

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND  
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Trinity 9 Sunday 9th August 2020

## Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet

### **Notes for the Parish Pump**

I have been reviewing some of my notes from this year and of the Services we have run from church. We were fortunate to have our Plough Sunday Service and our Rogation Sunday Service was conducted via photos of farms and our village. How the seasons have continued during this Pandemic, the year just keeps going and nature does the rest. For some people in lockdown they may have not witnessed the land being ploughed, sown with corn or planted with potatoes and now the harvest is beginning on some farms.

I am very fortunate to live where we do and have the job I do. I can self distance in the orchards or in the pumpkin patch when planting and row crop working to keep them clean, the only disturbance would be my mobile phone sometimes. Being able to watch wildlife of birds on the farm has been a pleasure. My favourite in early summer is the Lapwing or Peewit because of it's call. We have been blessed watching a Barn Owl too on it's nightly mouse hunt about 9pm.

Such simple pleasures as these make living in the countryside idyllic and many people want to come and live this life, but do they look at it the same way we do?

What are your simple pleasure? Let me know next time you see me.

***Bothy Blessings, Alan & Carolyn***

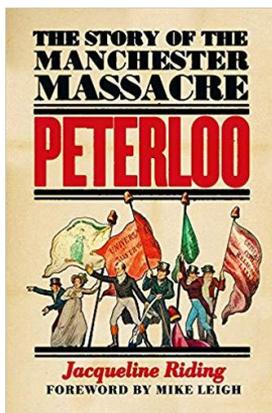


### **The Collect**

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 Jacqueline 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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### Readings

Matthew 14, 22-33 –

Jesus walks on water.

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for the homeless people in and around Manchester.

You will be aware of the problem out there'

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!

Hope to see you soon.