



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 9th December – Advent 2

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 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 7th January 7.30pm

Beside Myself

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

Tickets £10

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

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, 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

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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

Things to pray for this week

Mon 10th Pray for the residents of Adams Road

Give thanks for each of CHI group representatives and pray for them as they seek to promote their work during the Christmas period.

Tues 11th Pray for the residents of Barstable Road

Pray for everyday Russians who struggle daily to make ends meet. Even those with so called "skilled jobs".

Wed 12th Pray for the residents of Bevin Walk

Pray for those church leaders and local volunteers who will visit schools during this Advent season. Pray that positive ongoing relationships will develop.

Thu 13th Pray for the residents of Billet Lane

"MAF" (Flying for Life) have asked us to give thanks to God for the growing number of pilots and the way this is enabling their lifeline to meet the needs of many South Sudanese. Pray for wisdom as their team seeks to serve in challenging and sometimes volatile situations.

Fri 14th Pray for the residents of Kynoch Court

Church Army have asked us to pray for GirlPower group for teenage girls who have been sexually exploited or are at risk. May they be healed and empowered.

Sat 15th Pray for the residents of Broadhope Avenue

As we approach the incarnation of God's Son into the world we marvel that he chose to reveal his birth to both poor and rich. Let us draw near to Jesus just as the shepherds came with wonder and the wise men knelt in adoration.

Sun 16th Pray for the residents of Burgess Avenue

Take time today to pause in the midst of the busyness of the season and ask God to open your eyes spiritually to see fresh insights as you ponder anew the wonder of the Nativity.

Thought for the week

"I will also make a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."
Isaiah 49 v 6

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Malachi 3 v 1 - 4,
Psalm 75,
Philippians 1 v 3 - 11,
Luke 3 v 1 - 6

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

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.