

News & Events

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Carol Singing - the date for carol singing this year is Wednesday 18th December. We will meet outside church ready to leave promptly at 7.15pm. We will finish at the vicarage at about 8.30 for mulled wine and mince pies carefully prepared by Father Stephen. We need singers and collectors, you choose. I have song books, collection boxes and authorisation badge. Please speak to me if you can come or would like more information.

Boxes - 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

Do you have a Twitter 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. We are: @stmargaretig1

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

A Year 2 class from Christchurch Primary School will be visiting St Margaret's on Monday afternoon this week.

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.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 15 December 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team:

Jannis Abley and Barbara Haler

Mass Setting:

Saint Anne's Mass James Macmillan

Readers:

Ann Rotondaro and Norma Toolsie

Eucharistic Ministers:

and

THIS WEEK

Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30am Sung Eucharist

4.00pm Carol Service

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,

including, Riad Reslan

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

16th: Florence Crandell

18th: Emily Baker, Janet Gearing

20th: Beatrice James, Horace Walker

21st: William Davis, John Lovering, Cyril Banner (Priest), Mary Hennessey, Marie Doyland, Mary Cropper

Welcome to St Margaret's Church

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are here for the first time please or visiting from another church, please introduce yourself. If you would like more information about anything to do with St Margaret's please contact us.

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Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with 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 35: 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm: 146

**R: Come, Lord, and save us,
come, Lord, and save us.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger,
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

Second Reading: James 5: 7-10

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia...

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia...

Gospel: St Matthew 11: 2-11

Prayer over the Gifts

Let what we do at this table, Lord,
be a continual sacrifice of praise,
and as we proclaim the Lord's death,
accomplish your saving work among us
until his return in glory.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Communion Song

Magnificat by Bernadette Farrell

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.
My spirit sings to God, my saving God,
Who on this day, above all others favoured me
And raised me up, a light for all to see.

Through me great deeds will God make manifest,
And all the earth will come to call me blest.
Unbounded love and mercy sure will I proclaim
For all who know and praise God's holy name.

God's mighty arm, protector of the just
Will guard the weak and raise them from the dust.
But mighty kings will swiftly fall from thrones corrupt,
The strong brought low, the lowly lifted up.

Soon will the poor and hungry of the earth
Be richly blest, be given greater worth;
And Israel, as once foretold to Abraham,
Will live in peace throughout the Promised Land.

All glory be to God, Creator blest,
To Jesus Christ, God's love made manifest,
And to the Holy Spirit, gentle comforter,
All glory be both now and evermore.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.