



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 26th November – Sunday before 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 in the Hall

Sunday 26th November

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship followed by a shared lunch

Sunday 3rd December

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship and Sunday School

Sunday 10th December

Toy Service with toys being given to Thurrock Womens' refuge

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 17th December

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 24th December

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship with Christingle

10.00pm Christmas Special

11.45pm Holy Communion

Monday 25th December

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship

Concert

Thurrock Male voice Choir will be performing a concert in the Hall on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm Tickets cost £10 from the Church Office

They would be grateful for any donations of tombola prizes

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; in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Amen

Mothers' Union November/December Events

Wednesday 13th December 1.00pm for 1.30pm
Christmas lunch in the Hall

Monday 18th - Quarterly Prayers at 2pm in the Hall

Thursday 21st - Christmas Miscellany at 7.30pm at 23 Scratton Road

Carols on the Green in the Car Park

Come and join us for carols on Sunday 10th December at 4pm

Stanford-le-hope Christmas Lights

Will be switched on Sunday 3rd December at 5.30pm outside Inn on the Green

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 16th December 2pm

St Margaret's Church Hall

See Julie Clift for further information

St Margaret's Christmas Cards & Calendars

Calendars with pictures of Stanford-le-Hope £5.

Pack of 5 Christmas cards with snowy picture of the church £2.50. See Alison Murphy.

Things to pray for this week

Mon 27th Pray for the residents of Rookery Close

As new Wycliffe members finish their assignment related training this week, pray that all they've learnt will be used for God's glory.

Tues 28th Pray for the residents of Runnymede Close

Christian Hope International has asked us to pray for the 'Ray of Hope Child Sponsorship'. Praise God that the number of children sponsored through this scheme continues to rise. Thank God that so many of the students testify not only to the benefits of education but also about their growing faith in God.

Wed 29th Pray for the residents of Runnymede Court

Barnabus have asked us to pray for the 6 Christian youth leaders in Madhya Pradesh state, India, that were finally granted bail after 95 days in detention. They still face charges of "forced conversion" in connection with taking Christian children away for a summer camp. The authorities argue that parents had not done the proper paperwork when they converted from Hinduism to Christianity and therefore their children are still officially Hindu. Thank the Lord for answered prayer regarding the bail and pray that the charges will be dropped.

Thur 30th Pray for the residents of Ruskin Road

Give thanks today for the dedication and skill of staff working in intensive care units in hospitals, caring for patients with severe life-threatening injuries and illnesses. Ask God to especially strengthen and provide for those working under the most difficult conditions; within conflict zones, in the aftermath of natural disasters and in other challenging environments.

Fri 1st Pray for the residents of Stanford Road

Pray for all Christians who are being persecuted; thank God for their witness and their steadfast love, and pray that they will be strengthened in their faith knowing that God loves them and cares about them, pray that authorities in non Christian countries will come to know their Lord.

Sat 2nd Pray for the residents of Valmar Avenue

Pray that as people rush about getting ready for the Christmas celebrations that they will not lose sight as to why we celebrate Christmas.

Sun 3rd ADVENT SUNDAY Pray for the residents of Wilson Close

Loving Messiah, help us during this Advent time to reflect on our faith, to take stock of our lives and our faith journey thus far. Help us to seek you afresh and wonder anew at the miracle of the Nativity.

Thought for the Week

"The word of our God stands forever. "

Isaiah 40 v 8

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Ezeiel 34 v 11 - 16, 20 - 24

Psalms 95 v 1 - 7,

Ephesians 1 v 15 - 23

Matthew 25 v 31 - 46

Messy Church

Wednesday 20th December 3.30pm in Church Hall

Thurrock Foodbank

One of the ways folk are able to make a donation of food, is when volunteers are at a local supermarket to explain what the foodbank is about and to encourage shoppers to make a donation of items of food at the end of their shop. The next collection is at Tesco Lakeside on Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st December and Saturday 2nd December. Volunteers are needed for two hour slots with a team of 6 for each slot. If you are able to volunteer please email sarahcodell@thurrock.foodbank.org.uk or ring 01375 416200.

Sale of Wooden Floor Tiles

Great Stocking Filler

A once in a lifetime opportunity to purchase a wooden floor tile from St Margaret's Church for £10 with the opportunity to personalise. A wonderful reminder of a wedding (£20), christening (£15) or a loved one (£15). See Janice Wilkins for further information.

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.