



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 4th March – Lent 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 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

Sunday March 25th Palm Sunday

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All age Worship

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain; and entered not into glory before he was crucified; mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

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

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.

Know someone celebrating a wedding?

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

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

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.

Things to pray for this week

Mon 5th Pray for the residents of Cloisters.

Pray for farmers, both in this country and overseas, that they may be paid a fair price for their produce and be enabled to produce much needed food and crops.

Tue 6th Pray for the residents of Colbourne Close

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.

Wed 7th Pray for the residents of Collins Close

We pray today for people who are lacking in inspiration and for whom daily life has become a struggle. We ask for God's blessing and sustaining hand on their lives. May Christ's water of life refresh their weary spirits.

Thu 8th Pray for the residents of Coombe Rise

We thank you, Father, for the freedom to worship you whenever and however we choose. We pray for those who are struggling against authority and society to make Lent a significant time of spiritual growth. Give them peace in their hearts.

Fri 9th Pray for the residents of Cornwell Crescent.

Pray for more invitations to speak at locations & churches across the UK to get the word out about orphans' needs.

Sat 10th Pray for the residents of Freeman Court

Pray that more couples planning to get married will want a Christian Service on their Wedding Day and to put God at the centre of their lives.

Sun 11th MOTHERING SUNDAY Pray for the residents of The Glen

We pray today for God's blessing on all who have a mothering role in the lives of children of every age. May they be sustained by God's grace as they look after those entrusted to their care.

Thought for the week

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"

John 8 v 31

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Exodus 20 v 1 - 17,

Psalm 19,

1 Corinthians 1 v 18 - 25,

John 2 v 13 - 22

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!

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.

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 Feeney.

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.