



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 22nd April – Easter 4

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 Today Sunday April 22nd

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All age Worship

Sunday April 29th

10.30am Joint Service

12.30pm Joint Lunch

Sunday 6th May

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship with Sunday School

Sunday 13th May

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Shared Lunch

On 29th April there will be a united service of both 9.30am and 11.00am congregations in the Parish Hall, followed by a shared lunch with trifle competition.

Tickets available from the Parish Office.

£7.50 for adults and £5.00 for children

Trifle Competition

Our joint lunch is fast approaching. For those who came to our Harvest lunch, you may remember we had the honour of granting Apple Pie winner to Lilian Mitchell. This time we are having a trifle competition to which Mico is delighted to offer his services as judge. So get making and come and join us for homemade soup and a ploughmans, fun and fellowship on Sunday 29th April following our joint service. Should you wish to enter the competition then please let us know.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Mothers' Union April/May Events

Thursday 19th April - Talk by Eileen French "Women of the Bible at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road

Saturday 21st April - Spring Coffee Morning for Literacy Fund at 10am in the Hall

Wednesday 25th April - talk by Molly Holyle "Telling the story" at 2pm in the Hall

Wednesday 9th May - Talk by Pauline Briggs "In the steps of Mary Sumner" at 2pm in the Hall

Thursday 17th May - Talk by Georgina Gale "Health benefits of Essential Oils

Wednesday 23rd May - Prayer Walk at 2pm from the Church Building

Garden Fete

We would be grateful for any unwanted gifts or vouchers, cuddly toys, prizes, gifts, sweets, bottles (e.g. wine, shampoo, vinegar, fruit drinks etc), cakes, china and glass, old crockery for smashing, drinks (cans/bottles/cartons), tomato ketchup, mustard, onions, serviettes, gift bags, tea, coffee, squash, sugar etc

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

Things to pray for this week

Mon 23rd Pray for the residents of St. James Avenue West

Lord, we pray for the towns and cities of our land and for those who live and work there. We pray for cohesive communities that strive to make their urban area a welcome place for those who visit for shopping, business and recreation.

Tues 24th Pray for the residents of St. James Avenue East

God, we pray for the many who don't have enough money to last the week; for those in debt; and for those who cannot afford food, energy or clothes. We thank you for the volunteers who help them, and we pray for more people to share the work.

Wed 25th Pray for the residents of Sanctuary Gardens

O God, we thank You for the precious gift of Your written Word, which teaches us endurance and brings encouragement and hope. We pray for thousands of persecuted Christians in south east Asia who have fled their homes because of violent persecution, often with nothing but the clothes they were wearing, and have been living in camps for years, without sight of a Bible.

Thurs 26th Pray for the residents of Sandringham Close

Crosslinks have asked us to pray for those in apprenticeship Training in South Africa that teaches young Christians the skills needed to handle God's word. Pray for local and international partnerships and support of this initiative.

Fri 27th Pray for the residents of Sheringham Close

Scripture Union, in partnership with the Eastern URC, will be running the 'Growing Young Leaders' day. Pray that this will be a day in which they will grow in discipleship as they consider what it means to be leaders.

Sat 28th Pray for the residents of Silvertown Avenue

Pray that our monthly church congregation prayer meetings will be well supported.

Sun 29th Pray for the residents of The Sorrells

Lord of the nations, we give thanks that you reign in power and hold the entire world in your loving hand. We pray that your kingdom will continue to advance and that your sovereignty will be increasingly acknowledged throughout the global village.

Thought for the week

Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8: v 2

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Acts 4.5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3.16-24

John 10.11-18

Can you Help?

The Fund Raising Group are looking for new members with new ideas. Contact Kim Guest please
Thanks

Alpha

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

Alpha Holy Spirit Day - Saturday 14th April from 9.30am to 1pm in church

TEN Course starts Sunday 3rd June at 4.30pm

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.