



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 23rd October – 4th Sunday before Advent

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 30th October

10.30am United Service at VRC

5.30pm TEN Course

Sunday 6th November

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday Worship with Xplorers at VRC

11.00am Morning Worship with Sunday School

5.30pm TEN Course

Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sunday Worship with Xplorers at VRC

10.40am Parade Service at War Memorial

11.30am Holy Communion Community Service

3.30pm Remembering Service

Sunday 20th November

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday worship at VRC

11.00am Morning Worship with Baptism

And Sunday School

3.00pm Joint Service & tea for East Thurrock

5.30pm TEN Course

Afternoon of Prayer

For the church floor, St Margaret's and current situations on Monday 31st October 12 noon to 6pm. Please, please come along. Things happen when the church prays!

Evening of Prayer on Wednesday 30th

November 5pm to 9pm

Thank you for your donations. Cheques are to be made payable to **PCC of Stanford-le-Hope with Mucking** or text **STMS17 £**** (the amount you wish to give) to 70070.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints; grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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

Poppies

We would be grateful for further donations of homemade poppies for our external display for remembrance Sunday. Poppies can be made from any waterproof material. Please give all poppies to Janice Wilkins. We ask that you do not put the poppies onto the display yourself as we like to count them. We had 3,750 last year and would be great to see a bigger display this year.

Mini Remembrance Service at the war memorial on Friday 11th November 10.55am to 11.10am including two minutes silence.

Poppy Parade Service at War Memorial on Sunday 13th November at 10.40am followed by a Community Holy Communion service at 11.30am in St Margaret's. **Remembering Service** on Sunday 13th November at 3.30pm in St Margaret's to remember friends and family no longer with us.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 9th November - "Canon Rawnsley" at 2pm in the Church Hall

Thursday 17th November - talk by Rosie Ero at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road

Wednesday 23rd Advent meditation at 2pm in the Church Hall

Things to pray for this week

Mon 31st Pray for the residents of High Street

The Dundee Centre of Mission aims to bring the light of Jesus into the darkness of lives scarred by addictions, abuse and neglect. Please hold them in your prayers this week.

Tues 1st ALL SAINTS DAY Pray for the residents of The Precinct

Give thanks today for those in our family who have led us in the way of Christ through their words and their deeds. May we, too, be a witness in our generation to the love and faithfulness of God.

Wed 2nd ALL SOULS DAY Pray for the residents of Karen Close

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me Luke 9:23. Lord, help me not to wander away from you but to follow all that you have planned for me to do in your name.

Thur 3rd Pray for the residents of King Edward Road

"Thank you God for all those who serve the church community who tirelessly serve in ways unseen by the many. May they be assured of God's love and favour upon them as they reflect his glory through their lives."

Fri 4th Pray for the residents of King Street

Continue to pray for those who have left their homes because of war and conflict, pray that they will find a safe haven and be ready to adapt to their new situations.

Sat 5th Pray for the residents of Kings Parade

Father, we pray for safety especially where there are fireworks, pray that people will be sensible and not endanger other people's lives.

Sun 6th Pray for the residents of Levett Road

Father, we thank you for the many couples who are having their babies baptised. We thank you for the opportunities you have given us to get to know the couples we pray that we will, with your help and guidance, help to bring you into their lives so that they will feel that they truly belong to you.

Thought for the Week

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it....."

Psalm 24 v 1

Bible Readings for the Week

Isaiah 1 v 10 -18 Psalm 32 v 1 - 8

2 Thessalonians 1 v 1 - 12 Luke 19 v 1 -10

Comedy & Cupcakes

Saturday 12th November at 7pm in St Margaret's Church.

An evening of comedy with Liz Babbs

Tickets £10.

Refresh Lunch

Tuesday 15th November at 12 noon at Stanford-le-Hope Methodist Youth Hall £4

Time to Talk

Deanery Conversation with Bishop Stephen on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm at St. Margaret's.

Toy Services will be held on Sunday 27th November. You are invited to bring a toy for a less fortunate child

Christmas Events

Look out for our **Christmas Quiz** to share with the family.

Town Christmas **Tree lights** will be switched on Thursday 1st December at 6pm outside The Inn on the Green.

Choir Sponsored Carol Sing Saturday 3rd December 10am to 12 noon. See Russ Sparkes.

We are hoping to have a **Christmas Bazaar** on Sunday 11th December. We would be grateful for your donations of unwanted gifts, handmade items, cakes, Christmas decorations, toiletries, bottles of anything, homemade soup, cuddly toys, etc. Please speak to Janice if you can help.

Carols on the Green Sunday 11th December at 4pm in Church Car Park with local schools.

MU Christmas lunch in church hall on Wednesday 14th December 1pm for 1.30pm.

Christingle Service on Sunday 18th December at 11am.

Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm