

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Trinity9 Sunday 9th August 2020

Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet

Hello Everyone

This week has seen extra lockdown measure brought in in the Greater Manchester area. This of course includes Trafford, Altrincham and the area surrounding St Margaret's. The government advice is that places of worship can remain open as long as social distancing measures are in place. The wearing of a face mask in church is mandatory from Saturday 8th August.

Our last service in church was on Sunday 22nd March and lock down began on Monday 23rd March. It is fitting therefore that the PCC has decided church can open on Sunday 23rd August, some 5 months after we closed, and we will go ahead with this. The building is COVID19 secure. Every measure possible has been put in place to make the building safe for worship. I hope you will feel able to join us for Holy Communion on that day and give thanks that we are at last back together for worship.

We will continue with our online services for the time being, but I would hope that we will be able to wind these down towards the end of August, early September.

Whilst we can't yet sing in church, I know Terry has been practising from the moment he was allowed back into the building. I'm sure we will be filled with joy to hear the organ playing again as we come into church.

I hope as many of our congregation as possible will come to church on Sunday 23rd August at 11am. The welcome will be as warm as ever, I look forward to seeing you and I for one will be smiling behind my mask!

With love and blessings

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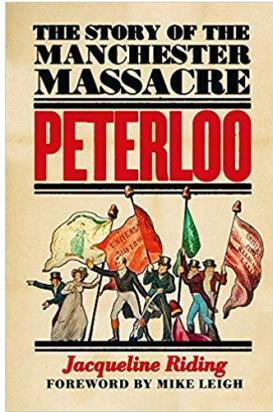
The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

AMEN



Book Review; The story of the Manchester massacre by Jaqueline Riding



Jacqueline Riding's highly readable account takes us into the heart of north-west England in the second decade of the 19th century. The Napoleonic Wars draw to an end, having almost bankrupted the country. As poverty bites ever more deeply, the working people of the rapidly growing industrial towns and cities have serious grievances, but no representation in the House of Commons through which to make their voice heard. Meanwhile, in Westminster, at the Regency Court, and beyond, powerful vested interests in society will do anything to suppress a French-style uprising.

Riding begins with a comprehensive study of the various political factions and their leaders that emerge in response to this crisis, linking them to the social movements, such as the growth in adult literacy through Sunday schools, which form their soil. The remainder of her book offers a detailed account of the day itself, 16 August 1819.

By late that Monday morning, 60,000 adults and children have gathered peacefully in St Peter's Field, at the heart of Manchester, to hear a speech by the popular Henry "Orator" Hunt. The magistrates, including two clergymen, panic. A drunken militia are given leave to charge with drawn swords through the crowd. By the end of the day, 15 lie dead, and more than 600 injured.

Riding brings her characters to life through short anecdotes. This forms a crucial component to both her book and to Mike Leigh's simultaneously released film of the same name, powerfully illustrating how collaboration between historian and film director benefits both. My one regret is that the account ends too soon. Peterloo is not the spark for bloody revolution; and yet, beneath the immediate repression of working-class political movements in the aftermath of the massacre, greater forces are at work around Manchester and beyond.

Over the succeeding decades, they will give birth to trade unions, the campaign for women's suffrage, and the Co-operative Movement. It is a story to which Riding's skills might effectively yet be turned.

Dr David Walker the Bishop of Manchester.

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Manchester.

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Can you help to collect with us any items such
as:-

CLOTHES
SHOES
BEDDING
SLEEPING BAGS

((in good condition)

Drop off at Ray and Sylvia's home.
Grosvenor Cottage opposite church on School Lane.
Thank you!

Readings

Matthew 14, 22-33 - Jesus walks on water.

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for our short weekly service.

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Hope to see you on the 23rd August!