



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 22nd March – Lent 5, Passion 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 22nd March

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am FHC at Victoria Road Chapel

11.00am All Age Worship

Next Week Sunday 29th March

ONLY ONE JOINT SERVICE TODAY

10.30am at Victoria Road Chapel

NO SERVICES IN ST. MARGARET'S

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world; grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Wednesday 25th - Lent Course in the Hall at 2pm

Please note that there will be no Craft Circle on Monday 6th April

Bell Ringing Practices

2nd April no practice

9th April no practice

16th April practice 7.30-9pm

23rd April practice 7.30-9pm

30th April practice 7.30-9pm

CHEQUES

Just a reminder - cheques are to be made payable to **PCC of Stanford-le-Hope with Mucking**.

The bank will not accept cheques made out in any other way, sorry

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.

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 services

Passover Meal

Monday 30th 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 23rd Pray for the residents of Brockenhurst Drive. Some young people are really content being single, whereas others wish life looked different. Pray for all single young people, for contentment and a growing sense of self, and for opportunities to enjoy the fullness of life in the situation where they find themselves at this time.

Tue 24th Pray for the residents of Butts Lane and Church Army have asked us to pray for the men and women who sleep in the porch of Dundee Cathedral, many of whom have substance misuse issues as well as being homeless. Pray for the Centre of Mission as it works to provide for their physical and spiritual needs.

Wed 25th Pray for the residents of Butts Road and 'Barnabas' have asked us to pray for the situation regarding Farshid Fathi, an Iranian Christian who was arrested in December 2010 for illegally distributing Bibles. He is still in prison and since August 2014 has been held in to Rajai Shahr prison, Karaj where he is sharing an open cell with hardened criminals and drug addicts. Pray that the Lord will protect him from harm and that he will be a bold and effective witness to those around him.

Thu 26th Pray for the residents of Caldwell Road and remember people in the UK whose homes and businesses have been damaged by flooding over the winter. Pray for those responsible for prevention and protection to have wisdom about the best use of limited available resources.

Fri 27th Pray for the residents of Kingsman Road and also pray for all couples who are preparing for marriage and those preparing for their children to be baptized, that they will know Jesus as their saviour and friend.

Sat 28th Pray for the residents of London Road and "CPAS" have asked us to pray for parishes in vacancy: For the new incumbents who are selected during March and April as they prepare to move.

Sun 29th PALM SUNDAY Pray for the residents of Gladstone Villas. Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! Praise God for Jesus' death and resurrection being the hope for all nations.

Thought for the Week

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever."

Psalm 118 v 1

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jeremiah 31 v 31 - 34,

Psalm 51 v 1 - 13,

Hebrews 5 v 5 - 10,

John 12 v 20 - 33

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.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll will be open from Sunday 30th March until Sunday 13th April 2015. If you attend St. Margaret's regularly and live in the parish or if you have regularly attended St. Margaret's for the past six months and are over 16 years of age and have been baptised you are entitled to be put on the Electoral Roll. The list of people already on the Electoral Roll will be displayed in church on the notice board behind the church door. If your name does not appear on the Electoral Roll and you feel that it should be, please contact Pat Pickett Electoral Roll Officer for a form. She can be contacted at the Church Office most mornings or email norpat24@talktalk.net. The APCM will be held in Church on Sunday 26th April at 3.30pm. All people on the Electoral Roll should attend. This is the time when we elect new people onto the Church Council.