

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 21 March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Next Sunday - Reopening of St Margaret's for Communal Worship

Our 10:30 Parish Eucharist. will resume on **Palm Sunday, 28 March.**

Reopening of places of worship has to be done with strict adherence to government guidelines, in particular that worshippers must wear face masks; seating has to be at 2 metre distance; use of hand sanitiser; no gatherings of groups of people inside the church. Congregational singing is still not permitted. Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the start of any service.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Covid restrictions in place mean that some of our usual pattern of services will have to be altered for this year.

Palm Sunday. 10.30am Blessing of Palms, Reading of the Passion Gospel and Eucharist

Our normal practice is to begin our worship on Palm Sunday in the church hall with the blessing of palms and reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel, before processing into church. None of that will be possible this year, and the whole service will take place in the church. You will be able to collect a palm cross when you arrive, and they will be blessed at the beginning of the Eucharist.

NB. British Summer Time begins on 28 March. Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week. 7.30pm Night Prayer (Compline) on zoom. This is a short act of worship (about 10 minutes) for the end of the day, to reflect on the day and commend ourselves to God's safe keeping through the night.

Maundy Thursday. 7.30pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Watch of Prayer
This year the Eucharist will not include the washing of feet.

Good Friday. 2.00pm The Good Friday Liturgy
At the Veneration of the Cross, it will not be permitted to touch the cross.

Easter Day. 10.30am Easter Ceremonies and Festival Eucharist

Ruth Musgrave writes about Ilford Transition Town Projects

"Growing food and Growing friends" The edible front garden project is moving ahead well. There's still time for you to volunteer to invite 5 near neighbours to take part in the scheme if you live in the IG1 postcode area. Our team of volunteers have been busy. One person has approached local companies like Wilko, Wickes and B&Q and got some freebies from them, others have started growing seedlings for the project, designed a flyer and sign, and started to recruit neighbours. Volunteers will start giving their neighbours the bundles of growing materials at the beginning of April. We still need containers, especially window boxes and medium sized pots, so if you have any to spare, we'd love to get hold of them!

Thermal camera Loan project The Community Energy group have purchased the thermal camera and have been field testing it. It really does show where the house is losing heat and is easy to use. If you would like to borrow it get in touch at this email thermalcam.tti@gmail.com and you will be added to the waiting list.

Forest Garden The Forest Garden group is meeting online and continuing to design the space. Take a look at developments when you are in Valentines Park

Notices & News for this week

This Sunday - Worship on zoom at 10:30

You can join from 10.15am to have an opportunity to chat to other people. Meeting ID : 296 467 9306; Password 176040.

If you don't have a computer or smartphone you can join by phone. Dial in on one of these numbers: 020 3901 7895; 020 3051 2874; 020 3481 5237; 020 3481 5240. Calls are free. Use the meeting ID and password above.

Church Cleaning - Wednesday 31 March

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the church ready for Easter. It involves the usual dusting, vacuuming, polishing brass and silver so the church is looking at its best to celebrate Easter. If you could spare some time on Wednesday 31 March from 10:00 that would be great. Just turn up!

Church Photos

The photos of the congregation at the back of church have been taken down and will be replaced with a new display in the coming weeks. One of our post-lockdown projects! Peter Haler will be taking fresh photos of people to put in the display as soon as hairdressers reopen and our hair looks more tidy again!

Traidcraft

If anyone would like Easter eggs, cards or other gifts from Traidcraft please check their website and let me know. I will order for you at a discount. I am waiting for the new Spring catalogue which has just been launched. A reminder that I still have groceries such as tea, coffee, marmalade, nuts, chocolate etc. which I am happy to deliver locally. Please contact me if you are interested. Traidcraft did remarkably well last year but it is important that we continue to support them as producers need their help more than ever. Thanks Sharon 07555 144255

Marjorie Green

Marjorie's funeral will be at St Margaret's on Wednesday 24 March at 11:00. Under current government Covid regulations numbers attending funerals are limited to 30.

Citizens UK

The London Mayoral Accountability Assembly will take place online on 28 April. The Assembly is where Citizens from across London put our asks to the main Mayoral candidates, Sadiq Khan and Shaun Bailey, and we hear their response. The asks are around London Citizens' campaigns on Housing and Homelessness; Youth Safety; Climate Change; Living Wage and Welcoming London.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

THIS WEEK

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Matilda, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Ade Onuaguluchi, Christobel Trumpet

The recently departed,

including, Marjorie Green and Alston Harry

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

21st: Peter Shannon, Polly Whittingham

22nd: Doris Bruce

23rd: Amy Bennett

24th: Ivy Leverington

25th: Henry Edmondson, John Perry

26th: Ellen Edmondson, Gladys Kingston, Mabel Robinson

Collect for this week:

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
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.

Conversations in Lent

A weekly discussion group on Tuesdays during Lent at 8.00pm for the Ilford MMU Churches (St Luke, St Margaret of Antioch, St Mary the Virgin), based around the #LiveLent booklet, *God's Story Our Story*.

Zoom joining details:

Meeting ID: 444 197 0326

Passcode: 089424



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