



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 27th November – Advent 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 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

Sunday 4th December

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC

11.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 11th December

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC

11.00am Morning Worship

4.00pm Carols on the Green

5.00pm Christmas Festival with teddy zip wire

6.30pm Family Film night

Sunday 18th December

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC

11.00am Christingle Service

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight - collection for Basildon Night Shelters and Tearfund

Christmas Eve

10.00pm Christmas Special

11.45pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am All Age Worship

2.00pm Christmas Dinner in Hall

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Town Christmas Tree lights

These 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 Money raised for the Floor fund.

Refreshments and Mince pies available

Please Come and support

Evening of Prayer

Wednesday 30th November 5pm to 9pm for the floor and current situations in Church

Christmas Lunch

There will be a Christmas lunch in the Hall at 2pm on Christmas Day. If you would like company and friendship on this day you are welcome to join. The cost will be £7.50 and needs to be booked by 11th December. Please see Mandy Joiner

Sunday 1st January 2017

No Services in St Margaret's

Things to pray for this week

Mon 28th Pray for the residents of Wharf Close

The Bible Reading Fellowship have asked us to give thanks for all the resources that have been published this year and for the teams who have worked hard on producing them.

Tues 29th Pray for the residents of Wharf Road

CPAS have asked us to ask God to prepare the hearts of those attending "It's Your Call" so they can be enthused, encouraged and have a clearer sense of God's call in their lives.

Wed 30th Pray for the residents of The Hollies

"Love Russia" have asked us to give thanks for the wonderful work of the Moses project crisis centre and that damaged lives are being repaired there.

Thu 1st Pray for the residents of The Grove

Compassionate God, we pray for all who live in fear of violence and despair that life will ever change. Bring an end to their suffering and restore their sense of worth as people made in your image.

Fri 2nd Pray for the residents of The Warren

Many of the more senior church leaders in Iran have had to leave the country in the last few years. The government sends them a message that they will be put in prison for a long period unless they leave. Please pray for the spiritual needs of large numbers of ordinary Iranian Christians who remain. Ask that God will give His grace and wisdom to equip the junior leaders who pastor small groups of believers now that they have no one senior and experienced to consult for help and guidance.

Sat 3rd Pray for the residents of Whitfields

Pray for all those couples preparing for their marriage in the forthcoming year, that they will know God's will for them.

Sun 4th Pray for the residents Aldria Road

Thank God for the good relationships Christian Hope International have formed with their Christian brothers and sisters. For partnership with church leaders and the communities. For the enthusiasm for the Gospel of Christ and love for people. For willingness to respond to many requests. Pray for the practical difficulties that is experienced with transport and access to technology.

Thought for the Week

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:1&2

Bible Readings for the Week

Isaiah 2 v 1 - 5

Psalms 122

Romans 13 v 11 - 14

Matthew 24 v 36 - 44

Puppet Club

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

Mothers' Union

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

Festive Fayre

Saturday 19th November 10am Stanford-le-Hope
Methodist Church
Handicrafts, nearly new stall, jams, marmalades, cakes,
raffles, tombola, refreshments, light lunches
Admission FREE

New Year's Eve

8 til late New Year's Eve Party in Church
Building.
Karaoke, Live Music and Disco.
Bring own drinks and nibbles

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.