



## THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET, INGOL



Hello everyone,

I hope this letter finds you all well, keeping safe and Covid free, if a little restricted by the new shut down rules we are now restricted to. It is such a shame that freedoms have been curtailed once more, but it is so necessary with the rise in the r rate all over the country, not just in Preston, which is also high. So keep going everyone, stay safe and ring me if you need anything.

And now to business. As required, we are holding our annual meeting, our Annual Parish Council Meeting, on 11th October at 10.45am, between the 2 morning services to allow as many people as possible to be able to attend. It will be held in the Parish hall and will be subject to social distancing, mask wearing and all hand sanitising such as we undertake in church. To ensure your safety our wonderful stewards will be directing and supporting you as you come into the hall. This meeting, through necessity, will be short and sweet but it is **SO IMPORTANT** that as many people as possible attend the event. Please come. We will be recording attendance for track and trace purposes, so, as ever, it is important that you let one of the stewards or Rev Rie know if you will be attending. This is an important part of our church year, and, as I have said many times in church, we will carry on as "normal", or as near to normal as we can to ensure our church life is not disrupted more than we can help. Part of the function of the APCM is the re-election of church officials and as such we are seeking to elect both PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives this year. If anyone would like to apply for one of these posts, forms are available in church for collection and completion, or I believe are available on-line. Completed forms should be submitted to myself as soon as possible please to allow processing and submission to the meeting. Please do not think that because of Covid we do not need an active PCC or Deanery Synod, or that "the usual suspects" will just fill PCC places, we have vacancies and this is your chance to have a say in how our church will be run. Please think carefully and prayerfully about it, and collect a form from church, or from me if you would like to join the PCC. Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you.

Many of you know Mo Baldwin, she spent time with us as an ordinand at St Margaret's Church, with me acting as her supervisor. It was privilege, over the weekend to sneak a couple of annual leave days and go off to be with Mo for her ordination and to attend her first Mass. What a blessed time. Mo was ordained at St Cuthbert's Church, Fulwood, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September by Bishop Julian, with five of her family and friends were there to witness the occasion.



Her first Mass, at St Laurence Church, Chorley was a wonderful, if sparse affair, Mo was magnificent, if a little tearful, as I was myself I have to admit. Prayers were given for those who had walked alongside her on her journey and that included St Margaret's Church. So I ask you to pray for Mo as she steps out on this next part of her journey with God, He has called her to where He wants her to be, and now comes the time for her to serve as He wishes. So we welcome you to the priesthood Mo, in God's service, with love and thanksgivings for the blessing that is you from all of us here at St Margaret's.

Please think carefully about coming to support us and vote at the APCM, all are welcome. Take care everyone, if you need anything ring me on 01772 727208 or 079573334562 or e-mail on [revrie53@outlook.com](mailto:revrie53@outlook.com)

With my love and every blessing

Rev Rie

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