



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 18th December – Advent 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

##### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Holly! 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

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

No Services in St Margaret's

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion

#### Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever  
Amen

#### 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 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Please see Mandy Joiner

#### 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

#### Mothers' Union

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Quarterly Prayers at 2pm in Church

#### Alpha

Starts 18<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm in the Church.

Please invite someone to come along to learn more

#### Christmas Messy Church

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3.30pm in Church Hall.

Worship for all the family: Crafts, Stories, Music and Food!

All Welcome

#### Puppet Club

Fortnightly in term time on Mondays from 5-6pm.

£1 suggested donation per child. Tuck shop available.

Next Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

### Things to pray for this week

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Willow Hill

Pray for Christians and the families in Egypt, who have lost loved ones in the Cathedral bombing. Pray also for those who are traumatised by this awful tragedy.. Pray for those who did this awful crime that they will come to know Jesus for themselves.

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Abbotts Drive

Give thanks for all those who attend Messy Church that they will continue to feel God's presence in their lives.

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for the residents of Aldrin Close

Pray for safety for workers across the Near East and for a cessation of the sectarian violence driving the Syrian crisis.

**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the residents of Armstrong Close

Pray for those who are lonely, that they will not feel forgotten and unwanted, that they will know that God loves and cares about them.

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for the residents of Balmoral Avenue

Pray for safety on the roads, that drivers will have patience and understanding of other road users.

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup>** CHRISTMAS EVE Pray for the residents of Berkley Hill

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King. Listen in faith this night to hear the angels proclaim anew their good news of great joy that is for all the world. Prepare to bow down and worship the new born Christ.

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>** CHRISTMAS DAY Pray for the residents of Brice Way

"Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gift of your son. May we bring our lives as a gift to you as we kneel before our new-born King.

### Thought for the Week

Mary said "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."

Luke 1 v 46

### Bible Readings for the Week

Isaiah 7 v 10 - 16

Psalms 80 v 1 - 8, 18 - 20

Romans 1 v 1 - 7

Matthew 1 v 18 - 25

### 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.

### Christmas Festival

Very many thanks to the people who came to the Christmas Fayre which helped to raise £686.70

### Thank you

Very many thanks to the Brownies who raised £600.00 for the Church Floor very well done to you all. What an amazing achievement!

### Choir sponsored carol sing

Thank you to those who supported the Church Choir, they raised £463.00 towards the church floor.