



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 24th January – Epiphany 3

### 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 - 24<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC

11.00am All Age Worship

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January

10.30am United Service at VRC

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC

11.00am Morning Worship

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC

11.00am Morning Worship

### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

### Bible Readings for the Week:

Nehemiah 8 v 1 - 10,

Psalms 19,

1 Corinthians 12 v 12 - 31a,

Luke 4 v 14 - 21

### Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to the 'St Margaret's texting prayer chain' please speak to Alison Murphy, write your name and mobile number on a piece of paper and give it to her. All you have to do then is pray when you get sent a prayer request. If you have a request you want added to the prayer chain just text it to Alison. Keep it short if possible! It's as easy as that. Prayers are being answered all the time so please join us.

### Thank you for your donations.

Cheques are to be made payable to **PCC of Stanford-le-Hope with Mucking**. If you wish to donate by phone, please text STMS17 £\*\* (the amount you wish to give) to 70070.

### Mothers' Union - January/February Events

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - AGM at 2pm in the Hall

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Committee Meeting in the Hall at 2pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Communion in the Church at 12 noon followed by frugal lunch in the Hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Lent Course at 23 Scratton Road at 7.30pm

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Lent Course at 2pm in the Hall

### Help needed

If anyone feels able to do the refreshments after either the 9.30am or 11am services. Duties would be about every five weeks. Please contact Mollie Smallman on 01375 677 759 or the Parish Office on 01375 672 271.

Many thanks.

### Things to pray for this week

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Abbots Hall Chase.

Christian Hope International have asked us to pray for the visit of the Archbishop of Rwanda, the Rt. Rev. Onesphore Rwaje who will be speaking about life in Rwanda. Two informal evening events in Essex are on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February. The meetings will be at Church of the Good Shepherd, Redriff Road, Collier Row, Romford on 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road, Leigh on Sea at 7.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Adams Road

Scripture Union have asked us to praise God for making it possible for them to be able to every week reach up to 4,000 new players who are downloading *Guardians of Ancora* and engaging with the stories of the Bible in fun ways.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Barstable Road

Pray for children who are unable to access formal education because of poverty, conflict or gender. Lord God, provide all that will equip them to lead successful and fulfilled lives, despite their disadvantages.

**Thur 28<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Bevin Walk

Pray for Tearfund staff living far from their family and friends in hostile environment. Pray for protection, encouragement, strength and courage as they follow Jesus where the need is greatest. Pray that they will reveal God's love through the lifesaving work they do.

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Billet Lane

Classical Islam teaches that Christians should not be in positions of authority over Muslims. A Pakistani Christian teacher, Saddique Azam, was appointed head over three schools in the Kasur district of Punjab province in the middle of last year. On 5<sup>th</sup> October three Muslim teachers stormed into his office first thing in the morning and insulted him, asking how he as a Christian could be senior to them and pressurising him to resign from his post. When he refused they attacked him, seriously injuring his left eye. Pray for healing and that his Muslim staff will support and affirm him in his leadership role.

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Kynoch Court

Pray for all the couples who are preparing for their Wedding this year in St. Margaret's.

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>** Pray for the residents of Broadhope Avenue

Pray Father that you will show us what you would have us do to make the Christian Faith become the centre of all lives. Help us to know how to deal with terrorism and people who hate us because we are Christians. "Loving Teacher, as we sit at your feet, give us enquiring minds, open hearts and teachable spirits. Make us ever open to learn from you, that we may be equipped for the good and the hard times of life".

### Thought for the Week

"Three things remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love".

1 Cor:13 v 13

### PCC Meeting

The next PCC Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

### Area Vocations Day

There will be an Area Vocations Day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 9.15 to 3.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, 208 Long Road, Canvey Island  
Please see the notice in Church and speak to John if you are interested in any way