



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 2nd December – Advent

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 2nd December

St Margaret's Celebration Sunday with
Archdeacon Mike Lodge

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship & Sunday School

3.00pm Confirmation St John's Tilbury

Sunday 9th December

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School

3.30pm Freedom in Christ

Sunday 16th December

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship & Sunday School

4.00pm Carols on The Green in The Car
Park

Sunday 23rd December

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Christingle Service

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 30th December

9.30am Silent Service

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Next meetings: Monday 3rd December 7.30pm,
Monday 7th January 7.30pm

Orsett Village Christmas Fayre with

Thurrock Foodbank Saturday 8th December
2pm

Thurrock Foodbank Collections

At Tesco Thursday 29th November to
Saturday 1st December

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the
works of darkness and to put on the armour of
light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which
your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great
humility; that on the last day, when he shall come
again in his glorious majesty to judge the living
and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever;

Amen

Mothers' Union December Events

Wednesday December 12th - Christmas lunch, 12.30
for 1pm in the Hall

Monday 17th - Quarterly Prayers at 2pm in the
Church

Thursday 20th - Christmas Miscellany at 7.30pm at
23 Scratton Road

Christmas

Sunday 16th December

4.00pm Carols on the Green in the Car Park

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Pyjama Service

10.00pm Christmas Special Quizzes and Carols

11.45pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.00am Family Holy Communion

30th December

9.30am Silent Service

Beside Myself

John's One Man Show on Saturday 26th January at
6pm in Church Building.

Tickets £10

Things to pray for this week

Mon 3rd Pray for the residents of Ruskin Road

Let us reflect on our journey through Advent, that the season may not be obscured by the commercial emphasis on Christmas. As we make our practical preparations, let us keep sight of the spiritual.

Tues 4th Pray for the residents of Gordon Cottages

Heavenly Father may the love of Christ bring joy and peace into all troubled hearts this Advent. And may we be willing to share his love through serving others in practical ways.

Wed 5th Pray for the residents of Stanley Villas

Lord, we repent of all that is painful, regrettable and sinful in our lives. Please lead us forward in preparing for your coming. We praise you that the light of Christ has come into the world.

Thur 6th Pray for the residents of Stanford Road

This prayer is for the annual UN climate talks - "Thank God for the support promised by rich countries, including the UK, to help the poorest and most vulnerable countries adapt and develop sustainably. Pray that the money set aside will be delivered and distributed wisely - and the financial commitment increased."

Fri 7th Pray for the residents of Valmar Avenue

Pray for those schools who run Nativity plays and for those who may be hearing the Christmas story for the first time.

Sat 8th Pray for the residents of Wilson Close

Pray that the Government will act on the recent - All-Party Parliamentary Group on Prostitution report *Behind Closed Doors*, which sets out the financial and personal cost of sexual exploitation and the need to reduce demand as this pulls traffickers and crime gangs to the UK.

Sun 9th Pray for the residents of Abbotts Hall Chase

"Dear God, make us ready to receive Jesus, your gift of love, ready to hear the good news, ready to go and tell others, ready to do all we can to make a difference, and ready for everything you've planned for us. Amen."

Thought for the week

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Isaiah 9 v 2

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Jeremiah 33 v 14 - 16

Psalms 25 v 1 - 9

1 Thessalonians 3 v 9 - 13

Luke 21 v 25 - 36

Christmas Cards

St. Margaret's Christmas cards are for sale once again this year at £2.50 for a pack of 5 cards. All proceeds to the church building fund.

Available in Church or from the church office

Bengal Bash

Thank you to everyone who helped us to raise £260.00

Thank you for your donations.

Cheques are to be made payable to **PCC of Stanford-le-Hope with Mucking**. If you wish to donate by phone, please text STMS17 £** (the amount you wish to give) to 70070.

Coffee Mornings

St Margaret's Church is open from 10am to 12noon every Thursday morning. Tea and coffee are available (and cake). All are welcome to come and join for a chat, look round the church or just for some company.

Please feel free to come along.

Standing Committee Monday 10th December 7pm

The Rectory

PCC Meeting Monday 21st January 7.30pm