



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 13th January – Epiphany 1

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School

##### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship with Sunday School

4.30pm Alpha

##### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship

4.30pm Alpha

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

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship with Sunday School

4.30pm Alpha

#### Beside Myself

John's One Man Show on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in Church Building.

Tickets £10

#### PCC Meetings

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

Next meeting: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

#### 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

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit; grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 for ever

Amen

#### Mothers' Union January Events

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Photographic talk by Bob Cooper in the Hall at 2pm

Please note that the AGM is now on 13<sup>th</sup> February

#### 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

#### ALPHA 2019

Looking for a stable (life)? Come find the way, Sundays at 4.30pm in church building, from 20<sup>th</sup> January. Join us for tea, sandwiches and cake. Meet new friends and discover the truth about God

#### Marriage Preparation Courses

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

### Things to pray for this week

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of King Edward Road

Church Army have asked us to pray for 8 new evangelists in training as they learn more about how they can be God's hands and feet in our world.

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of King Street

In Milton Keynes Scripture Union are taking assemblies in 102 primary and 13 secondary schools this term - the theme for the first half-term is Courage and Anxiety; and for the second, Love. Pray that children and young people will see that God cares.

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Levett Road

Lord, please help people who have taken positive steps to overcome a harmful habit or been set free from an addiction to alcohol, drugs, pornography or gambling. May they sustain their resolve and find the support they need. Amen.

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Manor Road

We pray for all those who are worried about their own health or that of a loved one. Please give us patience and the right words to bring comfort and hope to those who are anxious.

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Rainbow Lane

Almighty God, we give you praise and thanksgiving for the inspiration of the psalms and the beauty of their language. We rejoice as we discover how the psalms bring light out of darkness, and their relevance to us today.

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Rectory Road

Take a moment today to pray for the different churches in your local area, and ask God for his blessing on any joint ventures between them.

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of St. Margaret's Avenue

Pray for those people who are preparing to attend our Alpha Course that they will find their saviour and want to follow him.

### Thought for the week

Jesus said "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes."

Luke 12 v 22 - 23

### Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Isaiah 43 v 1 - 7,

Psalm 29,

Acts 8 v 14 - 17,

Luke 3 v 15 - 17, 21, 22

### 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.

### Thank You

Very many thanks to everyone who helped us raise £349.66 to Crisis at Christmas and Thurrock Women's Refuge £319.66.

Also to those people who helped to raise £181.16 from the Christingle Service

### 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.