



St Margaret's Church

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

In Contact

27th July 2025

Genesis 1. 14 -18

Psalms 8. 1- 4



CELEBRATING CREATION– “STARS”

We believe that God has created all things, and in him all things hold together. *'Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made'.* John 1 verse 3.

God is Almighty

Question - How almighty is God? Can we even imagine his power?

1. The Sun – our nearest star- ¹⁴ Then God said, “Let there be lights in the sky. These lights will separate the days from the nights. They will be used for signs to show when special meetings^[a] begin and to show the days and years. ¹⁵ They will be in the sky to shine light on the earth.” And it happened. Genesis 1:14-15

Everything that grows needs the light and heat that our very own star, the sun, gives us every day. God made the stars to make life possible. *“Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the **stars** for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name.”* (Jeremiah 31:35)

God makes the sun shine through gravity and tiny particles! – forcing them together to make light and heat. ³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light’. This is how he did it!

The sun is very big, but it is only a young adult!

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it. John 1.3-5

Prayer – Thank you Almighty God for the gift of food. All life and living is only possible because you first created our very own star, the sun.

2. How Many Stars are there?- ³ I look at the heavens you made with your hands. I see the moon and the stars you created. ⁴ And I wonder, “Why are people so important to you?”

Prayer - Thank you extravagant God that you have created so much, so many stars and so many galaxies to put the stars in! Thank you for their beauty. You are amazing!

3. How Near are the Stars?- How close are we to the other stars? Space is very, almost unimaginably big. Jeremiah 23:24 states, *“Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.”* God exists across the universe. He is universal. He is everywhere.

Psalms 139:7-10 describes God's presence throughout creation: *“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?”*

We are so small compared to all that God has created, and so weak and powerless compared to God Almighty, and yet we are chosen and loved by God.

Question – Can our weakness be a strength? Jeremiah 31:3: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you”

Question – Knowing the scale of the universe, how big it is, how does that make you feel?

Prayer - Thank you Loving God that I know you are, and always will be, with me wherever I am.



Bible Verse for 2025: *Philippians 4.4*

Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say again : Rejoice!

This week- Sunday 27th July 2025 :

Morning Worship at 10.30am. Over the summer holidays, we will be celebrating Creation. Tony starts this off by looking at the theme: **"Stars."**

CW Communion at 3pm.

Holiday Special: for the over 55's is to take place from **Monday, July 28th to Wednesday, July 30th.** "A holiday at Home" with lots of interesting activities, refreshments and lunch provided, all free of charge. Pray for a good time of fun, food and friendship.

Next Week 3rd August 2025:

Family Communion at 10.30am. Matt will be speaking on the theme: **'Celebrating Creation- "Flowers".'**

July 27th – August 2nd, Please Pray for:

- People living in Woodside Avenue, Elmhurst Drive, Wood View Avenue & Guernsey Close.
- Enjoyable, good & safe time for everyone at Holiday Special event Mon to Wed.
- A helpful Foodbank Trustees meeting on Monday.
- Quick clearance of the appointment of a Free Church chaplain at HMP M/c.
- "Message" Community Grocery in Levenshulme to be a practical & spiritual blessing.
- The Christian Lawyers' Fellowship standing up for persecuted Christians.

Looking Ahead:

Alpha Course: starting 8th September. Sign up list in church for those wishing to attend. If you are interested in being part of the team delivering this (serving at meals, cooking meals, leading a small group) please speak to Matt.

Summer Church BBQ: this is our next 150th Event but it is weather dependent. One Sunday after church in August, we will ask people to bring and share BBQ food. BBQ's will be fired up and food cooked. As the weather is so unreliable in the UK, we will announce nearer the time when this will be (Probably through Facebook). We would hope to enjoy our outdoor space with some fun and games after eating. Suitable for all the family and great to invite others to come and join us.

Announcement: Due to health reasons, Heather Green has stepped down from being the Burnage Foodbank Project Manager. We are thankful for all she has done and wish her well in any future endeavours.

This Time Tomorrow: you may have heard others being interviewed in church and asked about what they are doing this time tomorrow and how we can pray for you. Would you be interested in being interviewed? If so, see Helen Hardy or Matt.

Prayer meetings at St Margaret's: Monday: 7.00 -7.45pm: on ZOOM / Thursday at 7.30-8.15am in Errwood Room.



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

URGENTLY NEEDED: Please concentrate on Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Sweet Corn/Peas, Tinned Carrots/Potatoes, Tinned Corned beef/ham, Long life Fruit juice/ Long life Semi milk, Tea/ Coffee, Tinned Fruit/ Custard, Jam/Peanut butter, Shampoo.