



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 17th April – Easter 4

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 - 17th April

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
11.00am Morning Worship and Dedication
5.00pm Annual General Meeting

Sunday 24th April

9.30am Morning Prayer
10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
11.00am Morning Worship & Dedication
3.30pm Prayer and Worship with Simon Wilson

Sunday 1st May

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Taize Meal

ANNUAL MEETING

SAINT MARGARET'S ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 5.00 pm UNTIL 7.00 pm. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL START PROMPTLY AT 5.00 pm AND FINISH EQUALLY PROMPTLY AT 7.00 pm. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND. (The meeting will include refreshments so if you are able to make sandwiches etc. that would be much appreciated.) DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT A FORM IF YOU WISH TO PUT ANY QUESTIONS AT THE MEETING. THANK YOU.

COLLECT

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life; raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever
Amen**

Choir Sponsored Sing

Saturday 23rd April from 10am to 12 noon in St. Margaret's.
Give a donation (minimum £1.00) to have your favourite hymn sung
Proceeds in aid of improvements to St Margaret's Church Building
Please support Thank you

Mothers' Union - April/May Events

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
Monday 2nd - Craft Circle in the Hall at 2pm
Wednesday 11th - Talk by Vivien on Social Policy at 2pm in the Hall
Wednesday 18th - Deanery Festival at 7.30pm at Orsett Parish Church
Thursday 19th - Talk by Sheila Hornsby at 7.30pm
Venue to be announced
Wednesday 20th - Prayer Walk at 2pm

Things to pray for this week

Mon 18th Pray for the residents of Boyce Road.

Bring before God your newly elected members to the PCC, that they will know and follow God's calling in the work ahead.

Tue 19th Pray for the residents of Branksome Avenue.

Pray for the prayer network that "frontiers" are seeking to establish that will bring about a huge surge in prayer for the Muslim world, that will change things in the heavenlies and underpin all the work they are doing on the field. When we think of the word "intercessor" we often feel inadequate and not "spiritual" enough but spending time listening to God and then praying what is on our hearts for people and places, that is surprisingly enjoyable and nowhere near as difficult as we might imagine.

Wed 20th Pray for the residents of Branksome Close.

Praise God for the work that has been achieved in the Parish Hall and Church Offices. Pray that God will guide us as to how we can help to get enough money to put a new floor into our church building.

Thu 21st Pray for the residents of Byrd Way.

Bring before God the parents and children who are preparing for baptism, that they will know God's strength, love and care for them that they will bring God into their daily lives.

Fri 22nd Pray for the residents of Colman Close.

As we start the Wedding season at St. Margaret's bring the couples soon to be married before God and pray that their marriage vows will be meaningful to them and that they will have God at the centre of their lives.

Sat 23rd Pray for the residents of Delius Way.

Pray for Christians being persecuted for their faith, that they will know God's presence and that they are not forsaken or forgotten by the rest of the world.

Sun 24th Pray for the residents of Dowland Close.

Ask God to inspire each one of us as we live out our daily lives. We are His disciples, let us not keep our love for God to ourselves but share with others what God has done for us.

Thought for the Week

"O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."
Psalm 63 v 1

Bible Readings for the Week:

Acts 9 v 36 - 43,
Psalm 23,
Revelation 7 v 9 - 17,
John 10 v 22 - 30

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

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.

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.

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.