



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 13th November – 2nd 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 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

5.30pm TEN Course

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

Sunday 27th November - Toy Services

You are invited to bring a toy for a less fortunate child

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC

11.00am All Age Worship

5.30pm TEN Course

Evening of Prayer on Wednesday 30th

November 5pm to 9pm

Mothers' Union

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

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

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Lunch In the Church Hall. Meet at 1pm for 1.30pm

Thursday 15th - Christmas Miscellany & Quarterly Prayers. 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Rd

Monday 19th - Quarterly Prayers at 2pm in Church

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life; grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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

Things to pray for this week

Mon 14th Pray for the residents of Rectory Road

There are many in society who are imprisoned by addiction, abuse or emotional trauma. We pray that God may supply the means for them to escape their chains and move into a life of freedom.

Tues 15th Pray for the residents of Rectory Terrace

"Barnabas" have asked us to pray for 92 Christian widows of martyrs and their 194 children, whom Barnabas Fund is assisting in Aleppo, Syria. They all lost their husbands in the current war. As well as help with practical needs, there are regular meetings and occasional conferences to help them. Praise God for His blessing on these meetings, which bring hope, peace and healing.

Wed 16th Pray for the residents of St. Margaret's Avenue

Praise God that lives are changing through the "Gajara Project" in Chad. Not only are they hearing the good news they are receiving it in a language they can truly understand for the first time.

Thu 17th Pray for the residents of Chale Court

Pray for the CPAS Ventures. This weekend it's the annual leaders' conference. Dr. Kate Middleton will be addressing mental health challenges for young people

Fri 18th Pray for the residents of Niton Court

Pray for all who have lost loved ones in conflicts in recent years, for those who work in the armed services and those who work for peace. May they continue to be protected by God.

Sat 19th Pray for the residents of Ryde Drive

Pray for opportunities for parents to nurture spirituality at home, as well as involving the 'wider family' that is the church.

Sun 20th Pray for the residents Salisbury Avenue

Pray for all Christians living in and sharing the Gospel in Russia that they will be protected from persecution.

Thought for the Week

"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."

Psalm 84 v 10

Bible Readings for the Week

Malachi 4 v 1 - 2a, Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3 v 6 - 13

Luke 21 v 5 -19

Puppet Club

Fortnightly in term time on Mondays from 5-6pm.
£1 suggested donation per child. Tuck shop available.
Next Meeting Monday 21st November

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.
All are welcome

Basildon Churches, local community groups, CAB, Basildon Council, St Mungo's, Relate, DWP, CVS etc., have set up a working group to pilot a **Night Shelter** for 3 nights a week in different church halls.

The shelters will be open on a Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening 10pm-8am from 1 December 2016 to 31 March 2017. Homeless people will receive a welcome, a hot drink, a bed for the night and a light breakfast. Earlier these same evenings a hot meal is already provided by the Churches at different locations.

They are urgently needing to appoint a p/t Co-ordinator with excellent admin & people skills for 4/5 months (inc. night work) Please email details of anyone who might be interested to

nightshelterbas@gmail.com. They also need your help as volunteers on the different shifts... Details can be found by emailing nightshelterbas@gmail.com. Or by contacting the Church Office

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.