



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 4th February – 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

### 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 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

##### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship with Sunday School

##### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship

#### 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

#### Messy Church

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 3.30pm in St Margaret's Church Hall. Food, Puzzles, Worship, Craft and Games for Families with Primary school age children. £2 Adults, £1 Children.

#### Refresh Lunch

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. In the Methodist Church Youth Hall. There is a small charge for this. All welcome

#### Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; 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 Events

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

Advance Notice - there will be a Beetle Drive on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

### Things to pray for this week

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of First Avenue

This month Scripture Union's team in Wales will be gearing up for World Book Day events such as CS Lewis Lifepath. Pray that this will gain a new audience and that many children will encounter Jesus through it.

**Tue 6<sup>th</sup>** SAFER INTERNET DAY - Pray for the residents of Holst Close

Ask God to inspire those in government, the communications industry and organisations seeking to protect vulnerable children and adults online - as today hundreds of organisations across the UK will unite to consider ways 'to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Locke Close

Pray for "frontiers" one day Arts in Mission Day when they begin to discuss and dream about how God can use their gifts to go and bring Jesus to areas of the Muslim world with least access to the good news.

**Thur 8<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Parry Close

Loving Father, as we sit at your feet, give us enquiring minds, open hearts and teachable spirits. Make us ever open to learn from you, that we may be equipped for the good and the hard times of life.

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Purcell Close

Father, many of the members of our congregation have recently lost loved ones, pray that God will use us to be mindful of their grief and that we can be used for his service in ways those grieving need most.

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Purcell Way

Let us take a moment to reflect honestly on our own relationships. Let us thank God for those which are strong and ask for his help and guidance where they are faltering.

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Tallis Close

We praise and thank You, Lord Jesus, for continued growth of the Church in Turkey, as Turkish Muslims from all walks of life turn to you. Guide and inspire by Your Holy Spirit the believers who are now writing worship songs in Turkish, and the rising new generation of leaders. Bless the young married couples and protect their children, growing up in Turkey with the word "Christian" on their identity cards. We ask that you will continue to build Your Church in the country where the seven churches You wrote to through the Apostle John were located.

### Thought for the week

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful".

Colossians 4 v 2

### Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Proverbs 8 v 1, 22 - 31,

Psalms 104 v 26 - 37,

Colossians 1 v 15 - 20,

John 1 v 1 - 14

### 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

Foodbank 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.