



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 17th December – Advent 3

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Christingle Service

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

##### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship

10.00pm Christmas Special

11.45pm Holy Communion

##### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship

##### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

9.30am Morning Prayer

No 11.00am service

#### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you; grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries, may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight, for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever  
Amen

#### Mothers' Union December Events

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Quarterly Prayers at 2pm in the Hall

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Miscellany at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road

#### Messy Church

Wednesday 20th December 3.30pm in Church Hall, with a Christmas theme

#### Christmas Carols at the Methodist Church

The Methodist Church will be holding a service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 10.30am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, followed by refreshments.

All are welcome to join them for this service.

#### 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.

#### 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.

The calendars are now almost sold out, but there are still cards available for you to send this Christmas

### Things to pray for this week

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Fairview Chase

Pray that the Church Floor will be dry and be ready in time for us to move in on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Whitwell Court

Give thanks for everyone who has been involved with Messy Church, Who Let The Dads Out? Or The Gift of Years during the past year.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Fetherston Road

Take a few moments today to read afresh the account of the Nativity, and let its eternal message of salvation fill you with wonder and praise.

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for the residents of Wendover Court

By the grace of Advent we are blessed with the favour of God in the sending of his beloved Son. Joy is re-kindled in our hearts as we receive anew the Advent blessing of God; the majesty of the Holy reaching down to earth.

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the residents of Gentry Close

We pray for all for whom the celebration of Christmas is difficult; those who are ill at home or in hospital, for the bereaved, the lost and the lonely. May they know the light of Christ in their lives at this time.

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for the residents of The Green

In the busy world in which we live may God help us make time to reflect on the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let our hearts be open to receive fresh insight and understanding of the significance of the Nativity.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Grove Road

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.

### Thought for the Week

"For he will be called Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9 v 6

### Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Isaiah 61 v 1 - 4, 8 - 11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5 v 16 - 24

John 1 v 6 - 8, 19 - 28

### Thurrock Foodbank

Are in urgent need of long-life fruit juice, sponge puddings, pasta sauce, long-life whole milk, and tinned potatoes. If you are able to help please donate at one of your local supermarkets  
Thank you

### 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.