



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 19th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

WELCOME TO SAINT MARGARET'S!

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 us.

Have a wonderful day!

Services in the Hall

Sunday 19th November

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship and Sunday School

Sunday 26th November

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship followed by a shared lunch

Sunday 3rd December

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship and Sunday School

Sunday 12th December

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Collect

Heavenly father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to 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

Mothers' Union November/December Events

Wednesday 22nd - Talk by Alison Woollard, "English for Women" at 2pm in the Hall

Wednesday 13th December 1.00pm for 1.30pm

Christmas lunch in the Hall

Monday 18th - Quarterly Prayers at 2pm in the Hall

Thursday 21st - Christmas Miscellany at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road

Geoff Baines in Guatemala

Tuesday, 21st November, 7.30pm in the hall
Alison's home group invites you to come and hear about her friend's missionary work in Guatemala with 'Latin Link'.

Learn about the country and what God is doing amongst the street children and in the church.

Refreshments will be served.

Please bring your friends too!

PCC Meeting

Monday 20th November 2017 7.30pm in Church Hall

Refresh Lunch

Tuesday 21st November 12 noon, in the Methodist Youth Hall

Concert

Thurrock Male voice Choir will be performing a concert in the Hall on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm Tickets cost £10 from the Church Office
They would be grateful for any donations of tombola prizes

St Margaret's Christmas Cards & Calendars

Calendars with pictures of Stanford-le-Hope £5. Pack of 5 Christmas cards with snowy picture of the church £2.50. See Alison Murphy.

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 16th December 2pm

St Margaret's Church Hall

See Julie Clift for further information

Things to pray for this week

Mon 20th Pray for the residents of Rookery Close

Love Russia have asked us to pray that each woman who regularly comes to their crisis centre will be changed because of knowing God's love.

Tues 21st Pray for the residents of Runnymede Road

CPAS have asked us to pray for The Ventures conference that takes place this week with holiday leaders coming together to learn and share ideas. The theme is "Creative and faithfully teaching programmes."

Wed 22nd Pray for the residents of Runnymede Court

Lord Jesus who walked on water and commanded the winds and waves, we lift to you the countless thousands who have suffered through flooding in South Asia and West Africa and hurricanes in the Caribbean. Have mercy on them and provide for them.

Thu 23rd Pray for the residents of Clifford House

Christian Hope International have asked us to Praise God for the faithfulness of teams at St. John's Church, Masaka and the Saturday project which reaches more than 80 vulnerable children in their community. Pray that each child will not only have fun but also develop in their love for Jesus.

Fri 24th Pray for the residents of Ruskin Road

Lord, we thank you that as your disciples we are not alone, but part of a whole family of followers. Help us to encourage and support one another as we seek to learn from you and to follow your ways through life.

Sat 25th Pray for the residents of Gordon Cottage

Father, we thank you and give you praise for those who are working so hard on the church floor. We give you thanks for the skills you have given.

Sun 26th Pray for the residents of Stanley Villas

As we approach the Christmas season we pray that people will not be so busy in their preparations that they forget why we are celebrating your birth.

Thought for the Week

"Speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice."

Proverbs 31 v 9

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Genesis 18 v 17 - 33

Psalms 90 v 1 - 12,

1 Thessalonians 5 v 1 - 11

Luke 11 v 1 - 13

Sale of Wooden Floor Tiles

Great Stocking Filler

A once in a lifetime opportunity to purchase a wooden floor tile from St Margaret's Church for £10 with the opportunity to personalise. A wonderful reminder of a wedding (£20), christening (£15) or a loved one (£15). See Janice Wilkins for further information.

Stanford-le-hope Christmas Lights

Will be switched on Sunday 3rd December at 5.30pm outside Inn on the Green

Thurrock Foodbank

One of the ways folk are able to make a donation of food, is when volunteers are at a local supermarket to explain what the foodbank is about and to encourage shoppers to make a donation of items of food at the end of their shop. The next collection is at Tesco Lakeside on Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st December and Saturday 2nd December. Volunteers are needed for two hour slots with a team of 6 for each slot. If you are able to volunteer please email sarahcodell@thurrock.foodbank.org.uk or ring 01375 416200.

Carols on the Green in the Car Park

Come and join us for carols on Sunday 10th December at 4pm

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.