

ST MARGARET'S VOICES

St Margaret of Antioch Church ~ Crick

Thought for the Week

Seeing is Believing: The disciples are told that Jesus is ALIVE! Although most believed, Thomas doubted. He needed to see Jesus and the nail marks in his hands and the wound in his side. Later Thomas believed when Jesus appeared to them again. He said to him "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and believed".

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WEEKLY SERVICES

Every Wednesday~ BCP Holy Communion **10.30am**

May 4th~ Morning Praise-
9.45am

**May 5th - VE Day BBQ and
vintage tea Room. 11-4pm**

May 11th ~ Holy Communion
9.45am

**May 12th ~ Little Saints
toddler group - 2.15-3.30pm**

**COME AND JOIN US.
OUR DOOR IS ALWAYS
OPEN AND OUR
WELCOME ASSURED.**



WELCOME

Welcome to St Margaret's Voice! As a church we do like to celebrate the good things in life. **On Monday 5th May we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of the end of the 2nd World War.** An opportunity to remember all those involved in the conflict and the sacrifices they made. We will be celebrating with a vintage tea room and an outdoor BBQ beginning at 11am and continuing until 4pm. There will be delicious cakes and cream teas along with burgers and hot dogs. Do come along and join us. Hope to see you there.

'It was the last straw that broke the camel's back' is a familiar saying. The idea that a tiny final element can cause complete or disproportionate failure is easy to understand. But, there can be a corollary. By our words and deeds, we try to reflect our faith, and in our comments, we might be able to help another on their own journey. It is not for us to see or measure the effect, (but there are rare times when you hear afterwards that the person was helped). Your word might just have been the one that made the tiny difference!

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Prayer for the Week

'Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other.

No matter how difficult it is....life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you'

Rest in Peace Pope Francis

Inner Smile

rest in your inner smile
any place you are
lighten your load
remember peace
love abounds
in your core
awaken another
to smile inside
your work is done

Wendy Barzetovic

As I write it's Easter Monday. I'm sitting meditating on the wonderful service of worship and thanksgiving we had yesterday morning. Unlike the disciples I'm not fearful locked away in an upper room, I'm enjoying looking out at the different trees displaying their individual coloured blossom. The borders and pots have spring flowers reaching up to praise God and even the lawn looks lush and full of life. Like me all nature joins me in proclaiming **CHRIST IS RISEN!**



Acts 5 v 27-32 The Apostles had been teaching and healing in Jerusalem in Jesus' name and the number of believers was growing. This infuriated the Sadducees who considered they were being made to be guilty of killing an innocent man. The Apostles were arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin. They were ordered to stop but refused, even though they risked being put to death, saying "we must obey God rather than men". They were saved by a Pharisee who argued that these men were just a sect which would probably die out, and the Apostles were flogged. As Christians we must accept that our faith may bring us problems in this life.

FACT FILE- Popes St Peter is traditionally considered the first pope. Since then there have been more than 260 popes, 82 of whom have been proclaimed saints. The youngest pope ever elected was Pope John XII, thought to have been 18 years old when he became pope in 955. Meanwhile, Gregory XII was the oldest to be elected at 81 years old in 1406.



The pope must speak fluent Latin to conduct official business. Pope Francis was known to have been fluent in 6 other languages. His final tweet on X was on Easter Sunday, where he shared, "Christ is risen!"

John 20: 19-end I like Thomas because I think he speaks for many people. Do we always believe? No. It is natural to doubt. We don't like things we don't understand or which aren't on our own terms. Unlike Thomas and the other disciples to whom Jesus appeared, we haven't seen him in the flesh. To believe we have to do so intentionally: to trust God's word in the Bible, to trust the testimony of others, and also to trust in ourselves and our own lived experience of our relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit which can become part of our own witness to others.