

ST MARGARET'S VOICES

St Margaret of Antioch Church ~ Crick

Thought for the Week

It's harvest time and my thoughts turn to thankfulness to God for his provision in my life; for my food, my home, my family etc. Our Lord God is the giver of all good gifts and he needs us to share what we have with others. This pleases his heart. I came across this anonymous quote recently, 'When you have more than you need, build a longer table not a higher fence.' Let us not tuck away what we could share with others, especially with those less fortunate than ourselves.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES

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

Sun Oct 6th - Morning Praise and Harvest Festival **9.45am**

Mon 7th Oct Little Saints- **2.15-3.30pm**

Sun 13th Oct Holy Communion - **9.45am**

Mon 14th Oct- Little Saints- **2.15-3.30pm**

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



WELCOME

Last week Caroline and James held their wedding ceremony at St Margaret's Church. The sun shone brightly. The bride was elegant in her beautiful dress. The glorious flower arrangements added rich colour and the organ played and the choir sang. Friends and family gathered to share in this special occasion adding their own memories, clicking cameras, many smiles. A truly memorable event.

St Margaret's is a beautiful church which can provide the perfect setting for the special occasions in your life, baptisms, weddings, blessings, even funerals. To arrange your event email us at

contact@stmargaretschurchcrick.org.uk

SHIFT YOUR FOCUS: I While we are looking at God, we do not see ourselves -blessed riddance. The man who has struggled to purify himself and has had nothing but repeated failures will experience real relief when he stops tinkering with his soul and looks away to the perfect One. – A.W.Tozer.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full into His wonderful face and the things of earth will go strangely dim. In the light of His glory and grace"

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Prayer for the Week

Penitence *(by Kate McIlhagga)*

God, love-giver,
that dares to speak out,
the love found most powerfully in
weakness,
the love that heals;
this is the love we need and long for,
not counterfeit pretty love tied with bows,
but lasting love:
love that's there when the sweetness has
gone:
love that endures beyond the barrier of
pain.
Forgive us
for worshipping the idols of perfection,
for failing to see your glory in the
vulnerable,
for attaching more worth to the seen
than the unseen: *Lord have mercy*

Late Fragment.....

There was nothing newsworthy about her life. At 93 she had outlived all her siblings. Her son scaffolded his words with the words she had used when asked what advice she had to pass on. A picture emerged: a happy marriage, love for family and friends evidenced by photographs of smiling faces. The strength of relationships evidenced by the presence of all her children and grandchildren, wider family and friends.

Late Fragment *(by Raymond Carver)*

And did you get what
you wanted from this life, even so?
I did.
And what did you want?
To call myself beloved, to feel myself
beloved on the earth.

What do you prefer? Sipping from a high ball glass and letting the world fade away or a 'smoke break'? It might be neither. Of course you could try a few moments of peace in St Margaret's during the daytime, and avoid the rain at the same time!

Psalm 103: 19-end The Psalmist tells us that God is enthroned in heaven and His kingdom rules over all. God is the creator of all things and therefore deserves the praise of all He has created. Angels forever proclaim the glory of God. The heavenly host - all those who He has drawn to Himself through Christ - sing the praises of God for His goodness and loving kindness. All of God's creation should echo how amazing God is and we too who are part of that creation, should never cease to praise Him.

FACT FILE-World Vision This

respected charity has been working for 70+ years to improve children's lives world-wide. They work with communities to ensure long-term change, raising money through child sponsorship, and also providing aid in emergencies. They help communities to achieve clean water, education for children (especially girls) and self-sufficiency. They provide seeds, tools and animals so people can feed themselves and also earn money by selling surplus produce. Each sponsor can communicate with 'their' child and for every child sponsored 4 more benefit. Since its inception World Vision has helped over 200,000,000 children. If you cannot support financially, please pray for them.



John 1: 47-end This reading is important because it gives us an insight into the nature of Jesus. The preceding verses deal, without much detail, with the conversion of a number of men into disciples believing that Jesus is the Messiah. Now we have more detail. Philip tells Nathanael about Jesus, and Nathanael, a devout Orthodox Jew, is totally sceptical. His immediate response is "can anything good come out of Nazareth?". Yet within minutes of meeting Jesus he is a believer. To achieve this Jesus must have had enormous charisma and exhibited absolute insight and authority. If we envision the Son of God isn't this what we would expect?