



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 10th March – Lent 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 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

Sunday 24th March

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age worship

4.30pm Alpha

Sunday 31st March

Mothering Sunday

10.30am United Service

4.30pm Alpha

Monthly Prayer Meeting

The first Monday of each month

Next meetings: Monday 1st April at 7.30pm
and Monday 6th May

Easter Eggs

We are collecting Easter Eggs for a Children's Easter Egg Hunt and for the local Care Homes for the Elderly. We would be extremely grateful for any donations. Thank you to everyone who has donated, so far, especially those who have knitted little bunnies and chicks. Keep up the good work!

Collect

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin; give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 March Events

During March we will meet each Wednesday at 2pm 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.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to contribute towards the beautiful flowers that decorate our Church over Easter, please give your donations to either Janice or Norman.

Thank you so much

Things to pray for this week

Mon 11th Pray for the residents of Kathleen Close

Heavenly Father, let us be willing to work in partnership, to be conduits of your love here on earth, that we can be more effective in fulfilling your will in the world, as we reach out in love to our brothers and sisters in need.

Tues 12th Pray for the residents of Kelvinside

Lord, help us to bring your presence to the lives of those burdened with sickness or pain, and those weighed down with confusion or grief. May we work together to shine as a beacon of light, reaching out in the power of your transforming love to change a broken world.

Wed 13th Pray for the residents of Laxtons

Pray for more large-scale opportunities to share the message of Jesus with young people in schools across our nation. Pray too that the Holy Spirit prepares hearts to hear and respond to the good news.

Thu 14th Pray for the residents of Link Road

In this season of Lent, may we, like Nicodemus, take time to question and challenge our faith that we have been strengthened and renewed in understanding and more ready to share God's love.

Fri 15th Pray for the residents of Martins Close

Pray about the concerns in the UK over people who hold certain beliefs, being prevented from expressing their views at work and in other public situations. Ask God to give wisdom to government and other agencies as they seek to balance important human rights and responsibilities.

Sat 16th Pray for the residents of Northlands Close

Lord, as part of the global village, help us to take seriously our responsibility to our neighbours in all parts of the world.

Sun 17th Pray for the residents of Oxley Gardens

Jesus Christ, our Saviour, we worship you for your absolute forgiveness. We marvel at the freedom from the chains of sin that your suffering accomplished. Let us never take for granted the significance of your salvation.

Thought for the week

"If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."

1 John 1 v 7

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Deuteronomy 26 v 1 - 11,

Psalms 91 v 1 - 2, 9 - 16,

Romans 10 v 8b - 13,

Luke 4 v 1 - 13

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 4th 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

Volunteers needed

The Guide dog charity have a service called 'My Guide'. Local volunteers are matched with people with sight loss to help them get out and about. There are some visually impaired people in our area who are waiting for the service. Friendly and sociable volunteers are needed who can spare 2 - 3 hours a week. Training is given. Please ring 01189838102

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.