

News and Notices for this week

Dedication Festival Weekend 9/10 October

Our Dedication Festival, marks the opening of St Margaret's as a place of worship, is on Sunday 10 October. It will be our 107th birthday!

Saturday

As part of the Birthday celebrations for our church, we are pleased to be hosting a tea/coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, on Saturday 9 October, 2pm to 4pm in the church. Please join us and bring your friends and family! We will provide some creative activities for the kids too! If you can bake a cake, would like to help set up, serve or clear up on the day, or have any other ideas to contribute, please speak to Helen Cansick or Jannis Abley.

Sunday

Details of our Festival Eucharist, the 'Bring and Share' Lunch and our annual Gift Day are in the letter that has been sent electronically, and is available in church. We need a couple of people to help set up the hall on Sunday morning. Please speak to Helen Cansick if you can help.

This morning

We welcome to St Margaret's the family and friends of Silvina and Mayla who are with us today for Mayla's baptism.

Tony Walker's Funeral

Tony's Funeral Mass will be at St Margaret's on Tuesday 5 October at 2.15pm

Congratulations

Wednesday last week marked the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Fr Chris McDermott as a priest. A good friend to St Margaret's, and a former Curate here, he is now Chaplain of Sussex University. We send him our warmest good wishes.

Traidcraft

On Sunday 3 October, 12.30 to 3pm I will have my first Traidcraft stall for more than a year, in Wanstead United Reform Church E11 2HD in a market for STAAR (supporting together autism and aspergers in Redbridge). There will be a variety of stalls and refreshments, also Wanstead Sunday market is on so if you are able, please come along. Sharon Daughters

Tuesday Eucharist

No Evening Eucharist this week.

Refreshments after the Sunday Eucharist

We are planning an initial three week trial of having tea/coffee and biscuits on Sunday mornings after the Eucharist, beginning Sunday 17 October, as we used to do pre-pandemic. For this to happen we will need volunteers to set out the refreshments and to serve the drinks. If you would be willing to help, even as a 'one-off', please speak to Fr Stephen.

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Delrose Berry, Andrea Charsley, Francis Chitolie, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Ade Onuagulu-chi, Janet Potter, Christobel Trumpet, Pam Young

The recently departed, including,

Tony Walker, Alwyn Stiff, Howard Andersen, Ernest Green (*priest*), and George Brignull

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

3rd: Jennifer Coleman, John Escott

6th: Rose Green, Elizabeth Collingwood

8th: Mary Potter, Dennis Tarran, George Caunt

9th: Muriel Bradbury

Prayer Themes for October

St Luke (18 October): The Gospel writer Saint Luke is the Patron saint of artists, doctors and surgeons. We pray for artists, doctors and surgeons.

SS Simon and Jude (28 October). Both these saints were disciples of Jesus. Simon is the patron saint of tanners, so we pray for all leather makers. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless causes; we pray for all those who are in difficult situations and need hope.

All Saints Day (30 October) We give thanks for the faith and love of the Saints. We pray that we can learn from their examples by following Jesus in love and devotion.

Universities: We pray for all universities across the UK as they start new terms. We pray for all staff and students, especially as they adjust to new challenges and settle into a new academic year.

COP 26 UN Climate Conference: We pray for all the countries in the United Nations in the run up to Cop26 this November in Glasgow. We pray for the leaders of these nations, especially we ask God to guide them to protect creation and take big steps to reduce climate change