



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 20th November – Sunday before Advent

### WELCOME TO SAINT MARGARET'S!

We are one church with three congregations. We meet on Sundays in St. Margaret's church building (9.30 and 11.00) and in Victoria Road Chapel (10.30). 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 the people with a badge. Have a wonderful day!

### Services Today - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November

- 9.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Sunday worship at VRC
- 11.00am Morning Worship with Baptism  
And Sunday School
- 3.00pm Joint Service & tea for East Thurrock

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Toy Services

You are invited to bring a toy for a less fortunate child

- 9.30am Morning Prayer
- 10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
- 11.00am All Age Worship
- 5.30pm TEN Course

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- 9.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
- 11.00am Morning Worship

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- 9.30am Morning Prayer
- 10.30am Sunday Worship at VRC
- 11.00am Morning Worship
- 4.00pm Carols on the Green

**Evening of Prayer** on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>  
November 5pm to 9pm

### Mothers' Union

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Advent meditation at 2pm in the Church Hall.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch  
In the Church Hall. Meet at 1pm for 1.30pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Miscellany &  
Quarterly Prayers. 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Rd

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Quarterly Prayers at 2pm in Church

### Collect

**Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

### Christmas Events

Look out for our **Christmas Quiz** to share with the family.

Town Christmas **Tree lights** will be switched on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm outside The Inn on the Green.

### Choir Sponsored Carol Sing

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am to 12 noon. See Russ Sparkes.

We are hoping to have a **Christmas Bazaar** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We would be grateful for your donations of unwanted gifts, handmade items, cakes, Christmas decorations, toiletries, bottles of anything, homemade soup, cuddly toys, etc. Please speak to Janice if you can help.

### Carols on the Green

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm in Church Car Park with local schools. **MU Christmas lunch** in church hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1pm for 1.30pm.

### Christingle Service

on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.

### Carols by Candlelight

on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

### Things to pray for this week

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for the residents of Scratton Road

Church Army have asked us to pray for God's guidance over their Senior Leadership Team and Board as a new year begins. May their decisions lead to many more men and women and children coming to a living faith in Jesus Christ.

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the residents of Southend Road

"OM" have asked us to give thanks for the thousands of other prayer partners across the UK who are joining with us today. Pray that God will move mightily in response to these prayers.

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for the residents of Victoria Road

The Bible Reading fellowship have asked us to pray for a greater sense of gratitude in us today. If we can summon up thankfulness, we shall find the secret to living life to the full at every age and stage.

**Thu 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Bell-Reeves Close

Pray for all the parents and babies who are being prepared for baptism.

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Ellie Close

Give us grace Lord, to fulfil every act of service to which you have called us, however lowly or however difficult it might seem. Help us to remember that you will not test us beyond our strength and that we can rely on your presence to sustain us.

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Warrene Close

"Love Russia" have asked us to pray and give thanks for the wonderful work of the Moses project crisis centre and that damaged lives are being repaired there.

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents Webster Road

Pray for all those who will be taking leading parts in our services today.

### Thought for the Week

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

Psalm 68:1 & 2

### Bible Readings for the Week

Jeremiah 23 v 1 - 6      Psalm 46

Colossians 1 v 11 - 20

Luke 23 v 33 - 43

### Puppet Club

Fortnightly in term time on Mondays from 5-6pm.

£1 suggested donation per child. Tuck shop available.

Next Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

### Festive Fayre

Saturday 19th November 10am Stanford-le-Hope

Methodist Church

Handicrafts, nearly new stall, jams, marmalades, cakes, raffles, tombola, refreshments, light lunches

Admission FREE

Basildon Churches, local community groups, CAB, Basildon Council, St Mungo's, Relate, DWP, CVS etc., have set up a working group to pilot a **Night Shelter** for 3 nights a week in different church halls.

The shelters will be open on a Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evening 10pm-8am from 1 December 2016 to 31 March 2017. Homeless people will receive a welcome, a hot drink, a bed for the night and a light breakfast. Earlier these same evenings a hot meal is already provided by the Churches at different locations.

They are urgently needing to appoint a p/t Co-ordinator with excellent admin & people skills for 4/5 months (inc. night work) Please email details of anyone who might be interested to

[nightshelterbas@gmail.com](mailto:nightshelterbas@gmail.com). They also need your help as volunteers on the different shifts... Details can be found by emailing [nightshelterbas@gmail.com](mailto:nightshelterbas@gmail.com). Or by contacting the Church Office

**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.