



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 24th February – 2nd before Lent

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 24th February

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Worship with Baptism

4.30pm Alpha

Sunday 3rd March

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship + Sunday School

4.30pm Alpha

Sunday 10th March

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion + Sunday School

4.30pm Alpha

Sunday 17th March

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship + Sunday School
With Baptism

4.30pm Alpha

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.

Work Party

Saturday 2nd March. Meet at Aroma's Cafe at 8am for breakfast

Monthly Prayer Meeting

The first Monday of each month

Next meetings: Monday 4th March at 7.30pm
and Monday 1st April

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image; teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things now and for ever

Amen

Mothers' Union February Events

Wednesday 27th February - Talk Sarah Caudell on the work of Foodbank in the Hall at 2pm

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion on 6th March at 12 noon in Church followed by Frugal lunch in hall

During the rest of March we will meet each Wednesday and follow a Lent Course in the Hall.

Thursday 21st March will also be a Lent Course at 23 Scratton Road

Important Notice

Dear Church Family - This year we are required to renew our Church Membership roll. If you want to continue as a member of St. Margaret's you will need to fill in a form. These can be found on the table by the door or obtained from the church office. The forms must be completed by 13th April 2019.

Completed forms should be placed in the box provided or returned to the Parish Office. Thank you. Pat Pickett - Electoral Roll Officer.

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.

Things to pray for this week

Mon 25th Pray for the residents of Bramleys

Please pray for our government, that they will seek God's guidance in their decision making.

Tues 26th Pray for the residents of Branksome Avenue

Pray for all Christians who are being persecuted for their faith.

Wed 27th Pray for the residents of Central Avenue

Pray for all children who are being abused.

Thu 28th Pray for the residents of Churchill Crescent

Thank God for all answered prayer and for continuing to love and care for us in spite of all our faults.

Fri 1st Pray for the residents of Coxes Close

Pray for all those who have been bereaved and find it difficult to adjust to their new situations.

Sat 2nd Pray for the residents of First Avenue

Pray for all those preparing for their children's baptism. Pray that parents will bring their children up in the Christian Faith.

Sun 3rd Pray for the residents of Fourth Avenue

Pray for all couples preparing for their Weddings. Pray that marriage will once again become a strong institution in our country once again.

Thought for the week

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."

Exodus 20 v 7

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Isaiah 6 v 1 - 8,

Psalm 65,

Revelation 4,

Luke 5 v 1 - 11

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.

Calling all seniors

This is a course of 5 sessions exploring evangelism by seniors. These sessions aim to encourage seniors to share, take new initiatives for God and to live well.

The Course will be led by Revd Canon Hugh Dibbens and will begin on 5th March from 12.00 to 2.30 in the Hall for 5 Mondays. Lunch is included. For more information see posters around in the Church or ask John

Thursford

The trip to Thursford this year will be on Tuesday 17th 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

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce the birth of two boys to Grace Halden (9.30 congregation.) They are called Gabriel David James Halden and Sebastian John-Paul Halden. They were born on the 15th of February, a few minutes apart, weighing 3lb 9oz and 3lb 14oz. They were rather premature, but mum and babies are doing well. Congratulations and prayer for all the family

Foodbank

Store Collection at Morrisons in Grays on Saturday 9th March are very short of volunteers. The times are 9am - 5pm and we ask people to cover a 2 hour stint. Please email Sarah on sarahcordell@Thurrock.Foodbank.org.uk if you can offer any help

Shortages - this week we are short of Longlife Semi Skimmed Milk, Longlife Whole Milk, Longlife Fruit Juice, bottles of Squash, tinned Fish, Cup a Soup, Jellies and Tinned Carrots.

Ministry Café

Saturday 2nd March from 9.30 - 11am at St Cedds Church, Crammaville Street, Stifford Clays. For more details see John