

THE PARISH OF ST MARGARET  
ALTRINCHAM

Easter 3 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

WELCOME TO CHURCH THIS MORNING, IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU



**ORGAN RECITAL**  
**APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30PM**  
**St. Margaret's Church**



This year our organist Terence (aka Terry) Crolley will be celebrating 25 years as Director of Music at St Margaret's.

To commemorate the occasion, he is giving a recital when he will be joined by the international composer and singer, Sasha Johnson Manning. Sasha is a graduate of The Royal Academy of Music where she studied voice, cello and composition. Terry has worked with Sasha for a number of years. Last year she composed a work for his birthday, Largo in E Minor. He will give its first public performance (world premier) on 25th April. Sasha will also be leading us in some congregational singing.

PLEASE BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THIS SPECIAL DATE.  
Free Entry . Donations to church welcomed. Refreshments



**Our next Car Boot Sale**

**is on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May.**

The first sale of the year and always a great event for Church. Please put the date in your diary. Volunteers much appreciated and cakes etc for the stall.

Altrincham Court Leet

are organising a major event on 6th June to commemorate the D Day Landings. As part of the commemoration, it is intended to place candles around the grounds of St Margaret's. To make that possible, we have been asked to donate as many jam-jars as possible to hold the T Lights. If you have any empty jam-jars and would be happy to donate them; please bring them to church whenever you can.

**The Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such Knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Today's readings

**1st Reading** : Acts 3: 12-19

**2nd Reading** : Luke 24: 36b- 48

Services Next Week

**Wednesday 17th April**

11.00 Holy Communion

**Sunday 21st April**

11-00 Holy Communion

**APCM 28<sup>TH</sup> April**

The APCM will be held on the above date in St Margaret's after the 11am service

**Online Petition:-** Restore vehicular access to Gorse Lane from Dunham Rd A56.  
Use this link to add your support online  
<https://chng.itcVhkKkymn6>  
**Please sign our petition today to make our roads safer and to protect St Margaret's**

## Dave's Weekly rambles,

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great paintings. When war broke out, the son answered the call. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him, and he died instantly. He often talked about you and your love for art." The young man held out the package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift." The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected. The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. There was silence. Then, a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Will somebody bid for this painting. Another voice said angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real art!" But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give £10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. "Give it to him for £10. Let's see the masters." The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for £10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!" The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry; the auction is over." "What about the paintings?" "When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings.

The man who took the son gets everything!" God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: "The son, the son, who'll take the son?" Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

Have a great week, Dave

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Hope to see you next week