



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 21st January – Epiphany 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 21<sup>st</sup> January

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship with Sunday School

##### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship

##### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship with Sunday School

##### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Morning Prayer

11am Holy Communion with Sunday School

#### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever  
Amen

#### Mothers' Union January Events

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - AGM at 2pm in Hall

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 12noon Holy Communion followed by Frugal Lunch in the Hall

Wednesdays 21<sup>st</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> March Lent Course in the Hall

#### Holocaust Memorial Day

The annual event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at 11am in the Palmers Rest Gardens, Grays.

The service and laying of stones is expected to last around 45 minutes.

#### Big Bengal Bash

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at Essence of Bengal, Lampits Hill, Corringham. Tickets £15. Twelve games £10. Will you win the tin of soup? Tickets from Janice Wilkins

#### Ash Wednesday

14<sup>th</sup> February - Holy Communion at 12 noon in Church Hall followed by Frugal Lunch.

**Lent Course** every Wednesday in Lent at 2pm from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Held in the Church Hall. All Welcome

#### Fed up with Fake News?

Come and discover the REAL TRUTH! ALPHA 429 "Come and see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Christ?" *John 4:29*. St Margaret's Church Stanford-Le-Hope.

Begins at 4.29pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Join us for tea, sandwiches and cake. Meet new friends and discover the truth about God.

#### Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Fairtrade Fortnight is an action-packed highlight of the year, when campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries.

#### Thank You

Many thanks to all those who helped raise £125 at the Quiz Nite

### Things to pray for this week

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the residents of The Hollies

Christian Hope International have asked us to praise God for the ministry of Rev. Patrick Ssimbwa in the parishes of Kimwanyl, Kagganda & Kikonge in Uganda. Thank God for his recovery from malaria and typhoid and pray for the future health of him and his family.

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for the residents of The Grove

Ask God to guide the discussions of the committee set up last May to review the status of unlicensed churches in Egypt.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of The Warren

Heavenly Father, let us be willing to work in partnership to be conduits of your love here on earth, that we can be more effective in fulfilling your will in the world, as we reach out in love to our brothers and sisters in need.

**Thur 25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Whitfields

Pray to God for good relationships between the different churches in our local area. Ask God for opportunities to work together for the good of the community, that your unity may be a witness to a fractured world.

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Arne Close

Scripture Union have asked us to pray for the event that will be taking place of their leaders' conference. Pray that as holiday and mission leaders come together they will be inspired and equipped to lead well.

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Boyce Road

Pray that the Alpha Course soon to start in February will be well attended and that many will come to know Jesus and make lasting Christian friends who will encourage them to seek God's will for them.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Branksome Avenue

Pray for the couples and their children who have recently enquired about having their babies baptised.

### Thought for the week

"Samuel said 'Speak for your servant is listening.'  
1 Samuel 3 v 10

### Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Genesis 14 v 17 - 20,  
Psalm 128,  
Revelation 19 v 6 - 10,  
John 2 v 1 - 11

### Fashion Show

**Tuesday 13th March 7.30pm** - Tickets £5 available soon! Come and buy your new Spring wardrobe.

**Tombola Prizes for the Fashion Show** - if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts suitable for ladies - health and beauty items, chocolates, biscuits (still in date in March!) or bottles of bubbly/wine please donate them for the prizes.

### 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.

### Thursford Trip

This year's trip to the show at Thursford will be on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. The cost will be £85, which will include ticket, lunch, coach travel and tips.

If you are interested in going please contact Jill Cooper on 07947584650 or 01375 360911 for more details

### Driver Needed

"Wednesday Wire" need another driver. The requirements are a willingness to work every other Wednesday, drive our Vauxhall Vivaro short wheelbase van, be able to lift boxes and food and a sense of humour. A good working knowledge of the roads around Thurrock would be useful as pick ups are mainly from shops, schools and businesses. If you know anyone who would be interested. Or if anyone wants to discuss requirements etc please ring Helen at the warehouse on Mondays and Wednesdays 10am - 3pm on 01375 416200.

### Thurrock Foodbank

There is a current need for Tea bags, Longlife Fruit Juice, Cooking Sauces, Sponge Puddings, Longlife Whole Milk, Squash drink and Instant Mash. Also large sized nappies