



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 3rd February – Epiphany 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

##### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship with Sunday School and Welcome

4.30pm Alpha

##### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School

4.30pm Alpha

##### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship with Sunday School

4.30pm Alpha

##### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship

4.30pm Alpha

#### PCC Meetings

The third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in church building, please come prepared.

Next Meetings - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February and 18<sup>th</sup> March

#### PCC Half Day with Breakfast

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February from 8.30 - 12.30 in the Hall

#### Safeguarding Training

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 9am in Church Hall.

#### Standing Committee

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7pm at The Rectory

#### Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness; we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 February Events

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - **AGM** at 2pm in the Hall

Do please try and attend this important meeting

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Talk with photographs by Bob Cooper at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Talk by Matthew McGettigan on his work as a Country Park Ranger in the Hall at 2pm

#### Monthly Prayer Meeting

The first Monday of each month

Next meetings: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

#### Marriage Preparation Courses

Start Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 7.30pm or Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2pm

#### Thursford

The trip to Thursford this year will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of the trip is £90. There are 26 places available, so if you would like a place please let Jill Cooper know  
Phone 01375 360911 or 07947584650

### Things to pray for this week

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Aldria Road

We pray for children who are unable to access formal education because of poverty, conflict or gender. Lord God, provide all that will equip them to lead successful and fulfilled lives, despite their disadvantages.

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Balstonia Drive

Scripture Union have asked us to pray for the north west region who have made contact with many new schools, both through the regional team and through local mission partners. Pray that they can continue to build these relationships. Pray for the regional team as it meets to pray and plan for the coming month.

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Branksome Avenue

Church Army have asked us to pray for the 13 people who have said their promises and joined the Church Army Mission. Pray that these new Community members would receive loving support from local members.

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Buckley Close

Crosslinks have asked us to pray for the Ministry Apprentice Training programme in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Their programme aims to teach and equip apprentices from local churches with tools to understand the Bible. Ask for God's grace on the team and for receptive, teachable hearts.

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Fourth Avenue

We pray for those being stretched in different directions as they deal with the challenges both of teenage family members and elderly relatives. Gracious God, give them times of rest to "recharge their batteries" and enjoy a break from the demands upon them.

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Hill View Gardens

Pray that more people who have an addiction to online pornography will seek help to be set free. Give thanks for initiatives like the Naked Truth Project and Shift, which encourage young people 'to take the hope of Jesus into every part of society and transform culture'.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Howell Road

"O righteous God, who tests minds and hearts, we pray for those who persecute Your people, who plan and work to do them harm, to accuse them falsely, to attack them violently, to weaken their faith in whatever way they can. We pray that the evil of the wicked will come to an end and that the righteous will be made secure. We ask that You will soften and change the hearts of those who persecute, and work in their lives so that they may come to know and love Your Son Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray.

### Thought for the week

"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing..." *2 Thessalonians 1:3*

### Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Ezekiel 43 v2 7 - 44 v 4,  
Psalm 48,  
1 Corinthians 13 v 1 - 13,  
Luke 2 v 22 - 40

### 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.

### Upcoming Events

- \*Ash Wednesday Holy Communion on 6th March at 12 noon in Church followed by Frugal lunch in hall
- \*Alpha Holy Spirit Day Saturday 9th March 9am
- \*AGM Sunday 28th April.

### Bracelet Found

A bracelet has been found along the drive to the Church. If you know of anyone who has lost one, please contact the Church Office

### 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.