



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 8th April – Easter 2, Low 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 Today Sunday April 8th

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday April 15th

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship with Sunday School And Baptism

Sunday April 22nd

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All age Worship

Sunday April 29th

10.30am Joint Service

12.30pm Joint Lunch

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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; 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

Mothers' Union April/May Events

Wednesday 11th April - Talk by Rev Brenda "How I got to where I am" at 2pm in the Hall

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 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

Annual General Meeting 2018

The APCM will be held in Church on 15th April at 5pm. The Electoral Roll is now closed. If you are thinking of standing on the PCC there are nomination forms on the table behind the church door. You must have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months and Proposer and Secunder must also be on the ER in order to qualify.

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 9th Pray for the residents of Golding Crescent

Love Russia have asked us to pray for the work of their Joy Club with orphanage leavers, that it is supported sufficiently by the church members who meet there.

Tue 10th Pray for the residents of Gordon Road

Christian Hope International have asked us to thank God for the practical demonstration of love that the Stitches of Hope Project represents. Pray that those who receive these items will know the love of Jesus.

Wed 11th Pray for the residents of Hearsall Avenue

Church Army have asked us to pray for their team's ministry to schools and colleges. Pray also for the connections being built with parents through the Fit Tots toddlers playgroup in Westcliff.

Thu 12th Pray for the residents of Holly Mead

BRF ask us to thank God for the gift of the Bible and the way it can support and nourish us in our spiritual journeys.

Fri 13th Pray for the residents of Hudsons Close

In this world of noise and bustle, may we find space to listen to the sounds of the world you made; the birds of the air, the sigh of the breeze, the rippling of water. So may this give us a greater appreciation of your wonderful creation.

Sat 14th Pray for the residents of Maples

Pray for the disabled, the blind, dumb and deaf, that they will know God understands them and loves them.

Sun 15th Pray for the residents of Markhams

Heavenly Father, thank you that you have chosen us to be your children. May we bear witness to your greatness and live our lives so that others may know that their hearts belong to you and may they be drawn closer to your love.

Thought for the week

Jesus said "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Acts 4 v 22 - 35,

Psalm 133,

1 John 1 v 1 - 22,

John 20 v 19 - 31

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

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.