



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 20th March – Palm 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 20th March

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC

11.00am Morning Worship

6.30pm Agape meal

Sunday 27th March Easter Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am All Age Worship

Easter Services

Good Friday

9.30am Walk of witness around Stanford-le-Hope with Hot Cross Buns - meet at Lych Gate

11.00am Creative Worship in St Margaret's with Fried Egg Sandwiches

3.30pm Crucifixion Meditation

Easter Sunday

6.30am Sunrise Service at One Tree Hill

9.30am Easter Holy Communion

11.00am Easter All Age Worship with Easter Egg Hunt

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!

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 and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross; grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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:

Isaiah 50 v 4 - 9a,

Psalms 31 v 9 - 16,

Philippians 2 v 5 - 11,

Luke 23 v 1 - 49

Easter Flowers

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

Things to pray for this week

Mon 21st Pray for the residents of Karen Close.

Thank God for all who encourage children and adults with Down's Syndrome and their families to lead fulfilling lives and participate in their communities. Especially remember Prospects, working through local churches to reach out to families affected by learning disabilities, including Down's Syndrome.

Tue 22nd Pray for the residents of King Edward Road.

Hope UK have asked us to pray for their voluntary Drug Educators who need prayer support as some of them experience challenges in their personal lives that make it difficult to fulfil their calling. Pray for God's protection over each one of them.

Wed 23rd Pray for the residents of King Street. And

"CPAS" have asked us to pray for the holiday camps that are running this week.

Thu 24th MAUNDAY THURSDAY Pray for the residents of Kings Parade.

Lord you came not to be served but to serve. Grant us grace to follow your example as "foot washing" people living in loving service to you and to others.

Fri 25th GOOD FRIDAY Pray for the residents of Levett Road.

Christ humbled himself for us and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! We thank you, our Saviour, that you did not turn back, and that by your obedience you brought us reconciliation with the Father.

Sat 26th Pray for the residents of Manor Road.

Lord, we pause in quiet reflection as the world waits for the dawn of resurrection. The starkness of the cross is over; the joy of new life is a moment away. Our hearts fill with wonder and thanks to God.

Sun 27th EASTER SUNDAY Pray for the residents of Rainbow Lane Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hallelujah! Risen Lord, open our eyes to see the splendour of your resurrection glory.

Thought for the Week

"Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; blessed are we who have received forgiveness through Christ's journey to the cross and triumph over sin. "

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.

AGM 2016

The Electoral Roll is open now and until 3rd April 2016. A list of those who are already on the Electoral Roll is provided at the back of the church behind the church door. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and have been baptised and are over 16 years of age, and worship regularly at St. Margaret's please contact your Electoral Roll Officer, Pat Pickett, either after the Sunday Services, at the Parish Office any morning except Tuesdays or Email me on norpat24@talktalk.net

The AGM will take place on 17th April at 6.30pm preceded by a shared tea at 5pm in St Margaret's Church Hall

Mothers' Union - April Events

Sunday 3rd - Corporate Holy Communion at 9.30am in St Margaret's with enrolments and Long service 50 years certificates

Monday 4th April - Craft Circle in the Hall at 2pm

Wednesday 13th April - Talk by David Tweddle

"Hannah, Ruth & Mary" at 2pm in the Hall

Saturday 16th - Spring Coffee Morning from 10am to 12 noon in the Hall

Thursday 21st - Talk by Jenny Tweddle talks "The Queen's visit" at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road

Wednesday 25th - Talk by Pam Hibbert "Away from it all" at 2pm in the Church Hall

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