

# ST MARGARET'S VOICES

St Margaret of Antioch Church ~ Crick

## Thought for the Week

What a remarkable change took place in Peter from his frightened responses after Jesus' arrest to his bold answers when questioned about the healing of a cripple (Acts 4 vs8-12). It demonstrates in a powerful way what happens when we place our lives in the hands of Jesus. Nothing is more important or significant for anyone today. Surely in today's high tech digital world we must proclaim this truth in every country, street, community and family. Of course our approach must be through the prompting of the Holy Spirit for we don't want to be a "resounding gong or a clanging cymbal"! (1 Cor. 13v1)

## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WEEKLY SERVICES

**Weds 24th April**~ Holy Communion **10.30am**

**Weds 24th April** ~ Annual Parochial Church Meeting~ **7.30pm**

**Sun 28th April**~Songs of Praise~ **9.45am**

**Mon 29th April** ~ Little Saints~ **2.15-3.30pm**

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



## WELCOME

On Sunday 28th April, members of the Crick Festival Choir will be singing Choral Evensong at **All Saints Lilbourne** at 6pm. Choral evensong is a service of timeless beauty and part of our cultural heritage. The service is included in the book of common prayer and has been so for over 420 years ever since Archbishop Thomas Cranmer created many official documents for the Church of England.

The Choir will lead the three hymns and sing the responses, appointed Psalm and the Canticles. The Canticles by Orlando Gibbons and anthems by Thomas Tallis and Adrian Batten are all from the late Tudor and Elizabethan period.

Come and join us for this special service. You will be welcome.

**Choose you this day** whom you will serve first, as for me I will serve the Lord. We are not likely to see this written amongst all the other information and promises on the electioneering literature that will be coming through our doors now and probably later in the year. Nevertheless let us pray that God will raise up politicians who will put God first, the people they are elected to serve second and themselves last. We must also remember God has told us to pray for our leaders and those in authority over us otherwise we will be letting them down.

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## Prayer for the Week.

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,  
 When our dreams have come true  
 Because we have dreamed too little,  
 When we arrived safely  
 Because we sailed too close to the shore.  
 Disturb us, Lord, when  
 With the abundance of things we possess  
 We have lost our thirst  
 For the waters of life;  
 Having fallen in love with life,  
 We have ceased to dream of eternity  
 And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
 We have allowed our vision  
 Of the new Heaven to dim.  
 Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
 To venture on wider seas  
 Where storms will show Your mastery;  
 Where losing sight of land,  
 We shall find the stars.  
 We ask You to push back  
 The horizons of our hopes;  
 And to push into the future In strength, courage, hope, and love.

*(Attributed to Sir Francis Drake 1577)*

## St George

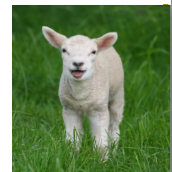
St George's day in England fair  
 Many other countries do me share  
 A patron saint for 674 years  
 A Turk by birth but Christian tears.  
 Protest my crime, for support of Christ.  
 And those of whom our faith enticed.  
 Imprisoned and persecuted where I lay.  
 The Roman Empire did me slay  
 Martyred, now a banner bright  
 For the faithful shines a brighter light

*Wendy Barzetovic 15/4/2024*

**'Somewhere over the rainbow, Skies are blue** And the dreams that you dare to dream, Really do come true'. I was reminded of this after reading last week's introduction about April showers and the 'Plunk planka plink, plunk planka plink Planka' tongue twister; so many wonderful rainbows recently! There is something magical about a rainbow made from nothing more simple than water vapour and sunlight. So far I have seen four this month. I wonder if there will be more to come? Maybe I should add the rainbow in St Margaret's to make five? How many have you seen so far this month?

**ACTS 4 5-12** Peter and John are brought before the rulers of the Temple to give an account of their passionate speech. Peter had told the crowd that by not accepting Jesus they can no longer be considered part of the Israel of God, We now see a Peter reborn in the Holy Spirit, gone is the denier to the strong powerful orator and defender of the faith. In quoting Psalm 118 and applying it to Jesus, Peter argues that the crucified risen Messiah has now become "the head of the corner;" the stone on which the whole structure depends.

**FACT FILE: Wool in Crick** Woollen cloth was produced in Crick from early Norman times, probably the worsted type. By 1720 the village had a population of 600. The 1777 Militia List, covering men from 18-45, showed there were 46 weavers, 6 wool combers and 2 cordwainers (shoemakers). A hand loom weaver earned £1 weekly (£205.38 today). The Industrial Revolution hit rural weaving badly and by 1800, there was a workhouse in the Derry, funded via a parish rate. The overseers encouraged people to emigrate to America, giving them provisions and money for their passage - cheaper than keeping them here!



**John 10: 11-18** In this parable of the Good Shepherd, Jesus makes two predictions. One about his forthcoming death and resurrection..... " I lay down my life only to take it up again....I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again." The other prediction is that the good news is not only for the Jewish nation but includes the whole world- - "I have other sheep not of this sheep pen and I must bring them in also. They too will listen to me and there will be one flock and one shepherd."

What an amazing Saviour!