



St Margaret's Church

"We are disciples of Jesus, making disciples for Jesus."

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Sunday 22nd February – Lent 1

WELCOME TO SAINT MARGARET'S!

We are one church with three congregations. We meet on Sundays in St. Margaret's church building (9.30 and 11.00) and in Victoria Road Chapel (10.30). We hope and pray that you meet with God here today. If you wish to find out more about who we are and what we do, please speak to one of the people with a badge. Have a wonderful day!

Services Today - Sunday 22nd February

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am FHC at Victoria Road Chapel

11.00am All Age Worship

Next Week Sunday 1st March

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am FHC at Victoria Road Chapel

11.00am Morning Worship

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Mothers' Union February Events

Thursday 19th - Lent Course at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road

Wednesday 25th - Lent Course in Hall at 2pm

Saturday 28th - Coffee Morning in the Hall from 10am to 12 noon

The Lent Course led by Maureen McPherson "Path to Freedom" in the Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons is open to all

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning

This will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 28th February from 10am to 12 noon. Money raised will go to the Literacy Fund, which helps women in the third world to have the opportunity to learn to read and write.

Easter Flowers

Please see Lily Russell if you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter flowers in remembrance of a "Loved One". She will need the money in by Sunday 29th March.

Real Easter Eggs

Real Easter Eggs tell the Easter Story, are fairtrade and include a donation to charity. The only Easter Egg with the Easter story on the box. They are available to purchase from Traidcraft, Eden, TLM, Christian bookshops, cathedrals, Tesco, Morrisons and Waitrose.

EASTER EGGS

We are collecting Easter Eggs, again, for a children's Easter Egg Hunt and the local care homes. We would be extremely grateful for donations of Chocolate Eggs, and especially grateful for the various knitted bunnies, chicks and flowers. Last year the children hunted for over 100 standard eggs and we gave over 100 Easter treats to our local Care Homes. Please,

Easter Services

Palm Sunday 29th March with Palm crosses to take home

Good Friday - Hot Cross Buns served all day.
9.30am Walk of Witness around town.

11am Creative Worship with Fried Egg Sandwiches
3.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion, a Choral Reflection with Dramatised Reading.

Easter Sunday

Son rise Service at One Tree Hill.

9.30am Holy Communion.

11am Family Service with Easter Egg Hunt. Easter Eggs for everyone attending one of today's

Things to pray for this week

Mon 23rd FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT BEGINS Pray for the residents of Pugh Place and also pray for the people who have to work for long hours and receive such a low wage that they have difficulty in feeding their families.

Tues 24th Pray for the residents of Redlie Close. - Many Iraqi Christian women and children have been taken captive by Islamic State (IS) militants and sold as slaves. IS released a shocking document that revealed the prices of Christian slaves. These prices varied from 50,000 dinars (£27) for women aged 40-50 to 2000,000 dinars (£107) for children aged one to nine. Yazidi women are also being enslaved. Sharia allows Muslims to take human beings as slaves as part of their war booty in the context of jihad. Pray that the Lord will protect all women and children who are currently slaves in Iraq or elsewhere. Pray that the international community will act to see them free.

Wed 25th Pray for the residents of Regan Close and also pray "Gracious Father, thank you that your kingdom is made up from the weak, the broken, the discarded, and that I do not need to be perfect to be accepted."

Thurs 26th Pray for the residents of Rodings Avenue. Pray for all those who sign up to "Now a Christian" via the website - more than 3,000 people so far!

Fri 27th Pray for the residents of Rose Valley Crescent. "CPAS" have asked us to pray for Falcon Camps. Senior leaders will gather together at the international Mission Centre in Birmingham for the annual leaders conference.

Sat 28th Pray for the residents of Russet Close and pray for Wales "Father, we thank You for the unity in the Holy Spirit that You are bringing across denominations and doctrines in Wales. We pray that Jesus will be the centre of our unity, and that worshipping Him alone will be the priority for our churches and the energy for our mission."

Sun 1st TEAR FUND SUNDAY Pray for the residents of Second Avenue. Pray for the work that God has given to Tear Fund to undertake and thank Him for those who have responded to His call.

Thought for the Week

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"
Matthew 5:3

Bible Readings for the Week:

Genesis 9 v 8 - 17, Psalm 25 v 1 - 9,
1 Peter 3 v 18 - 22, Mark 1 v 9 - 15

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday March 6th at Evangelical Church Fobbing Road, Corringham 1.45 for 2pm See Mildred Swain for Transport

REFRESH LUNCH

Tuesday 17th March 2015 and every Third Tuesday of the month at 12 noon at Methodist Youth Hall. Cost £3. All Welcome.

Ladies Breakfast

Saturday 7th March at 8.30am in G.P.C.
Tickets £5 from Mildred Swain or Lilian Barton.

PCC

Next meeting is Monday 16th March at 7.30pm in St Margaret's Church Hall

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Don't forget Fairtrade fortnight 23rd February to 8th March. Why not make a special effort to buy fairtrade items. Look out for the logo!

Flowers

There will be flowers for ALL ladies who care attending our services on 15th March

MESSY CHURCH

Wednesday 18th March at 3.30pm at Victoria Road Chapel

Bishop's pastoral letter

You have probably seen in the news that our bishops have published a pastoral letter encouraging everyone to vote. The letter is well worth reading as it has a lot to say both pastorally and prophetically. We have printed the letter off and it will be available on the table at both St Margaret's and VRC. Unfortunately it's too long to run off too many

OPEN CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

The church is open every Thursday morning 10am to 12 noon for coffee chat and a look round the