

# ST MARGARET'S VOICES

St Margaret of Antioch Church ~ Crick

## Thought for the Week

"We must keep in touch". Often said with genuine intention but life gets in the way and slowly the 'keeping in touch' dwindles to no contact. This might be just the week for us to get back in touch - even if it's not our turn. It could be very timely and appreciated with the response "Lovely to hear from you again". Maybe our heavenly Father is waiting for us to get back in touch?

## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WEEKLY SERVICES

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

**June 15th ~** SHINE Family service **3pm**

**June 16th & 23rd~** Little Saints toddler group - **2.15-3.30pm**

**June 22nd ~** Songs of Praise **9.45am**

**June 29th~** Benefice Holy Communion **11.15.am All Saints Church, Yelvertoft**

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



## WELCOME

Pilgrimages have come to the fore in recent times with the BBC's annual post-Easter outing with a few celebrities and, more recently, Clare Balding walking sections of the famous Camino de Santiago featured on Ramblings on R4. Pilgrimages are undertaken for many reasons from offering an opportunity to experience a deeper connection with God to reflecting on life. On 14th June we will be walking our own one-day Pilgrims' Trail again between the three churches in our Benefice. It's a lovely time to walk, talk, pray and reflect. **We will start from St Margaret's at 9.45am. Bring a packed lunch.**

**Wow, torrential tropical rain this Saturday afternoon.** Wonderful. Is it the smell of the rain petrichor? Or the sound on windows? Or is it the act of getting caught in the rain and having 'to shake off'? Or is it having to change clothes when home safe and dry? Or is it the excitement of having to shelter at the local bus stop? Or you may have used St Margaret's church porch to shelter in. Rainfall can be an amazing experience, we are so lucky. Next time it rains try going out in it, not coming in! You could visit St Margaret's in the rain~the warmth of welcome will be worth it!

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## Prayer for the Week

A prayer for Pentecost

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may be Holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, to  
love what is holy.

*(From a prayer of St Augustine  
of Hippo 354-430AD)*

**'Veni, Sancte Spiritus'- Come  
Holy Spirit**

**'Maranatha'- Come, Lord!**

## TEMPLES OF FIRE

### A PENTECOST ENCOUNTER!

"If, when the people obeyed, the  
glory of God came down and the  
people fall prostrate, how much  
glory ought there be today?...

The ancient temple in all its glory  
represents each one of our bodies.

If we are filled with the Holy Ghost,  
as we ought to be, the body will  
be flooded with rivers of water  
flowing out to others; and it will be  
on fire for God." -

*Maria Woodworth Etter.*

**This single viola**, growing in dry sand on our  
driveway, it's cheery face turned to the sky, made  
me think of the quote from Alexander Pope's 'An  
Essay on Man'. "Hope springs eternal in the human  
breast" Humans are naturally optimistic and  
persistent in their hope for a better future, no matter how difficult their  
current circumstances may be. This optimism is very necessary as we daily  
hear of the challenges to peoples and nations around the world. Pentecost  
is a reminder that even in difficult times, hope for a brighter future exists,  
and God is still working in the world.



**Acts 2: 1-21** The apostles remained in Jerusalem as Jesus had told  
them, and were sitting together in a room when a violent wind sprang up.  
Tongues of flame descended on each of their heads. They rushed outside,  
finding themselves speaking foreign languages, as were the many people  
outside. Peter referred those who accused them of being drunk to the  
words of the prophet Joel. The wonders and signs Joel spoke of remind  
me of the Blood Moon, a total lunar eclipse last seen in March, and the  
recent Mount Etna eruption. We should all be prepared for the "great and  
glorious day".-

**FACT FILE- Rural Deans** A Deanery is a  
geographical area containing several neighbouring  
churches. The Rural Dean is the missional leader and  
pastor of a Deanery. Rural Deans are generally also  
parish priests who have a specific responsibility for a church or group of  
churches in their deanery. In ancient times deaneries originally  
corresponded with the hundreds. "Dean" (Latin decanus) may derive from  
the custom of dividing a hundred into ten tithings. In medieval times rural  
deans acted as the diocesan bishop's officers, but archdeacons gradually  
took over most of their duties. However, the office was revived during the  
19th century. Our Rural Dean is Rev. Allison Twigg



**John 14 v 8-17** We are in the last days before Christ's crucifixion and  
he is saying a number of things that, at that time, the Disciples don't  
understand. Jesus talks about his Father and the Disciples want to know  
about him. Jesus doesn't answer as if he is a separate entity. He says that  
by knowing him you know the Father. This indicates that the relationship  
between him and God is a Father and Son relationship of indivisible  
closeness. Furthermore he says that in due time he will arrange for them to  
have an experience which will give them understanding and  
empowerment to carry out God's work.