

News & Events

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

If you have a collection box, please bring it to church over the next couple of weeks so that I can arrange for the money to be counted and paid in before the end of the year. Thanks. Sharon 07555 144255

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

New sets of envelopes for 2020 are now available from our Treasurer, Ann Edwards. The idea of using them is that you decide what you will give to the church as your financial offering each week for the coming year, and put that amount in each envelope. If you are away one week, you put two envelopes in the collection the following Sunday. As part of our Christian life we should all take seriously our financial contribution to the work of the church.

TWITTER & FACEBOOK

Do you have a Twitter or Facebook account? If you do, are you following St Margaret's? It's another way of keeping up to date and in touch with what is happening. Follow us on Twitter: @StMargaretIG1 Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/StMargaretIG1/

CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop Stephen, our Diocesan Bishop, was appointed last week as the new Archbishop of York. He will take up his appointment at some point in 2020, the exact date not yet known. We sent him our congratulations from St Margaret's.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Christmas services this year at St Margaret's are:

Sunday 22 December

4.00pm Carol Service
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle Service
This service is informal and lasts about 35-40 minutes. It is specially suitable for children and families

11.00pm Midnight Mass
[An earlier start this year]

Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas Eucharist
with Carols

SCHOOL VISITS TO ST MARGARET'S

In the last five weeks 13 classes from Christchurch Primary and Seven Kings Primary Schools have visited St Margaret's. This has brought over 425 children, teachers and support staff into our church. Some work from Seven Kings Primary Year 2 is displayed in church.

1 JANUARY 2020

We have our usual New Year's Day - in the Church Calendar the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus - Eucharist at 12noon. A glass of wine or fruit juice after, and cheese and biscuits. Please bring a piece of cheese to share. Our MMU partners, St Mary's and St Luke's, have been invited to share this service with us.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 22 December 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St Margaret's Church

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us or visiting us. If you are here for the first time please or visiting from another church, please introduce yourself.

Keep in touch with us by visiting our web site: stmargaretilford.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter: @StMargaretIG1

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Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team:

Yvonne Thomas and

Mass Setting:

Saint Anne's Mass James Macmillan

Readers:

Jannis Abley and Ann Rotondaro

Eucharistic Ministers:

Rosalie Field and Stephen Romaniuk

THIS WEEK

See list of Christmas services

NEXT SUNDAY

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

10.30am Sung Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Janet Edwards, Anne Fox, Joan Kelly, Malcolm Kennedy, Grace Martin, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Hemendra Rai, Reema, Avril Sangowawa, Christobel Trumpet

The recently departed,

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

22nd: Richard Stevens, Sylvanus Cole

23rd: Percy Bunting

24th: Martin Newton

25th: Ernest Miles, Roy Gerken

27th: Christopher Tuck, Daniel Bowden

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.'

Psalm: 24

**R: Let the Lord enter, let the Lord enter!
He is the king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
Those with clean hands and pure heart,
who desire not worthless things. **R**

They shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves them.
Such are the ones who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia...

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God is with us.'

Alleluia...

Gospel: St Matthew 1: 18-25

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, let the Holy Spirit,
who overshadowed the blessed Virgin Mary
and made her womb fruitful,
now make our Eucharist bear abundant fruit
in the service of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Communion Song

Guard Him Joseph

*Guard him, Joseph, as he slumbers, there behind the stable
doors.
Let no errant sound distress him, tread thou softly on the floor.
Linger, watchful, round the manger, Hush thy voice and still the
beasts,
For thou hast, within thy keeping, Christ the infant Prince of
Peace.*

*Guard him, Joseph, through the darkness, watching o'er him till
the dawn.
Bid the shepherds enter meekly, stand in wonder, gaze in awe.
Trim thy lamp and shield thy candle, see they burn all through
the night.
For thou hast, within thy keeping, Christ the everlasting light*

*Guard him, Joseph, from all danger; keep thy vigil nigh his bed.
Let no harm nor grief befall him, stand thou in a father's stead.
When his mother's arms be weary, hold him gently as thine own.
For thou hast, within thy keeping, God's own well beloved Son.
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Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.