

St Margaret's Church

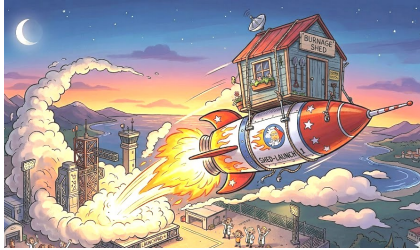
Together we aim to: Worship God, Proclaim Jesus, Grow in the Spirit and Serve the World

In Contact

10th May 2026

LAUNCHING THE SHED

John 4. 1-26



To build a workshop in the back corner of our church car park. We will open this facility to the community of Burnage and our vision for the shed is that it would become a centre of creativity for Burnage. The thing we hope for most of all is **new relationships with new people.**

We are called to Worship and sent in Mission. Imagine a church where people didn't worship? No praying together, no communion, no singing together and no meeting together. It wouldn't be a church, would it? Worship is the heart of who we are as Christians. Well so is mission. Mission & Worship are 2 interlocking parts of the same thing-inseparable.

What is mission? The Anglican church has agreed upon an understanding of a broader Christian mission. **5 marks of mission:**

- 1) **Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom** – We might call that evangelism.
- 2) **Teaching and nurturing believers** Sundays school, baptism, preaching, home groups.
- 3) **Responding to human need by loving service** – acts of love, 'doing' love.
- 4) **Transforming unjust structures** – speaking out and bringing change for the good.
- 5) **Safeguarding creation** – care for the environment, through action and lifestyle.

The Shed , our community workshop, will mostly focussing on 2 of these marks of Mission:

1) Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom. Proclaiming yes, but the most fruitful forms of evangelism, are relational. They take time, show respect and involve more listening to than talking to people. So, we want to see more people coming to faith in Jesus and growing as his disciples in his Kingdom. But first, we need to show them some respect. In fact side-by-side whilst doing something else, is a good way to be available to someone in evangelism. And we don't need to know lots to be an evangelist in this way. We just need to be there, alongside people. **God doesn't want so much our ability, as our availability.** At the well, Jesus had a conversation with the Samaritan woman, He asked for help. He asked her questions and he listened to her.

3) Loving Service. Being part of a supportive group whilst doing something which is creative and purposeful goes a long way to help people with their mental health and general wellbeing. Tuesday group does this kind of mission. Creative prayer group too. So St. Margaret's is doing this already and The Shed aims to add another mission arm, reaching new people, in different ways.

Our Hope: The shed will in time become highly visible, and widely known in the community. And it will be one more of the wonderful things St Margaret's does for people in Burnage. We hope also that people we don't yet already know, will become followers of Jesus Christ through The Shed. People who need support, will have it and be being part of a growing shed community. That 'The Shed', will be a good thing and will be good for people.



Bible Verse for 2026: *Isaiah 43.19, Philippians 3.14*

I am about to do a new thing... Press on towards the goal!

This week- Sunday 10th May 2026:

Morning Worship Service: at 10.30am. Tony Hardy and the shed planners will be leading us through "The launch" -John 4. 1-26

BCP Communion at 3pm.

Ascension Day Communion Service: 6.30pm at St. Paul's Heaton Moor, Thursday 14th May. Matt will be preaching.

Next Week 17th May 2026:

10.30am Holy Communion: Alan Pugmire will be speaking on "After Jesus' ascension" Luke 24: 50-53 and Acts 1: 1-14

May 10th – 16^h Please Pray for:

- People living in Shawlea Avenue, Woodlea Avenue, Sunnylea Ave. & Briarlea Gardens.
- Preparation for confirmation begins on Sundays (10th, 17th & 24th) with Matt.
- Matt meeting with Becks (Foodbank manager) on Monday for supervision.
- Careful listening and wise decisions at PCC on Monday.
- A helpful reflection service on Ascension after Tuesday Group lunch.
- Shed project & development of a relationship with local educational organisation.
- Matt preaching at Mission Community service on Thursday at St Paul's Heaton Moor.
- Wisdom for Raja who has started a second 5 year term leading IEM.
- Christians in Iran caught in crossfires of both war and persecution.

Pray for those doing exams- Year 6 are doing SATs 11th-14th May, Year 2 are being assessed this month, some GCSE's have started but begin more fully from 11th May, A-levels and University exams are happening now and the weeks ahead.

Looking Ahead:

18th May 7-9pm here at St. Margaret's. Diocesan **Equip** roadshow which supports and resources the ministry with those under 18 and their families. Open & free to anyone passionate about faith with children, young people, and families.

Pentecost Sunday: 24th May. Celebrations at 10.30am

CONFIRMATION: 1st June 7pm here. There are 3 preparation sessions: 6.30– 7.45 pm on Sunday 10th, 17th and 24th May. In the Errwood Room, Parish Centre.

7th June- Parish lunch to celebrate with those recently confirmed. Bring and share. Details to follow.

Answers to prayer: We want to celebrate what God is doing amongst us, however smaller a thing it seems. Please send to revmattburnage@gmail.com or M19stmargarets@gmail.com. *Matt is thanking God that Nelly, our Jonathan's girlfriend/partner, has secured a graduate job after applying for over 300!*



Burnage Tesco, Burnage Library
(when open) and Asda Reddish

SHOPPING LIST: Please concentrate on the following - Tinned Peas/ Sweet corn/Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, UHT Milk, Spaghetti hoops, Pasta sauce .