

# St. Saviour's Parish Church, Great Moor



*Church in the community* Matt 5:14-16, Acts 2:44-47, Phil 2:3-5

## Church Magazine – May 2025

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### **Worship**

**Sundays 10.45 a.m. Sung Eucharist ~ Modern Language**  
**Healing Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 10.45 a.m.**  
**Baptisms take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12.30 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with candles 1<sup>st</sup> Wed.)**

**Church is open for quiet reflection, prayer or lighting a candle**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11 a.m. until 12 noon**

## *The Vicar Writes:*

This month millions of Christians worldwide, of every denomination, will once again join in with *Thy Kingdom Come*, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (29th May to 8th June), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: *'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.'* (Colossians 4: 2-4).

As Paul says, consistent praying for others involves discipline (*'be devoted'*) and responding to what God is already doing in people's lives (*'being watchful and thankful'*). We can pray for *'open doors'* to point people to Jesus and what He can mean in their lives. We all have opportunities to do this, as even Paul prayed as a prisoner in chains!!

Thy Kingdom Come encourages us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

*'Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth.*

*Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all.*

*Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.'*

*Reverend Jess*



# *Holy Week and Easter 2025*

***Revd Jess shares a roundup of our Easter celebrations at St Saviour's.***

This year's Holy Week and Easter celebrations were both wonderfully joyful & deeply moving, as together we journeyed with Jesus from the excitement of Palm Sunday through to the pain of Good Friday and beyond to the elation of the empty tomb on Easter Day.



We started our celebrations, by welcoming 75 children (and their teachers) to our Easter Experience – an immersive and interactive telling of the journey Jesus took in his final days – which was appreciated by those who visited and those who volunteered.

We then, on a gloriously spring morning, marked Palm Sunday, by beginning our worship outside, and processing into church, in triumphant song, for the remainder of our worship.

On the Monday of Holy Week, 25 children (and their parents/carers) came into church for our Easter Crafts event, where they created different arts projects, reflecting the different parts of Holy Week, as well as ending with a special story read by Revd Jess.





On the Wednesday, Aly led a beautifully reflective Stations of the Cross, and Revd Jess led the Mothers Union in a Holy Week Meditation. These were quickly followed by our Eucharist on Maundy Thursday – when we remembered Jesus' instruction to wash one another's feet and share in Communion. The service ended in darkness and silence, as we remembered Jesus being taken away by the authorities and his disciples abandoning him and leaving him alone, with the church being stripped bare of all its finery.



On Good Friday, we gathered for the last hour of the cross, with music and reflections.



And then on Easter Day, just shy of 100 people came together to celebrate the wonder of the resurrection in an uplifting service, which was ended by an Easter Egg Hunt (complete with visit from the Easter Bunny!), a Chocolate Feast and the results of the Easter Egg Competition.

A huge thank you to all those who supported and served at each of the services and events. Here are just some of the photos, showcasing what we got up to – more to be found on our Facebook page.

# *Whit Walks*

This month, Manchester Cathedral is inviting parishioners to participate in a traditional Whit Walk, falling this year on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May. A joyful parade of clergy and parishioners along with brass bands and drums will process through the streets of the city, honouring a tradition which was first established over 200 years ago in the North West.



## ***The history of Manchester's Whit Walks***

The week following the festival of Pentecost was traditionally known as Whitsuntide, and today, this week usually coincides with school half terms. In the Victorian period, Whitsuntide became a general holiday period for factory workers, with the mills closing for the week and workers taking canal boat holidays or cheap outings by rail. Historically, it was a common time for young people to wear white for baptisms, and so Whit(e) Friday became a day for them to parade through the streets in witness to their new faith. The marches were also seen as a diversion from labour in Manchester's factories and mills. Children from Anglican Sunday schools would march on Whit Monday, whilst those from Roman Catholic schools would walk on Whit Friday. The 'scholars' would be treated to new clothes for the occasion, and clergy or church officers would carry baskets of flowers and banners, with brass bands leading the processions. The Whit Walks continued through the twentieth century throughout Manchester, Tameside, Saddleworth and even parts of West Yorkshire. Christians today pay tribute to this strong Mancunian tradition by coming together to share their faith in a traditional walk of witness.

## ***This year's walk - 2025***

Families and people of all ages are invited to join the clergy of Manchester Cathedral on this year's walk, which begins with an assembly at Cathedral

Gardens. If your church hasn't officially registered to participate, you can still show your support by simply coming along and joining the parade!

Dean Rogers Govender from Manchester Cathedral said:

"Last year's Whit Walks were an absolute joy, with

communities coming together in the sunshine to parade the city centre streets. The turnout was incredible, not only from the churches taking part but also the crowds who came out to show their support for this time-honoured tradition. We welcome families and individuals from across the borough to join us this Bank Holiday Monday to support this incredible day for all the community."

***Bishop Matthew Porter of Bolton:***

***"This part of the North of England has a great tradition of Whit Walks, where followers of Jesus walk together, witness together, and pray together."***

## ***Programme***

If you'd like to come down and show your support for this year's Whit Walks, the details are as follows:

9.30am Assemble in Cathedral Gardens (behind Manchester Cathedral)

10.00am Procession begins at Manchester Cathedral and heads to St Peter's Square, via Deansgate

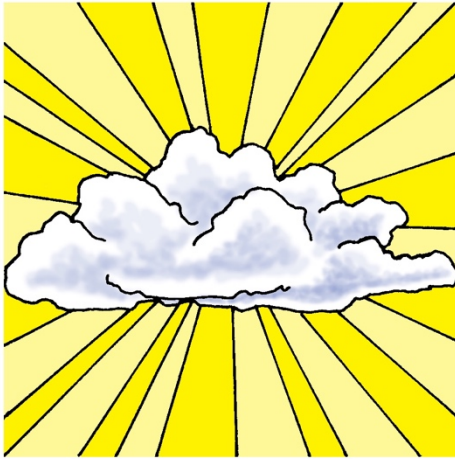
10.45am Worship, led by Dean Rogers Govender in St Peter's Square

**See the Manchester Cathedral website for more details.**

**[www.manchester.anglican.org](http://www.manchester.anglican.org)**



# Ascension Day



40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (*Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.*)

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by many of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them – to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

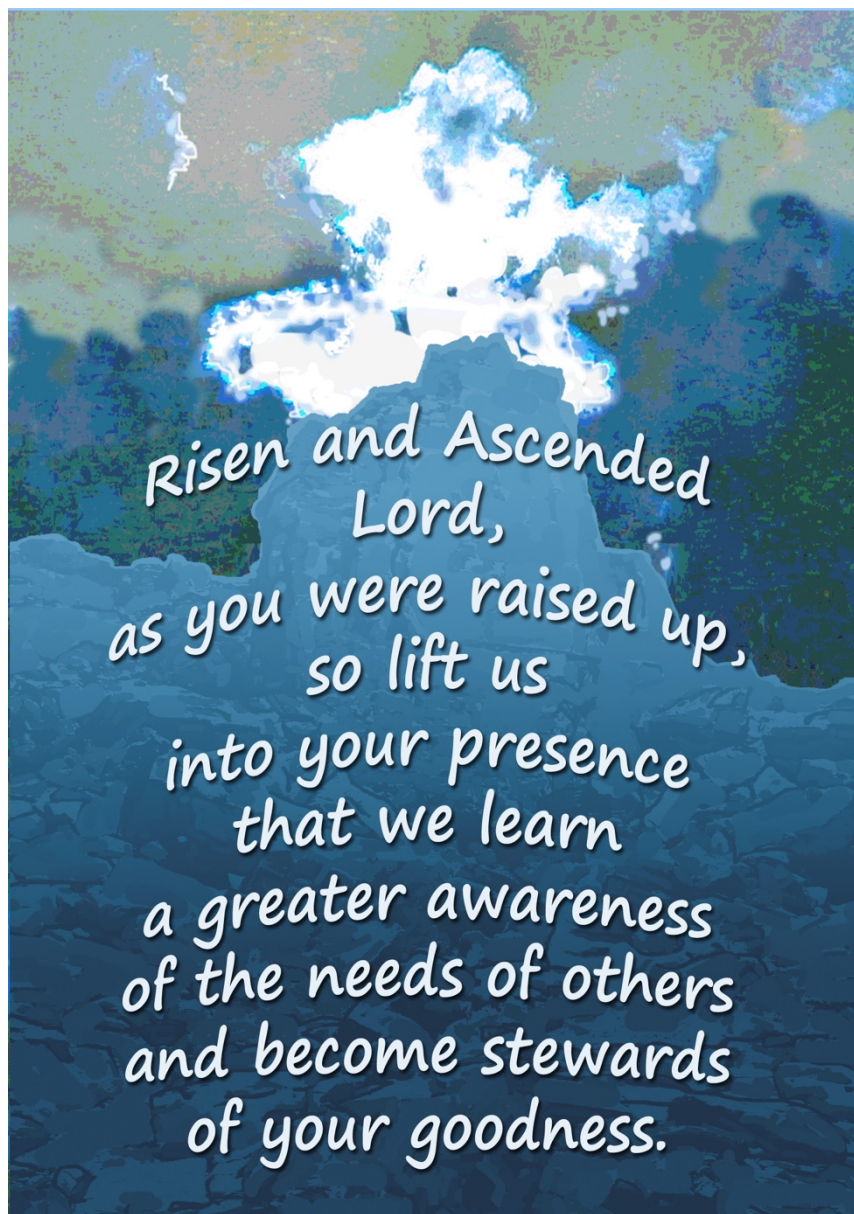
Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: 'When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands – and blessed them.'

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I am

ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: 'they worshipped Him – and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.' (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! 'I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.



# Prayer for Ascension Day

Dear God, our loving, sending and almighty Father, thank you that because Jesus died, rose and ascended into heaven, You were able to send your Holy Spirit to empower Your disciples then and today. That, equipped by that same Spirit, we can confidently work for Your kingdom to come on earth, as in heaven.

Lord, in these strange, topsy- turvy days, where earthly rulers terrify and destroy and disappoint, we rejoice that You are the Sovereign Lord of all things, and all times, and all places.

*You, our God and Father, truly reign.* We are Your people. We are secure within Your love and protection. Thank you that at the name of Jesus *every* knee shall ultimately bow - and we pray, thankfully in His name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*





# **Parish nursing at St. Saviour's**

## **A note from our Parish Nurse, Madeleine**



I am having knee replacement surgery on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April and because I will officially be on sick leave there can be no parish nursing for this time period. My Royal College of Nursing Insurance does not cover these services until I am back on my feet literally. During Lent we have taken 44 blood pressures, and four people have been referred to their doctors for further checks. A very successful Lent indeed. Once I am back Aly and myself will continue to offer blood pressure screening and health advice every week as usual. Keep healthy please.

Madeleine

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## **A Special Eucharist**

### **A note from Revd Christine**



The Revd Christine will preside and preach at the Sunday Eucharist on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination as priest and her retirement from active ministry.

# All in the month of May

It was:

1300 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> May 725 that the Venerable Bede died. This English Benedictine monk, historian, linguist, translator and teacher is known as 'the father of English history'. He helped to popularise the idea of dating years from the birth of Christ (*Anno Domini* – AD)

200 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1825, that Antonio Salieri died. An Italian composer, he helped to develop operas and taught composers including Liszt, Schubert, Beethoven and Mozart. He was rumoured to have poisoned Mozart, but this was later proven to be false.

125 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1900 that during the Second Boer War, the 217-day Siege of Mafeking was relieved by 2000 British forces and South African volunteers. Colonel Robert Baden-Powell, who led the forces defending Mafeking during the siege, became a national hero, and later founded the Scouting movement.

80 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1945 that German radio announced the death of Adolf Hitler. It was reported he had died a hero's death fighting, but in fact he had committed suicide.

Also 80 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 that VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of WW2. It was celebrated as a public holiday.

Also 50 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1975 that Dibble's Bridge Coach Crash in Hebden, North Yorkshire took place. 32 people were killed and 13 injured when a coach's brakes failed on a steep hill. It remains the worst road accident in the UK, by fatalities.

Also 30 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1995 that British mountaineer Alison Hargreaves became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest unaided (without bottled oxygen or Sherpas.) She died later that year, in August, in a storm, while attempting to climb K2.

10 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015, that the Republic of Ireland became the first country to hold a referendum on whether same-sex marriage should be legalised. It voted to approve, and same-sex marriage became legal in Ireland from that November.



# Parish Registers:



## In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection

Nigel Marshall, died 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025, aged 54.  
Ashley Young, died 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025, aged 79.

May their families find comfort and strength in the assurance of  
life eternal and may their souls rest in peace and rise in glory.

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## Notices and Diary Dates

There will be no Crafternoon in May as Sarah is on holiday.

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will take place  
after the service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – please pop the date in  
your diary!



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## 100 Club Winners - March



1st Prize ~ Andrew Jones

2nd Prize ~ Pauline Hadfield

3rd Prize ~ Trisha Garratt

Congratulations!



# May 2025



Thurs. 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Bible study at 4 Lisburne Lane
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45 a.m.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Sung Eucharist followed by A.P.C.M. in church
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion with votive candles
	11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.	Community Café in the hall
Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup>	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m. ~ 12 noon	Working Party
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45 a.m.	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Healing Eucharist
Tues. 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	MENSSA – Australian Adventure Golf
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.	Community Café in the hall
Thurs. 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Bible study at 4 Lisburne Lane
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45 a.m.	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Sung Eucharist
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Baptism
Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Traditional)
	11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.	Community Café in the hall
	2 p.m.	Mothers' Union – Beetle Drive
Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45 a.m.	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Sung Eucharist (100 Club draw)
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.	Community Café in the hall



**Here at St. Saviour's we welcome all legacies, however large or small and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to parish life. For further information on how you can leave a gift in your will, please contact me on 439 0371.  
Thank you. Roger Salt (Treasurer)**

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