



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 6th March – 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 6th March

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Singles Service

Sunday 13th March

Please note that the Archdeacon's visit is postponed until April.

9.30am Morning Prayer
VRC congregation to join 11.00am
11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th March

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Agape meal

COLLECT

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

Bible Readings for the Week:

Exodus 2 v 1 - 10,
Psalm 34 v 11 - 20,
2 Corinthians 1 v 3 - 7,
Luke 2 v 33 - 35

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 - March Events

There will be a Lent Course at 2pm in the Hall every Wednesday during Lent

Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards Easter flowers please see Lily Russell

Books

There are lots of books on the shelves at the back of the Church. Please feel free to help yourself to as many as possible, either for yourself or to give to others.

PCC Meeting

The next PCC Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on March 7th 2016.

Things to pray for this week

Mon 7th Pray for the residents of Victoria Road.

Patronage. Many patronage incumbents lead multi-parish benefices (the largest contains 11 parishes) Pray they will know what God is calling them to prioritise.

Tue 8th Pray for the residents of Warrene Close.

Thank God for the Christian bookshops around our country. Pray that they will continue to grow in number and bring more people to know Jesus.

Wed 9th Pray for the residents of Webster Close.

Pray that all those involved with the two Easter camps run by SU in the Republic of Ireland - team, speakers and young people - will meet with God in a real and life-changing way.

Thu 10th Pray for the residents of Wharf Close.

"Love Russia" have asked us to pray for the energy and funding needed to complete the new crisis centre which will help homeless mums in the St. Petersburg city area.

Fri 11th Pray for the residents of Wharf Road.

Church Army have asked us to pray for the 36 people who joined the Mission Community. Pray that all members may be enabled to grow in their walk with Jesus and to further develop their talents and ministries.

Sat 12th Pray for the residents of The Hollies.

We thank you, Lord for those who boldly stand up against injustice in your name, many at great personal cost. May they continue to shine brightly for you and be empowered by your Holy Spirit as they speak your words of truth.

Sun 13th Pray for the residents of The Grove

Until recently there were no Christians in the Mongolian town of Olgii, whose population is mainly Muslims from the Kazakh ethnic group. There are now small groups of believers who have left Islam to follow Jesus. Nearly all of them have been arrested by the police. The police often disrupt gatherings and threaten to burn their homes. The only Christian literature they have is the Bible and a homemade book of hymns. Please pray that God will protect them and keep them from fear.

Thought for the Week

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognise them."

Matthew 7 v 15.

Significantly Singles

On Sunday 6th March 2016 at 3.00 p.m.

A meeting will be held to discuss the revival of our Singles activities.

If you are at all interested please come along
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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!

11am Team Leaders Meeting

Tuesday 8th March at 7.45pm at Sandringham Close

Fairtrade

Don't forget Fairtrade fortnight 29th February to 13th March. Why not make a special effort to buy fairtrade items. Look out for the logo!

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 on Good Friday

Queen's 90th Birthday

We are hoping to make a display to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday and would be grateful for any handmade flowers