



St Margaret's Church

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

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Sunday 31st March – Mothering Sunday

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 31st March

Mothering Sunday

10.30am United Service

4.30pm Alpha

Sunday 7th April

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship + Sunday School

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Sunday 14th April

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st April

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship + Sunday School

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

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself, strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

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 1st Pray for the residents of Tuold Road

We pray today for wisdom and insight for all who have taken on a mothering role in the lives of those, whether children and adults, who need this special care.

Tues 2nd Pray for the residents of Worcester Close

Pray for Rwanda on 7th April as 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the terrible genocide there. Give thanks to God for the peace and reconciliation that has occurred over the years. Pray for those who continue to suffer, physically, spiritually and mentally as a result of that atrocity.

Wed 3rd Pray for the residents of Abbots Drive

Cpas have asked us to pray for the Broads Cruise, that those on this trip will make great friendships and come to know Jesus.

Thu 4th Pray for the residents of Aldrin Close

Pray for people who do not know how to pray because they do not believe that their prayers will make any difference. Maybe they do not know that they have a voice and do not believe that they would be heard by God.

Fri 5th Pray for the residents of Armstrong Close

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.

Sat 6th Pray for the residents of Balmoral Avenue

We praise God for Jesus, our perfect role model of selflessness. May we, through the power of the Spirit, be inspired and empowered to follow his example of servant hood.

Sun 7th Pray for the residents of Berkley Hill

Pray for all those taking leading parts in our services today.

Thought for the week

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth"

Matthew 5 v 5

Bible Readings for today and the Week Ahead

Exodus 2 v 1 - 10,

Psalms 34 v 11 - 20,

2 Corinthians 1 v 3 - 7,

Luke 2 v 33 - 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 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.