



# THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET, INGOL



Hello everyone,

September already and the sun is treating us to a second summer, how lovely. It is good to get out where we can. As I write, yet again, things are changing on the Covid front. Preston remains under restrictions, the R rate higher again and we are now subject to the “rule of six”, curtailing social interaction yet again. For most of us that’s OK, we can cope with it and still manage to do what we need to do, but for some of us it restricts visits from family and friends once again and that is very sad. We are all struggling with the ongoing effects of this virus, and I have to say, at the moment, there seems little respite. We all need to pull together, keep our spirits up and ensure that we stay safe.

The year, it seems, is rushing by and autumn approaches. I am determined, that despite Covid 19, we will still hold all our usual festivals and celebrations in church, as normal, or as near “normal” as we can get it. With that in mind, this Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding our Harvest Thanksgiving service. We will celebrate God’s good bounty in church and will, as ever, collect for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. If you would like to donate, we will be receiving gifts in church, or at the vicarage, or I can collect if needs be. We cannot take any fresh fruit, vegetables or flowers, any items that are donated will have to be “cleanable”, so in date tins, packets that can be wiped down, that sort of thing, or if you would rather a donation in an envelope labelled “Harvest Thanksgiving” would be more than acceptable. Thank you. Donations will go to our local food bank, Share IT, money will go to the Bishop’ Harvest Fund. It is an opportunity for us to share God’s bounty and to keep supporting those in the community who desperately need help. Let me know if you want me to come and fetch anything from you.

We are still helping out where we can, and recently have been helping PNE and Preston City Council provide a lunch service for the “Happy Holidays” scheme that PNE for vulnerable local children have run during the summer. Hugely successful for the weeks that it ran, and I have some “thank yous” to go out. To all the team from the local Methodist circuit who have helped me in the kitchen, what a team, and what fun, to those from ST John’s who volunteered to help us, to those from St Margaret’s who helped out, to the local Co-Op for all their donations, to school who provided the venue..... the list goes on! and anyone I have forgotten I am sorry, everyone’s contribution was so valued. There has been a video shoot this week to publicise the work that has been done, I do not have a link for it as yet, but when I do I will whizz it out to you so you can see what we got up to and St Margaret’s contribution.

So, we soldier on, and it is with God’s grace and love that we have come so far and are, to the greater degree, all safe. Please take care of yourselves. I am around and able to help those who need help if I can, just ring on 01772 727208 or e mail revrie52@outlook.com, and don’t forget you can get me on the new church mobile phone number 07957334562. Stay safe, keep joining me in prayer, and I will hold you all close in my prayers.

With my love and every blessing

Rev Rie