



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 7th February – Sunday before Lent

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 - 7th February

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
11.00am Morning Worship
2.30am Marriage Preparation Course

Sunday 14th February

9.30am Morning Prayer
10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Puppet Church

Sunday 21st February

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
11.00am Morning Worship
3.30pm Church meeting + bring & share tea

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.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image; teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen

Bible Readings for the Week:

Exodus 34 v 29 - 35,
Psalm 99,
2 Corinthians 3 v 12 - 4 v 2,
Luke 9 v 28 - 43

Mothers' Union - January/February Events

Monday 8th - Committee Meeting in the Hall at 2pm
Wednesday 10th - Ash Wednesday Communion in the Church at 12 noon followed by frugal lunch in the Hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME**
Thursday 18th - Lent Course at 23 Scratton Road at 7.30pm
Wednesday 24th - Lent Course at 2pm in the Hall

Craft Day

Saturday 20th February, St Margaret's Church Hall, 10am to 3pm. £10 per head. All skill levels welcome. Bring your own lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. Come and join us in a relaxed atmosphere. An opportunity to learn new crafts. Admission by ticket only (restricted to 30 places) Please see Jackie Feeney, Janice Wilkins, Kay Alcon, Jokey Poyntz or telephone 01375 672271 email: smarg4God@aol.com

Things to pray for this week

Mon 8th Pray for the residents of Fairview Avenue.

Pray for those who will be attending and who will be leading the "cpas" Ventures Falcons Camps in the summer.

Tues 9th Pray for the residents of Fairview Chase.

Pray for Refresh. Thank God for those who give of their time and those who are able to attend that through their time together they will have a closer relationship with God.

Wed 10th ASH WEDNESDAY Pray for the residents of Whitwell Court.

We all have things that distract us from spending time with God. It might be the TV or the smartphone. "Father God, help us draw near to you today and during 40 days of Lent. Fix our eyes on you and your kingdom values, and teach us to live more completely for you. Amen".

Thur 11th Pray for the residents of Fetherston Road.

Heavenly Father we thank you for the privilege of bringing up children., Give your guidance to all parents and carers, and grant them the love and strength needed each day.

Fri 12th Pray for the residents of Wendover Court.

"BRF" are asking us to pray for the preparations for the Messy Church conference taking place in May in the High Leigh conference centre in Hertfordshire.

Sat 13th Pray for the residents of Gentry Close.

Pray for parents and children as their half term begins, remembering especially parents who are both at work, pray for their children's safety.

Sun 14th Pray for the residents of the Green.

Pray for all those taking a leading part in the services today

Thought for the Week

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matt:11:28

PCC Meeting

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

Easter Eggs

We are collecting Easter Eggs for a Children's Easter Egg Hunt and for the local Care Homes for the Elderly. We would be extremely grateful for any donations. Thank you to everyone who has donated, so far, especially those who have knitted little bunnies and chicks. Keep up the good work!

Mannafest

A Home cooked meal with great company. Every other Friday at Victoria Road Chapel at 6.30pm. All are welcome

Messy Church

Every third Wednesday of every month at 3.30pm at St Margaret's Church Hall £1. See Jokey Poyntz. Next Messy Church is Wednesday

Thank You

Many thanks for helping us to raise £271.03 at our Christmas Services we were able to send to BarNBus £135.52 and Thurrock Food Bank. £135.51. Also from the Christingle Service we were able to send £197.13 to the Children's Society.

Area Vocations Day

There will be an Area Vocations Day on Saturday 27th 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

Refresh.

Every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon, a chance to talk and meet with others. Find a listening ear. All are welcome. There is a lunch every third Tuesday of month at 12 noon at Stanford-le-Hope Methodist Youth Hall £4. See Kay Alcon. Next lunch is Tuesday 16th February

Coffee Morning

Every Thursday in Church from 10am til 12 noon Pop in for a cuppa. All welcome