



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 25th February – Lent 2

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 25th February

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship

Sunday 4th March

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship with Sunday School

Sunday March 11th

Mothering Sunday with daffodils for all our ladies

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday March 18th

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship with Sunday School

Lent Course

Every Wednesday in Lent at 2pm from Wednesday 21st February to Wednesday 28th March. Held in the Church Hall. All Welcome

Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday 26th February to Sunday 11th 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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

All God's Creation is very good

Friday 2nd March at 1.45pm at St Margaret's

Prepared by the women of Suriname

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Mothers' Union Events

Wednesdays 21st February to 28th March Lent Course in the Hall

Advance Notice - there will be a Beetle Drive on Wednesday 4th April at 2pm in the Hall. Tickets cost £2.50. Please bring your friends

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. Every Sunday at 4.29pm

KNOW SOMEONE CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

Why not purchase a card from the Leonard Smith Carousel in the hall foyer?

Cleaners

Due to budget restrictions we have had to make our cleaners, Mandy and Mark Joiner redundant. We want to thank them both for their hard work and commitment and assure them of our love and prayers

Things to pray for this week

Mon 26th Pray for the residents of Capel Close

Pray that Fairtrade Fortnight will inspire millions of people around the world to choose the Fairtrade option and buy one of 4,500 products with the Fairtrade Foundation mark that are available; coffee, tea, chocolate, gold, cotton, flowers, sugar and other products.

Tues 27th Pray for the residents of Champion Close

Operation Mobilisation have asked us to pray for the first timers at OM Teen Street this summer. Ideally a church which catches the vision of teenage discipleship will send a group of teens with a youth leader. Congregations have seen God do deep and lasting work in such 'Net' groups.

Wed 28th Pray for the residents of Cloisters

Heavenly Father, we pray for the children of persecuted Christian families around the world. Be their Protector and their Comforter in the face of danger.

Thu 1st Pray for the residents of Colbourne Close

Praise God for the opportunity for a team of Christian Hope International to visit the CHI projects in Rwanda. Pray that they will be able to liaise with all of their partners in the various dioceses.

Fri 2nd Pray for the residents of Collins Close

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Thank God for the witness of women far and wide who gather to pray today. We add our prayers to theirs, that the voice of prayer resounds clearly throughout the world.

Sat 3rd Pray for the residents of Coombe Rise

Pray for those couples soon to be married.

Sun 4th Pray for the residents of Cornwell Crescent

Lord, give wisdom to those who govern, that they may seek to trade fairly and justly with vulnerable nations and those living in poverty. May there be a shift of consciousness across our global markets to put people before profit and see profit as something to be shared.

Thought for the week

Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into a man's mouth does not make him unclean, but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean'."

Matthew 15:10

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Genesis 17 v 1 - 7, 15, 16

Psalms 22 v 23 - 31,

Romans 4 v 13 - 25,

Mark 8 v 31 - 38

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.

Vocations Day

Saturday 10th March 9am to 3.30pm
St Nicholas Church, Canvey Island, SS8 0JR
Workshops to help you seek God's path and your next step
Call Amanda Robinson on 01245 294466 to register or for more details

Flower Festival

We hope to celebrate the completion of the church floor with a Flower Festival 10th - 12th August 2018. The church will be open to give time for visitors to attend. August has been chosen (a) to give us time to prepare and (b) flowers will be more abundant during that month. The theme of the festival will be Music. Music from different genres old, modern, church, Pop, country, classic. You can choose your musical theme just let us know. Would you like to join us with the celebration? It's an opportunity to show case your organisation too! Please contact Jackie Feeny.