



# St Margaret's Church

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

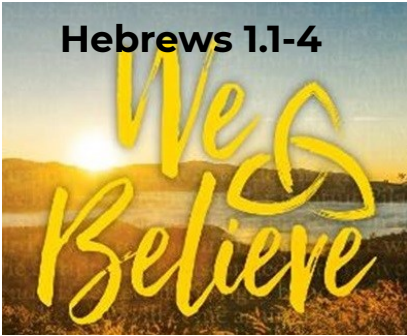
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**28<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## Colossians 1.15-19

## Jesus Christ is the One LORD

### Hebrews 1.1-4



We all have experience in filling in forms and are often asked what our preferred title is. You can find these on many a drop-down menu: Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Mx, Dr, Rev, Prof, Sir, Dame, Other. Our preferred title says something about us. This could be marital status or an honoured or earned position.

Our journey through the Nicene Creed brings us this week to Jesus and begins with His titles. The first thing said is that He is **'One Lord'**. The repetition of 'One' takes us back to the fourth word of our Creed where this word comes before 'God'. Both the use of 'One' and 'Lord' leave us in no doubt that Jesus is God. 'Lord' is used in Judaism to talk about God and, when in capitals in English as 'LORD', it refers to the sacred, revealed name of God as *Yahweh*. The title 'Lord' also sets Jesus in His rightful place as the One who is in authority, to whom we submit and worship.

After these titles comes the name - Jesus.

This is a derivative of Joshua, which means 'saving one'. So even His given name is rich in meaning. 'Christ' is not His surname. This again is a title which means 'Anointed One' or 'Anointed of God'. In Hebrew this word would be rendered 'Messiah'.

The next part of the Creed unpacks what 'One Lord' and 'Christ' mean.

He is the only Son of God. There is no other. He came from the Father and has been there for all eternity. He always was and is and will be. He is God from God. And just as God is light, so is Jesus. He even referred to himself twice as being so when He said: "I am the Light of the World" (John 8.12 and 9.5). If these statements are not clear enough, we are told that Jesus is true God, begotten, not created by God. He is One Being with the Father, who was there at the beginning of creation, when everything was made through Him. After all, in Genesis 1, God creates by speaking. It was by His words that everything came into being. John's Gospel begins by making this explicit when he starts by saying: "*In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God*" (John 1.1). Jesus is the Word of God and is God. He shares all the characteristics of God, because He is God.

STOP! We have been bombarded with statements about Jesus, starting with His titles. We need to pause to wonder. Which one of these titles means the most to me at the moment? What new fact about Jesus have I learnt? And all this comes before we have even got on to how He saves us! So reflect and then get lost in wonder, love and praise of Jesus. You might like to use Colossians 1. 15-19 to add more to your worship.



## Bible Verse for 2025: *Philippians 4.4*

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

### This week- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025:

**Morning Worship at 10.30am.** Matt will be speaking on the theme: **'We believe in one Lord...'**

**Day of prayer for growth. Prayer service at 7pm in Church.**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>:** Please pray for Megan Stansfield as she marries Sam Michell here.

**Alpha Course:** commenced **8<sup>th</sup> September**. Time is **7pm**. 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.

### Next Week 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025:

**Holy Communion at 10.30am.** Roger Dixon will be speaking on the theme: **'For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven...'**

**Remembering our Pets:** a service in church at **3pm** for those who have lost pets as part of our 150th events.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October:** a harvest social, 6.30pm-9pm.

### September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>, Please Pray for:

- People living in Avon Road, Firethorn Avenue & Avon Gardens.
- Good response to Lost Pets service next Sunday & people to rejoin church.
- Someone to join the ABC team to help set up & come on Friday mornings.
- Us to seek to follow our motto "Rejoice in the Lord always".
- God to work through the prayers of His people in Arise Africa campaign.
- Quick clearance of newly appointed Free Church Chaplain at HMP M/c.
- More staff at the Falconer Home to fill vacancies.
- Enjoyable & helpful IEM National Convention Friday to Sunday in Kerala.
- Barnabus helping those with addiction & mental health problems.

### Looking Ahead:

**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.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**– our Harvest Celebration with donations to Burnage Foodbank.

*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.**