



St Margaret's Church

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

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Things to pray for this week

Mon 18th Pray for the residents of Weelkes Close

Lord God, throughout history your Word has been banned in various places. Still today it is a great risk for many people to profess their faith. We pray for courage and strength for all who are persecuted for loving you.

Tue 19th Pray for the residents of Brockenhurst Drive

Pray for those travelling to events this year will have safety and relaxing journeys.

Wed 20th Pray for the residents of Butts Lane

Pray that God will restrain those who use drones and other remotely controlled devices as weapons to destroy innocent people and pray for military leaders who decide to target dangerous extremists to consider the moral implications of their actions.

Thu 21st Pray for the residents of Caldwell Road

On 1st May a new law came into force in Israel targeting African asylum-seekers. This deducts an extra 20% of their wages in addition to normal taxes and requires their employers to add to this another 16%. This money is held on deposit and only released if the individual agrees to leave the country permanently. Pray for a change in government policy.

Fri 22nd Pray for the residents of Kingsman Road

Lift all those around the world who are suffering from the burden of hunger.

Sat 23rd Pray for the residents of London Road

God of every generation we look forward with faith for all that is to come. Help us to build a future together which will enable our work to flourish, through far-reaching vision and commitment to your will.

Sun 24th Pray for the residents of Gladstone Villas

Lord, we pray that our churches would fling wide their doors and reach out in love to the communities around them. May every person feel welcomed and accepted by the family of the Church, whatever their issues, background or life choices.

Poppies

We would, again, be grateful for donations of handmade poppies for the display on the outside of the church building. Please give any poppies to Parish Office

Next PCC Meeting

Monday 18th September

Joint Service

There will be a joint service with VRC at 11am on October 1st at Victoria Road Chapel

Scratton Road

Wednesday 27th - Talk in the Hall at 2pm - *The speaker will be our local MP Stephen Metcalfe. This should prove an interesting meeting and all are welcome to join us*

Wednesday 11th - Bring and buy Book Sale at 2pm in the Hall

Thursday 19th - 'Colouring in Cards' with Maureen McPerson at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road

Wednesday 25th - Lynne Barker on MAF at 2pm in the Hall

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.

Thought for the Week

The whole body depends on Christ and all the parts of the body are joined and held together. Each part does its own work to make the whole body grow and be strong with love." Ephesians 4:16

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Exodus 16 v 2 - 15,
Psalm 105 v 1 - 6, 37 - 45
Philippians 1 v 21 - 30
Matthew 20 v 1 - 16

Work on the Church

After all our hard work fund raising and gaining grants for a new floor, the church will be closed from September 4th until the work is completed (hopefully before Christmas)
Services and most other activities will take part in the Hall whilst the work is carried out.
Please see John or one of the church wardens if you have any questions

Chaplaincy Volunteers @ Basildon & Thurrock Hospital MHU Wards**PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?**

Briefly the need is -

Volunteers are urgently needed at the Basildon & Thurrock Mental Health Unit to provide friendship and spiritual support to patients (& staff). Volunteers do not have to be ordained , (although ministers are very welcome) , but would be expected to have the support of their Church / Faith group. Full training , DBS etc will be provided and funded by the Health Trust

More details can be obtained from the Church office