



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 11th March – Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

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 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

Sunday March 25th Palm Sunday

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All age Worship

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself; strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 forever

Amen

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 29th March

6.00pm Maundy Thursday Service at Stanford-le-Hope Methodist Church

Good Friday 30th March

Hot Cross Buns served all day

9.30am Walk of Witness from St Margaret's

11.00am Creative Worship

(crafts, stories and fried egg sandwiches)

3.30pm Choral Meditation

Easter Sunday 1st April

Chocolate treats for everyone

6.20am Sunrise Service at One Tree Hill

9.30am Easter Holy Communion

11.00am Family Worship with Easter Egg Hunt

Mothers' Union Events

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

Monday 19th March -Quarterly Prayers in Church

Monday 26th March Committee Meeting - 2pm in 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

Real Easter Eggs

Real Easter Eggs tell the Easter Story, are fairtrade and include a donation to charity. The only Easter Egg with the Easter story on the box. They are available to purchase from Traidcraft, Eden, TLM, Christian bookshops, cathedrals, Tesco, Morrisons and Waitrose.

Easter Eggs

We are collecting Easter Eggs, again, for a children's Easter Egg Hunt and the local care homes. We would be extremely grateful for donations of Chocolate Eggs, and especially grateful for the various knitted bunnies, chicks and flowers. Last year the children hunted for over 100 standard eggs and we gave over 100 Easter treats to our local Care Homes. Please, please help us do the same this year.

Lent Course

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

Things to pray for this week

Mon 12th Pray for the residents of Golding Crescent

Lord, we pray today for those who are role models in our lives. Where we feel the lack of such people we ask you to provide those who can be a good example to follow.

Tues 13th Pray for the residents of Gordon Road

Pray for Christians in the southern Philippines where they have been targets of Islamist violence for many years. Remember especially those from the city of Marawi, who were held hostage for months last year by the Maute Islamist militants and reportedly used by them as forced labour, human shields, sex slaves, bomb-makers, fighters and looters.

Wed 14th Pray for the residents of Hearsall Avenue

Pray that God will place people around orphans to give them courage and determination to succeed in life.

Thur 15th Pray for the residents of Holly Mead

Praise God that the internet is providing the gospel to searching people in many hard places. Thank God for the busy forums and chat rooms and those who staff them.

Fri 16th Pray for the residents of Hudson Close

Pray for those who grieve: women who long for a baby but have never conceived or whose pregnancy ended in miscarriage or still birth. Also remember parents who have been bereaved through illness or accident.

Sat 17th Pray for the residents of Maples

Pray that excellent health and safety measures will be in place to support the safe work of volunteers, staff and guests at Scripture Union events. Pray for those with the health and safety lead responsibility as they prepare risk assessments for the various activities at their holiday and mission events this year.

Sun 18th Pray for the residents of Markhams

Heavenly Father, we long for the day when all nations will truly be united, sharing the same values of justice and dignity for all. In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Thought for the week

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Matthew 5:8

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

1 Samuel 1 v 20 - 28,

Psalm 34 v 11 - 20,

2 Corinthians 1 v 3 - 7,

John 19 v 25 - 27

Fashion Show

Tuesday, 13th March, 7 for 7.30pm

Tickets now available, at £5 each, from the church office, Alison Murphy, Denise Wenn, Kathleen Bienvenu and Julie Clift.

If anyone can make some cakes for the refreshments on the night that would be much appreciated!

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

Annual General Meeting 2018

Please note the APCM (PCC AGM) will be held on 15th April 2018. More details to follow later.

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 Feeney.

Know someone celebrating a wedding?

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

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.