiday Special planning group on Tuesday finalising the July event.
- 2026 Motto "I am about to do new things" – Open our eyes to see what these are.
- For more volunteers to sign up as speakers for Open Doors.
- Those reached by the Bible Studies at Richard & Jenny's public toilets in Santa Cruz
- Continue to pray for students doing exams, GCSE's and A levels.

### **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 want to work on banners or symbols, please see Matt.

**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.

*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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