



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 24th March – Lent 3

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 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

Sunday 7th April

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship + Sunday School

4.30pm Alpha

Sunday 14th April

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion

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!

Mothers' Union March/April Events

During March and early April we will meet each Wednesday at 2pm and follow a Lent Course in the Hall.

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

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

Calling all Ladies

Fashion Show, Monday, 13th May in St Margaret's. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets £5 including refreshments.

Come and enjoy the 'Travelling Trends' fashion show then browse and buy your new summer outfits at bargain prices!

Things to pray for this week

Mon 25th Pray for the residents of Second Avenue

Barnabas have asked us to Praise God for the vigilance of the Lebanese police whose 10 month surveillance operation uncovered a terrorist plot to target places of worship. Pray for peace and stability in Lebanon which is a haven for Christians from other parts of the Middle East.

Tues 26th Pray for the residents of Silverdale

Lord, we pray that those in power will always consider the wellbeing of the individual in their international negotiations. May treaties and trade agreements be built on just and righteous foundations rather than expediency which harms the poor and vulnerable.

Wed 27th Pray for the residents of Silverdale East

Lord, we thank you for the diversity of nature that blends together in the beauty of creation. May the diversity of your people combine in equal beauty as we each reflect the image of God.

Thur 28th Pray for the residents of Southend Road

Lord Jesus, pour your blessings on all who care for the elderly, marginalised and dispossessed. For those whose lives have met with adversity. May they have grace to cope with each situation in which they are involved.

Fri 29th Pray for the residents of Magnet Terrace

Pray for the new pilot scheme being conducted in primary schools looking at mental health issues, now so prevalent in schools,. Pray for new workers who are finding their feet with new projects and for funding to expand what they feel they are being called to do.

Sat 30th Pray for the residents of Third Avenue

May your Holy Spirit help us to make time in overcrowded lives to praise, pray and simply "be" during this season of Lent. Help us to reflect on who we are now, who you want us to be and how to make this happen.

Sun 31st Pray for the residents of Tudor Avenue

We thank you, Father, for the freedom to worship you whenever and however we choose. We pray for those who are struggling against authority and society to make Lent a significant time of spiritual growth. Give them peace in their hearts.

Thought for the week

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"

Matthew 5 v 4

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Isaiah 55 v 1 - 9,

Psalms 63 v 1 - 9,

1 Corinthians 10 v 1 - 13,

Luke 13 v 1 - 9

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.