

News & Events

HOMELESSNESS

There are 2 events coming up this week on the pressing issue of homelessness, both connected with Redbridge Citizens, and both giving an opportunity to visit Project Malachi. Everyone is welcome at either or both events.

Homelessness Summit Thursday, 12 March, 1-4pm, Salvation Army, Clements Road. An event co-organised by Citizens UK and Redbridge Council to visit Project Malachi and learn about new innovative ways to tackle homelessness. Refreshments provided. Please register with Eventbrite to let us know how many people will be there. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/homelessness-summit-tickets-95333686623>

Opening of Malachi Place Come and celebrate the opening of Project Malachi on Saturday, March 14 starting at 2pm. Formal proceedings will begin at Malachi Place, 1 Chadwick Road before a dedication service and buffet meal at The Salvation Army in Clements Road. There will be an opportunity to tour the building. Please go to www.popuphostel.org for more details and to RSVP.

FEBRUARY FINANCE

Our income for the month was £12,669 and expenditure was £9,043. Income included: £1,034 money given in collections; £3,517 hall rents; £2,330 rent from Ingleby Road flats; £4,582 Gift Aid repayment; £1,086 quarterly interest on M&G investments. Expenditure included: £4,697 monthly payment to the Diocese; £928 gas and electricity; £422 hall cleaning; £380 roof repairs; £150 payment to Independent Examiner for work on 2019 Church Accounts.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This afternoon at 4pm we have the devotional service of Stations of the Cross. It lasts about 30 minutes, during which we walk with Jesus the last steps of His earthly journey, from being condemned to death by Pilate to His burial. We stop at each of the 14 'stations' which are around the walls of the church to hear the story, to pray, and to reflect on what Jesus' suffering means for us as His followers.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Council meets on Thursday this week.

LENT DAY RETREAT

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 10am - 4pm

A day retreat at Pleshey Retreat House for the churches of the Ilford MMU (ourselves, St Luke's and St Mary's). Led by Fr Gareth and considering the Lenten call to turn from our sins and seek reconciliation with God and with one another, based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. £20 per person; take a packed lunch and a bible. Own transport (or a lift) to Pleshey. If you would like to go please give your name, and payment, to Fr Stephen by next Sunday at the latest.

20 YEARS!

SUNDAY 22 MARCH

On this date 20 years ago, Fr Stephen was Inducted as Parish Priest of St Margaret's. As the date this year falls on the 4th Sunday of Lent ('Refreshment Sunday'/Mothering Sunday) it allows us the opportunity to have a glass of wine and nibbles after the Sung Eucharist to mark the occasion! Do stay!

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 8 March 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St Margaret's Church

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us or visiting us. If you are here for the first time please or visiting from another church, please introduce yourself.

Keep in touch with us by visiting our web site: stmargaretilford.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter: @StMargaretIG1

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Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team:

Dorish Thason and

Mass Setting:

St Anne's Mass James MacMillan

Readers:

Isobel O'Neil and Kirsten Pacey

Intercessions led by Vijin Paulraj

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jenny Bowen and Gerard Ouattara

THIS AFTERNOON

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

THIS WEEK

Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30am Sung Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Janet Edwards, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Marjorie Green, Peter Haler, Joan Kelly, Malcolm Kennedy, Grace Martin, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Hemendra Rai, Reema, Avril Sangowawa, Christobel Trumpet, John Went

The recently departed,

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

8th: Marjorie Tarran

9th: Donald Kingston

10th: Raymond Pugh, Mary Herbert

11th: Edith Humpheries, John Deuchar,

Frances Mackenzie, Win Theakston

12th: George Green, Mia Kiso,

Wilfred Chilman

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm: 33

**R: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel: St Matthew 17: 1-9

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God,
teach us the wisdom of your table,
and in our sharing of your gifts
draw us closer to you
in love of one another
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

While it is our faith that the sacraments are means of grace and not of sickness, they are physically ministered, and we should take physical care. As well as the specific concern about Coronavirus, this advice is generally applicable for all infectious disease. The current advice issued (7 March) for churches is:

Ensure **everyone maintains good hygiene** (we should be doing this already as part of normal good practice) at all gatherings, whether services or other occasions. This includes those who prepare or serve food, those handing out books etc. or having other direct physical contact with numbers of people, as well as those administering the Eucharist

Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from taking communion from the Chalice and receive the host on the hand only.

DO NOT INTINCT as it is a route for transmission from the individual through handling the host, and tiny fragments could affect people with allergies to gluten etc.

The **placing of the host on the tongue** by anyone administering Eucharist is **NOT recommended** as it is a potential source of transmission.

Consider receiving Holy Communion in one Kind. It is Anglican teaching that to receive the sacrament in one kind only (ie. just the host) is to receive the sacrament in its entirety.