

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 29 November 2020

First Sunday of Advent



#### Sunday 29 November

10.00am - 11.00am Church open for private prayer.

7.30pm **Advent Carol Service on zoom.** Readings and Advent hymns to mark the beginning of the season of Advent. 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 Season of Advent

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and ends on Christmas Eve. The name comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning coming or arrival. The season of Advent is a time of expectation and preparation. It has a double focus: the build up to Christmas (the first coming of Christ) and the expectation of Christ's second coming in glory as judge and king at the consummation of all things. Implicit in all this is a (re)call to holiness, that as the Lord's disciples we will be ready and prepared for Him when he comes again.

The liturgical colour (colour of vestments and altar frontals) is purple. The Gloria is not sung at the Eucharist - the next time we hear the words of the angels is at Christmas, announcing the birth of Jesus. One of the symbols of Advent in St Margaret's is our Advent Wreath - a ring decorated with evergreens, holding four purple candles, one for each of the four Sundays of Advent, and a central white 'Christ-candle' lit at Christmas.



### Notices & News for this week

#### 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. Make a donation online via St Margaret's web site: [www.stmargaretilford.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretilford.org.uk) On the home page, click on 'Donate', then from the drop down menu click on 'Advent'. You will be able to see how much we have raised so far towards our target. You can make a donation until 31 December.
2. Paying a donation into the church account sort code 08-92-99 account number 65793705. Please put 'Advent' as a reference.
3. Put a donation in cash in the plate in church marked 'Advent Donations'.

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If you still need Christmas cards, chocolate etc., please contact me. Thanks. Sharon 07555 144255

#### Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent

10.30am Parish Eucharist in church  
7.30pm Night Prayer on zoom

## Giving to St Margaret's

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 65793705.
2. Make a donation online via St Margaret's web site: [www.stmargaretilford.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretilford.org.uk) On the home page, click on 'Donate', then from the drop down menu click on 'Donate'. This would be an ideal way to give if your financial situation makes it difficult to give a regular amount via a Standing Order.
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.

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.

## Online Advent Retreat

A series of four weekly talks by Fr Luigi Gioia, beginning on 29 November: Waiting with Creation; Watching with the Prophets; Rejoicing with the Consoler; Consoling with the Prince of Peace. Details here: <https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/> and follow the link to online retreats. The talks are free, and also have online supporting materials.

## 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,

### Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

29<sup>th</sup>: Gwendoline Walker, John Stokes Newman (Priest), Alfred Bush, Sydney Green

30<sup>th</sup>: Frank Vasey, William Christie, Violet Bacon, Thomas Crandell

3<sup>rd</sup>: Vera Rogers, Dorothy Rowe

4<sup>th</sup>: Vernon Broughton, Vera Darling, Blanche Proctor-Berry

5<sup>th</sup>: Norah Vasey

### Sunday Collect

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness  
of sin to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

## Next Sunday our 10:30 Parish Eucharist resumes

From 2 December places of worship, including churches, are allowed to reopen for communal worship. London is placed in Tier 2 which for places of worship means you cannot interact with anyone outside your household or support bubble. In effect it is likely to mean we will be returning to the style of Sunday worship we had between the two national lockdowns - sitting socially distanced, recording attendance and using the QR code, using hand sanitiser, not singing, not holding conversations inside the church building and not serving refreshments - but we are still waiting for Church of England guidance on all this.

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