



# St Margaret's Church

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

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## Sunday 17th March – Lent 2

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship + Sunday School  
With Baptism

4.30pm Alpha

##### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age worship

4.30pm Alpha

##### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

##### Mothering Sunday

10.30am United Service

4.30pm Alpha

##### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship + Sunday School

4.30pm Alpha

#### Monthly Prayer Meeting

The first Monday of each month

Next meetings: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm  
and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness; grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Pelham Place

Praise God for the wonderful growth of the Church in Iran as more and more Muslims turn to Christ, despite increasing persecution from the authorities. Pray for each one that they will be strong in the Lord, especially those serving terms in prison on trumped up charges, and that their witness will draw more to put their faith in Jesus.

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Penny Lane

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your power that raised Christ Jesus from the dead to conquer sin, defeat the devil and destroy death. Fill us with this resurrection faith and hope, ever to live for You and see Your Kingdom come! Amen

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Pugh Place

Love Russia have asked us to pray for more people from their friends, families and churches to come alongside their mentors and support them in their work of a Life of Mission"

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for the residents of Redlie Close

Loving Lord, during this season of Lent, may we embrace with gladness the rites of repentance and turn from our selfish ways, that regeneration and righteousness may flourish in our lives.

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the residents of Rodings Avenue

Wycliffe Bible Translators have asked us to give thanks to God for bringing the Kandas New Testament, through many setbacks and challenges along the way, to its completion.

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for the residents of Rose Valley Crescent

Pray for those who are going through a spiritual wilderness. Bring them to you with love; may they know that we are carrying them in prayer in their difficult and dark place.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the residents of Russet Close

Pray for all those taking leading parts in our services today. Pray also that those people who God is calling to take up leadership parts will respond to God's calling.

### Thought for the week

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5 v 3

### Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Genesis 15 v 1 - 12

Psalm 27

Philippians 3 v 17 - 4 v 1

Luke 13 v 31 - 35

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.