



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 15th March – Lent 4, Mothering Sunday

### 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 15th March

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am FHC at Victoria Road Chapel

11.00am Morning Worship

### Next Week Sunday 22nd March

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am FHC at Victoria Road Chapel

11.00am All Age Worship

### COLLECT FOR TODAY

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself; strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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' March Events

The Lent Course led by Maureen McPherson

"Path to Freedom" in the Church Hall on

Wednesday afternoons is open to all

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Lent Course in the Hall at 2pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Lent Course at 7.30pm at 23

Scratton Road

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Lent Course in the Hall at 2pm

### Bell Ringing Practices

2nd April no practice

9<sup>th</sup> April no practice

16<sup>th</sup> April practice 7.30-9pm

23<sup>rd</sup> April practice 7.30-9pm

30<sup>th</sup> April practice 7.30-9pm

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 services

### Passover Meal

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 p.m. at Emmanuel Church Chadwell St Mary.

Numbers are restricted so first come first booked.

Please contact Les Brock on 01375 891 684 to book

### Things to pray for this week

**Mon 16th** Pray for the residents of Northlands Close and pray that the Lord will have His hand over Egypt as its people vote in a parliamentary election that starts on 21<sup>st</sup> March. In recent months the Egyptian government has moved to a more moderate attitude towards Christians with constitutional and legal moves towards lifting restrictions on the construction of church buildings. Please pray that the newly elected members of parliament will use their powers to make further progress towards equality and full religious liberty for all in Egypt.

**Tue 17th St. Patrick's Day** Pray for the residents of Oxley Gardens and pray for Jasper Rutherford and the St. Patrick's Day Peace Party he has organised which is taking place today. Pray for the young people who will be attending as the themes of peace and reconciliation are explored.

**Wed 18th** Pray for the residents of Pelham Place and Scripture Union inform us that during March and April the Publishing admin team will be uploading the *LightLive* content for July-September 2015. Pray for an uninterrupted time and for good health to enable this essential work to be done and that through these resources many churches will be encouraged and equipped to reach children and young people with the good news of Jesus.

**Thu 19th** Pray for the residents of Penny Lane and Love Russia have asked us to pray for Luba and her ministry in caring for young girls in prison.

**Fri 20th** Pray for the residents of Pugh Place and pray for all grandparents and the role they play in supporting a family to nurture faith together.

**Sat 21st** Pray for the residents of Redlie Close and pray for all families who are preparing to have their young children baptized that they will come to faith during their preparation time.

**Sun 22nd** Pray for the residents of Regan Close and pray for all members who will be taking leading parts in our church services today.

### Thought for the Week

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert....."

Hebrews 3 v 8

### Garden Fete

We would be grateful for any of the following: teddies, bottles, plants, cakes, unwanted gifts, gift bags, prizes, vouchers, stationery, dusters, tea towels, toiletries, jewellery, hair decorations, pillow cases, bottles of anything (eg shampoo, wine, lemonade, whisky, nail varnish, champagne, cola, vinegar, fruit drinks, water), soft toys, pens, gift vouchers, pencils, cakes, stationery, black sacks, washing up liquid, DVDs, toys, biscuits, disposable cups, items for china & glass stall, tea-towels, dusters, dishcloths, hats, scarves, candy floss, t-shirts, homemade cards, chocolate, disposable plates and cutlery, cans of drink, eggs, bubbles, lollies, jams, chutneys, marmalades, craft work, pocket money toys, handmade items, plants, tea, coffee, milk, sugar, squash, crockery for smashing, sweets, drinks, crisps, straw bales, knitted pig, coconuts, Jaffa cakes, popcorn, tug of war rope and blackboards.

### Bible Readings for the Week:

Exodus 2 v 1 - 10, Psalm 34 v 11 - 20,  
2 Corinthians 1 v 3 - 7, John 19 v 25 - 27

### MESSY CHURCH

Wednesday 18th March at 3.30pm at Victoria Road Chapel

### REFRESH LUNCH

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

### PCC

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

**Bar'N'Bus training day** at Thurrock Christian Fellowship, Giffords Cross Road, Saturday 21st March 9.30-12.30. Focus: challenging behaviour. All welcome.

**The PCC AGM will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm** Everyone who is on the Electoral Roll should attend. At this meeting we will voting new people onto the PCC. Further details regarding the Electoral Roll will be published soon. Meanwhile please put this important date in your diary".