

500th Anniversary Of St Margaret's Church, Westminster

- 1) St Margaret's Church, Westminster is now 500 years old
Or so we've been told
Today, to mark it, some people are together having a feast
Following a nice service by the Priest

- 2) 'The Parish Church of The House of Commons' as it is sometimes known
Was originally built by the Benedictine monks on their own
Then Master-Mason Robert Stowell started to rebuild it in 1482 yes
And it was consecrated on the 9th April 1523 or so I guess

- 3) It's oldest surviving memorial is to Cornelius van Dun, dying in 1577
Before making his deserving way to heaven
And one window commemorates Sir Walter Raleigh, the Elizabethan explorer, courier and writer
Who was each day getting brighter

- 4) A memorial to Olaudah Equiano, born in Africa, is on show too
Who got enslaved by quite a few
But he was later to be given a big grade
Becoming a writer and leading figure in the British abolition of the slave trade

- 5) At this Church still quite a lot takes place
With different people in it regularly showing their face
Lots of monarchs have also been crowned by here
And the Coronation of The King and The Queen Consort is due to take place later this year