

ST MARGARET'S VOICES

St Margaret of Antioch Church ~ Crick

Thought for the Week

Have you noticed in Jesus ministry he is often on his way to eat, eating, or just leaving the table? I know this is a bit of an overstatement however it does put into perspective how important the place of the table in fellowship. Jesus gives the last supper as an example of a way to receive him, and in this passage tells us to eat and drink what is provided on the journey we take. If we think about the times we come together for meals then we can understand why it was so important for Jesus to give us the instruction to eat and drink what is provided. The food provided is not only physical but also spiritual. A meal is a time when we all chat and talk and support one another.

MARGARET'S CHURCH WEEKLY SERVICES

**Wednesday July 9th ~ Morning
Prayer 10.30am**

**July 13th ~ Holy Communion-
9.45am**

**Wednesday July 16th - BCP Holy
Communion 10.30am**

**July 20th ~ SHINE! Family
Service- 3pm**

**COME AND JOIN US. YOU
WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME.**



WELCOME

This coming weekend it's Scarecrow-time again!. We look forward to welcoming our many visitors to St Margaret's to come and enjoy our vintage tea room, or visit the BBQ where we will be cooking burgers and sausages supplied by Joseph Morris Butchers. Come and enjoy the buzz that's a feature of this wonderful village weekend and meet our great team of people who will be working hard to make sure everything runs smoothly. The tea room will be open on Saturday from 10.30am to 5pm and on Sunday from 11.30am to 4pm. The BBQ will be available from lunchtime on both days.

We're having a Heat Wave

A tropical heatwave,
The temperature's rising,
It isn't surprising,
She certainly can can-can!

This popular song from the 50's was referring to something other than what we're going through, and we certainly aren't up to a can-can, but it makes me smile! Sobering up, surely no-one can deny that our global climate is heating up. The ramifications of this are universal, with many poor souls suffering in extremes that we cannot possibly imagine. While we fan ourselves indoors our thoughts and prayers must be with them, as we not only try to keep cool, but at the same time, minimise the amount of power we consume.

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Prayer for the Week

Lord our God, all that we have you have given us. Give us peace, the peace of tranquillity, the peace of your Sabbath rest, the peace without sunset. For this most beautiful order of things so excellent will complete its course and pass away; it will have its sunset as it had its dawn. But your Sabbath knows no evening or sunset because you have sanctified it to last forever. May we too share in your Sabbath rest of unending life. Amen
(Prayer of St Augustine)

2 Kings 5: 1- 14

A General in charge of a King's army has leprosy, incurable. He seems to be a good person. A servant child from Israel, however, says to the General's wife that there is a Prophet in Israel called Elisha who could cure him. So the General travels a long distance. He finds Elisha's house but Elisha just sends him a message - "wash 7 times in the Jordan". The General feels belittled, is angry, and does nothing. His servant says to him you would do a difficult thing, so do this simple thing - and he was cured. We do not need to complicate our faith just maintain a simple straightforward belief.

We have had our final term at

Little Saints before the summer break! We've had a wonderful year. We've heard about all the wonderful things God and Jesus did and how much love they have for us - All The Time! We have 5 little ones starting school in September. However lovely it is to see them grow it's always sad saying goodbye. We wish them all the happiest of adventures! All of us at Little Saints wish you all a very happy Summertime, and we'll be back on September 15th.



FOODBANK UPDATE: We continue to support Rugby food bank at St Margaret's church. The collection box is available in the porch way. The number of donations we are receiving has decreased by need is still very much needed. We accept all in date, store cupboard, non perishable items, and toiletries and pet food. Please support them if you can! **This week they need tinned snack food, coffee, packet rice, hot chocolate and cream crackers. Many thanks!**

FACT FILE- WHEN PERSIA WAS GREAT The Persian Empire was established in the mid-6th century BC. Its forces captured Babylon, ironically, freeing the Jewish people from captivity and demonstrating religious and cultural tolerance. During a golden age under Xerxes and his successors art, architecture, and commerce flourished, with Persian culture influencing regions far beyond its borders. At its height it encompassed the areas of modern-day Iran, Egypt, Turkey and parts of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Persia officially became Iran in 1935, a decision led by Reza Shah Pahlavi to strengthen national identity. How sad to see this once-civilised country as it is today.

Luke10: 1-11, 16-20. In our passage, Jesus is sending out 72 believers into Judaea. They are to go out in pairs, to preach the Good News that the Kingdom of God is near. During his ministry in Galilee, Jesus had sent out the Twelve two by two, a practice that continued in the early church, and often still followed today. They were to travel light without money bag, luggage or extra sandals. They were not to stop along the way to visit and exchange customary lengthy greeting. The message was urgent, they preached with power and returned with great joy. Jesus sends us out today with the same message of the Gospel.