

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 18 October 2020

St Luke the Evangelist



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##### 10.30am Parish Eucharist in church

Readings: 2 Timothy 4: 5-17 (Reader: Andrea Kiso)

Psalm 147 (Cantor: Janet Potter)

St Luke 10: 1-9

Intercessions led by Fr Stephen

Welcome Team: Jannis Abley and Barbara Haler

**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 St Luke the Evangelist.

### *Notices & News for this week*

#### St Luke the Evangelist

18 October is the feast day of St Luke the Evangelist. We send our best wishes to Fr John and the people of St Luke's, Ilford, one of our neighbouring parishes and MMU partner, who are keeping their Patronal Festival today.

#### Admission of Churchwardens

Each year a special service is held for those who have been elected as Churchwardens in the Archdeaconry of West Ham (covering the London Boroughs of Redbridge, Newham and Waltham Forest) at which the newly elected Churchwardens are sworn into office by the Archdeacon and Diocesan Registrar. The Covid-19 restrictions mean that this will not happen in 2020, and instead Churchwardens will be sworn into office in their own church by their parish priest on behalf of the Archdeacon and Registrar. Charles and Vijin will be sworn into office this morning at the end of the Eucharist. They hold office until the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which has to be held between 1 January and 31 May 2021. Please remember Charles and Vijin in your prayers, and their work as Churchwardens at St Margaret's in the coming months.

#### Gift Day

Usually linked to the Dedication Festival (last Sunday) is our Annual Gift Day. The Church Council feel that as we are in a time when many people are finding it financially difficult, it would not be appropriate this year to hold a formal Gift Day. However, those who feel in a position to do so might like to make a 'one off' donation to St Margaret's during October. This could be done by placing cash or a cheque in the collection plate, or, more conveniently making a donation directly into the church bank account, sort code 08-92-99, account number 65793705.

#### St Augustine's Online Retreat Programme 2020-21

St Augustine's is a college which trains people for ordination, but also offers courses and study days for anyone, regardless of whether or not they are ordained. They have launched the first of a year's worth of new online retreats that take up a number of important themes in Christian life and prayer. Each retreat consists of four weekly sessions. The exception is the one offered for Lent, which lasts five weeks. Themes include Advent and the strange waiting and watching to which the season invites us; praying the Psalms; and learning from the Old Testament 'saints'. The year begins with Chris Chapman reflecting with you on how Jesus' parables might make their way into our prayer. The first session will post on the 18th October. As before, our online retreats are offered free so as to encourage as many people as possible to try this way of enlarging their experience of prayer and of sharpening their desire to serve Christ. Details can be found here: <https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/content/uploads/2020/10/Retreat-programme-2020-to-2021.pdf>

## London has moved to Tier 2 COVID (HIGH) restrictions

At midnight on Friday 16 October London moved from Tier 1 COVID (MEDIUM) restrictions to Tier 2 COVID (HIGH) restrictions.

The Leader of Redbridge Council, Cllr Jas Athwal, said: "Throughout the pandemic our local Redbridge community has shown tremendous strength, empathy and determination. Neighbours have supported one another and together we have protected the most vulnerable in our area. Now, as rates of COVID-19 rise across London we must once again do all we can to keep our friends, family members and neighbours safe.

We must all follow the scientific advice and make sure that we do everything we can to get the infection rate down and to keep people safe. I'm afraid this will take a lot of sacrifice on our part and mean not mixing with people from other homes indoors or meeting our friends for a coffee or a meal inside.

We must also continue wearing our masks in enclosed spaces like shops and on public transport, washing our hands, practicing social distancing, and getting tested if we have any COVID-19 symptoms."

## Places of worship in Tier 2

Public worship in church is permitted as an organised gathering provided any person attending is:

- alone, or
- part of a group all from the same household or from two linked households;

and must not join any other group or mingle with any person from another group.

*NB non-household groups of 6 are not permitted*

## All Souls' Day : Monday 2 November

All Souls' Day is the day in the year when we remember with thanksgiving before God those who have died but who gave us life, supported us or nourished us in our Christian faith. The Eucharist for All Souls' Day will be at 7.30pm. If you would like the name of a loved one included in the prayers that day please PRINT the name on the list at the back of church. Only the names on the list will be read out at the Eucharist.

## QR Code

If you have a smartphone and have downloaded the NHS Test and Trace app, please scan the QR code when you come to church. Copies of the code are by all the entrances. The code is unique to St Margaret's, and will register your presence in the building. It is an effective way of helping to navigate Covid-19 in our community.

## Next Sunday - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.30am Parish Eucharist in church

7.30pm Night Prayer on zoom

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## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### THIS WEEK

#### The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Janet Edwards, 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,

#### Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

19<sup>th</sup>: John Willingale, Mary Hammond

20<sup>th</sup>: Molly Lines

21<sup>st</sup>: Edith Cole

22<sup>nd</sup>: Betty Lake, Elizabeth Barton

23<sup>rd</sup>: Lesley Chartres, Emilie Butterfield

24<sup>th</sup>: Bertie Whitaker

#### Sunday Collect

Lord our God,  
you chose Saint Luke  
to reveal by his preaching and writing  
your steadfast love for the poor.  
Grant that those who now  
rejoice in your name  
may continue to be of one heart and mind  
and that all peoples may  
behold your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



### LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL HIGH | TIER 2

The new restrictions come into effect at  
midnight Friday 16 October

#### What do the new rules mean for you?

- You are not allowed to meet socially with people you do not live with indoors - this includes private homes, as well as pubs or restaurants.
- People in support bubbles can go on meeting as before and informal childcare may also be provided.
- You can still meet friends and family outdoors, but only in a group of up to six people.
- Reduce use of public transport.