

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 11 October 2020

Dedication Festival



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##### 10.30am Parish Eucharist in church

Readings: Revelation 21: 9-14 (Reader: Terry English)

Psalm 122 (Cantor: Andrea Kiso)

St Matthew 21: 12-16

Intercessions led by Fr Stephen

Welcome Team: Dorish Thason

**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 Margaret's Dedication Festival.

### *Notices & News for this week*

#### Today

..... is our Dedication Festival, the Sunday that marks the consecration of St Margaret's as a place of worship. We are 106 years old! We will not be able to celebrate in our usual way because of the Covid-19 restrictions, but for those who would like to after the Eucharist we can meet (in group sizes in accordance with government guidelines) for lunch together at the Gardeners Cottage Café in Valentines Park.

#### Gift Day

Usually linked to the Dedication Festival 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>

#### 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 of course 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

## Ursuline Academy

Due to Covid 19 the Ursuline Academy is unable to hold its annual Open Evening for new Entrants. While we are a Roman Catholic School we are welcoming to all faiths and actually prioritise Anglican and other Christian denominations in our Admissions criteria. Please check out the school website for a short video presentation of our school and Admissions information. Take a look at our wonderful school at [www.uai.org.uk](http://www.uai.org.uk). Limited individual school tours will be available during October on an appointment basis. Please email [enquiries@uai.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@uai.org.uk) to request a visit. We look forward to welcoming you to Ursuline. *Keran Reilly Headteacher.*

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

At the APCM on 27 September Charles Acolatse and Vijin Paulraj were elected as Churchwardens. Elected to serve on the Church Council were: Jannis Abley, Jenny Bowen, Helen Cansick, Peter Fox, Gladstone Rajakulendran, Krystyna Retecka, Stephen Romaniuk. Terry English was elected to serve on Redbridge Deanery Synod for three years; we have one vacancy for someone from St Margaret's to serve on the Deanery Synod.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Ann Edwards for her many years of devoted service to St Margaret's, most recently as Treasurer. Ann has moved to Swansea to be nearer her sister. You can read a card from Ann on the table at the back of church.

## 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.

## EcoTip from Eco Church

With 40% of UK emissions coming from households, our homes have an important part to play in meeting the UK's 2030 emissions reduction targets. As temperatures drop in an increasingly warming world, you can help to tackle climate change and reduce your heating bill by testing how draughty or leaky your home is. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, gaps around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards etc.) and fix these gaps using the correct materials. Here are some handy tutorials on how to do it: [www.thegreenage.co.uk/tech/draught-proofing/](http://www.thegreenage.co.uk/tech/draught-proofing/)  
Now is also a very good time to prepare for winter by sticking tinfoil or radiator panels between the wall and radiator, as these will help reflect heat back into your room during the colder months.

## 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

11<sup>th</sup>: Emily Christie

13<sup>th</sup>: Dorothy Larchet

15<sup>th</sup>: Emma Butterworth, Dennis Frost,  
Harry Bobby

16<sup>th</sup>: John Denman

17<sup>th</sup>: Margaret Henderson, Joyce Cook,  
Patricia Chambers

### Sunday Collect

Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication  
of this house of prayer:  
we praise you for the many blessings  
you have given to those  
who worship you here:  
and we pray that all who seek you  
in this place may find you,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple  
acceptable to you;  
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.



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