

## News & Events

### THIS MORNING

Please make sure you take home with you:

- ♦ A copy of the Lent leaflet with details of our programme for Lent this year
- ♦ A copy of the #LiveLent booklet to use during the days of Lent

### BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

#### SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

We aim to have three 'Bring and Share' lunches each year after the Sunday Eucharist. It's an opportunity to mix together and get to know one another in an informal setting.

Our first lunch in 2020 will be on Sunday 23 February - do make a note of the date in your diary. It would be good to have some vegetarian dishes, and helpful if these could be marked as such to help people who do not eat meat. We are asking for 'first courses' for this lunch as we will be having pancakes as a desert, a traditional pre-Lent food.

### JANUARY FINANCE

Our income for the month was £5,549 and expenditure was £7,852. Income included: £1,318 from collections and FWO; £1,903 hall rents; £2,168 rents from Ingleby Road flats. Expenditure included: £4,697 monthly Parish Share paid to the Diocese; £20 insurance; £539 gas and electricity; £610 hall and window cleaning.

### LENT

**Ash Wednesday** is on 26 February. We have Eucharists at 10.30am and 7.30pm, with the imposition of ashes at both (marked on the forehead with the sign of the cross in ash).

**Please return your palm cross** from last year. The crosses are burnt to produce the ash for the imposition on Ash Wednesday.

**Lent Quiet Day.** As an MMU (the grouping of ourselves, St Mary's and St Luke's), we will be holding a 'Quiet Day' on Saturday 28 March at the Diocesan Retreat House at Pleshey. We would leave Ilford about 9am and return from Pleshey about 3.30pm. During the day there will be some addresses on a relating to Lent or Holy Week; some time of quiet; a Eucharist at midday. There will be a small cost, which would depend on how many people go.

### 2020 CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE

This year our Cathedral Pilgrimage with our friends from St Luke, Ilford and St Gabriel, Aldersbrook will be on Saturday 19 September, to Guildford Cathedral. It will be our seventh pilgrimage, and our first to a contemporary English Cathedral - work started on the building of the cathedral in 1936, but it was not completed and consecrated until 1961. More details of the day later, but you might like to make a note of the date now.

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 16 February 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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](http://stmargaretilford.org.uk)

Follow us on Twitter: @StMargaretIG1

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## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

**Welcome Team:**

Jannis Abley and Barbara Haler

**Mass Setting:**

*A New People's Mass* Gregory Murray

**Readers:**

Delrose Berry and Jenny Bowen

**Intercessions** led by Helen Cansick

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Jenny Bowen and Gerard Ouattara

### THIS WEEK

Thursday Eucharist 10.30am

### NEXT SUNDAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30am Sung Eucharist

### WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

**The sick and those in need:**

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

**The recently departed,** including,

Eric Pask, Johnson Osei-Hwedieh

**Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:**

16<sup>th</sup>: William Newman (Priest)

17<sup>th</sup>: George Davie, Jane Arnold-Anthony

19<sup>th</sup>: Cecil LeVoi, Irene Hills, Robert Cropper

20<sup>th</sup>: Hugh Whitten, Lily Rose, Norah Fish

22<sup>nd</sup>: Edith Jeacock

## Collect

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
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: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

## Psalm: 119

**R: They are happy who follow God's law.**

They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts. **R**

You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.  
Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart. **R**

## Second Reading: I Corinthians 3: 1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul,' and another, 'I belong to Apollos,' are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia...**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia...**

## Gospel: St Matthew 5: 21-37

## Prayer over the Gifts

O God, at whose table  
we are no longer strangers:  
may we not refuse your call  
through pride or fear,  
but approach with confidence  
to find our home in you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**