

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 22 November 2020

Christ the King



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10.00am - 11.00am Church open for private prayer. You can come and leave at any time during this hour, and if you wish, light a votive candle. Please use the QR code and record your name, use the hand sanitiser, and sit in one of the marked seats to maintain social distancing.

7.30pm Night Prayer on zoom. You can join the meeting from 7.15pm to chat to other people, and we begin the worship at 7.30pm. Joining details - Meeting ID : 296 467 9306; password 176040. The theme this week will be Christ the King.

Notices & News for this week

Church Giving and Finance

Like all organisations and institutions, the financial situation of places of worship has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. At a difficult financial time we are grateful that so many people have continued to give to St Margaret's. However, our income from hall bookings has declined because organisations using our hall are not currently meeting, and income from congregational giving has declined because churches have not been able to hold communal worship and some members of our congregation have remained at home to shelter. On the other hand, although some of our expenditure has decreased (on use of fuel, for example) other costs remain, such as insurance payments and our monthly Parish Share payment to the Diocese of £4,697. It is to the great credit of St Margaret's that we have continued to pay our Parish Share payment in full; many churches in the diocese are defaulting.

The PCC feel that the Covid situation we find ourselves in means we need to rethink ways in which we give to the church, in essence to move away from cash as much as possible and instead give via Standing Order, online giving or contactless payment in church. One of the reasons for moving away from cash is to reduce the potential spread of Covid; current guidelines say that any cash we receive has to be locked away for 72 hours before it can be counted.

The PCC want to encourage as many people as possible to make their donations to St Margaret's in one of these ways:

1. Set up a Standing Order to pay directly into the church bank account. This is the best way to help our income flow. For example, if you currently give £10 per week in a free will envelope, you would instead set up a monthly Standing Order for £40. Standing Orders can be changed or cancelled at any time. To set up a Standing Order you will need these PCC bank details: sort code 08-92-99 account number 6579305.
2. Make a donation online via St Margaret's web site: www.stmargaretilford.org.uk On the home page, click on 'Donate', which will take you to the relevant page. This would be an ideal way to give if your financial situation makes it difficult to give a regular amount via a Standing Order. Online donations are 'one off'.
3. Make a contactless payment in church, using your credit or debit card. During December we will be installing a contactless payment machine at St Margaret's.

Thanks to Gladstone, our new Treasurer, and Vijin, one of our Churchwardens, for their work in recent weeks in setting up these new systems, and for arranging for WiFi to be installed in the church at the beginning of December.

We will of course still accept donations in cash. However, we will not be ordering FWO envelopes for next year. The cost of a minimum order makes it uneconomic given the number of people using the system; a large number of packets of envelopes go unused. Cash donations can be placed in the collection dish; if you wish to put the money in an envelope with your name on it would enable us to trace the source of the donation to claim Gift Aid if you have signed a Gift Aid declaration.

Thanks for giving this your consideration. If you have any questions or want further clarification please speak to Gladstone or Fr Stephen.

Advent Box of Hope

We have for some years collected goods and other items for the Ilford Cold Weather Shelter during Advent, a season of hope, as a means of giving hope to people who find themselves homeless. Because of Covid-19 conditions the Shelter will not be run in the same way this year, although they will welcome support of goods or money. The PCC feel it would be difficult this year to collect goods, but that as a church we should be showing our support for the work of the Cold Weather Shelter. So, for this year we will be collecting money contributions for the Shelter. Donations can be made by:

1. Paying a donation into the church account sort code 08-92-99 account number 6579305. Please put Advent as a reference.
2. Make a donation online via St Margaret's web site: www.stmargaretilford.org.uk On the home page, click on 'Donate', which will take you to the relevant page, and use the Fundraise option.
3. Put a donation in cash in the plate in church marked Advent, at times when the church is open.

Places of worship during the national lockdown

Government ruling is that from 5 November 2020, places of worship will be permitted to open for individual prayer, but not for communal public acts of worship. Individual prayer within a place of worship is defined as a person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. They should be socially distanced from other individuals or households.

Next Sunday - First Sunday of Advent

10.00am - 11.00am Church open for private prayer

7.30pm Night Prayer on zoom - an Advent Carol Service.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Marjorie Green, Fr Kenneth Hinds, Matilda, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Ade Onuaguluchi, Pauline Rodway, Sandra Runeckles, Christobel Trumpet, Pam Williams

The recently departed, including, Mary Thompson

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

24th: Dora Watson

26th: Thomas Tarran

27th: James Green, Susie Hatfield,

Jack Allwood, Dorothy Pummell

28th: Denis Flindall, William Cottee

Sunday Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.



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