

News & Events

CHURCH CLEANING AND CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

We need as many people as possible to help clean the church in preparation for Christmas on Saturday morning, 14 December between 10am and 12noon. We really need everyone to play a part in this, and to help if they can, if only for a short period.

On Sunday afternoon, 15 December, Helen is going to decorate our church Christmas tree. If you can help with this please come along between 3pm and 5pm.

There is a list at the back of the church for you to sign to help on both of these days

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

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

CHRISTCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 2 classes from Seven Kings Primary School will be visiting St Margaret's on Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon this week.

ILFORD CITIZENS ACTION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 6pm

Ilford Citizens is holding an Action on the Town Hall steps to call for more affordable housing in Redbridge. Jas Athwal, Leader of the Council, and the Board of Redbridge Living will be invited to meet us. The Salvation Army brass band will be there and we will be singing specially adapted Christmas songs and carols. Please come along if you can, children are welcome. Any questions to Andrea or Jenny.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 8 December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team:

Dorish Thason and Yvonne Thomas

Mass Setting:

Saint Anne's Mass James Macmillan

Readers:

Janet Potter and Ann Rotondaro

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sharon Daughters and Jannis Abley

THIS WEEK

Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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,
including, Riad Reslan

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

12th: Mary LeVoi

14th: Gertrude Harrison

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

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm: 72

**R: In his days justice shall flourish and peace
till the moon fails.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R**

May his name be blest for ever
and endure like the sun.
Ev'ry tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations bless his name. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse

shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia...

Prepare a way for the Lord and make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of our God.

Alleluia...

Gospel: St Matthew 3: 1-12

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our praises;
have compassion on our human frailty,
and, since we have nothing of ourselves to offer,
let your mercy make us acceptable in your sight.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.