

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 14 March 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Sunday Worship at 10.30am

During the period when worship in church is paused, we will be holding worship on zoom at our usual Sunday time of 10.30am. The worship will include a bible reading, prayers, and a hymn and lasts about 30 minutes. If you have a candle of some sort or a tea light which can be used as part of our worship, please have it to hand.

You can join from 10.15am to have an opportunity to chat to other people.

- If you have a pc or laptop these are the details you need to join: Meeting ID : 296 467 9306; Password 176040.
- If you have a smartphone you can download the zoom app, and join us on your phone.
- If you don't have a computer or smartphone you can join by phone. Although you won't be able to see other people, you can join in and will be able to speak and be heard, and join in. Dial in on one of these numbers: 020 3901 7895; 020 3051 2874; 020 3481 5237; 020 3481 5240. Calls are free. Use the meeting ID and password above.

Reopening of St Margaret's for Communal Worship

Our 10:30 Parish Eucharist. will resume on **Palm Sunday, 28 March.**

Reopening of places of worship has to be done with strict adherence to government guidelines, in particular that worshippers must wear face masks; seating has to be at 2 metre distance; use of hand sanitiser; no gatherings of groups of people inside the church. Congregational singing is still not permitted. Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the start of any service.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Covid restrictions in place mean that some of our usual pattern of services will have to be altered for this year.

Palm Sunday. 10.30am Blessing of Palms, Reading of the Passion Gospel and Eucharist

Our normal practice is to begin our worship on Palm Sunday in the church hall with the blessing of palms and reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel, before processing into church. None of that will be possible this year, and the whole service will take place in the church. You will be able to collect a palm cross when you arrive, and they will be blessed at the beginning of the Eucharist.

NB. British Summer Time begins on 28 March. Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week. 7.30pm Night Prayer (Compline) on zoom. This is a short act of worship (about 10 minutes) for the end of the day, to reflect on the day and commend ourselves to God's safe keeping through the night.

Maundy Thursday. 7.30pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Watch of Prayer
This year the Eucharist will not include the washing of feet.

Good Friday. 2.00pm The Good Friday Liturgy
At the Veneration of the Cross, it will not be permitted to touch the cross.

Easter Day. 10.30am Easter Ceremonies and Festival Eucharist

Notices & News for this week

Traidcraft

If anyone would like Easter eggs, cards or other gifts from Traidcraft please check their website and let me know. I will order for you at a discount. I am waiting for the new Spring catalogue which has just been launched. A reminder that I still have groceries such as tea, coffee, marmalade, nuts, chocolate etc. which I am happy to deliver locally. Please contact me if you are interested. Traidcraft did remarkably well last year but it is important that we continue to support them as producers need their help more than ever. Thanks Sharon 07555 144255

Marjorie Green

Marjorie's funeral will be at St Margaret's on Wednesday 24 March at 11:00. Under current government Covid regulations numbers attending funerals are limited to 30.

Citizens UK

The London Mayoral Accountability Assembly will take place online on 28th April.

Some members of the congregation will remember the same event 5 years ago at the Copper Box in the Olympic Park when St Margaret's banner was proudly carried into the arena. This year you will be able to attend in the comfort of your own home.

The Assembly is where Citizens from across London put our asks to the main Mayoral candidates, Sadiq Khan and Shaun Bailey, and we hear their response. The asks are around London Citizens' campaigns on Housing and Homelessness; Youth Safety; Climate Change; Living Wage and Welcoming London.

If you would like to find out more about the Accountability Assembly or any of the 5 campaigns, including what's happening in Redbridge, **you are invited to join the Redbridge & Ilford Citizens Borough Meeting, which is on Tuesday 16 March at 7pm.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cuk.zoom.us/j/9386074397>

Meeting ID: 938 607 4397

What is worship?

Redbridge Christian Education Project are producing a series of videos aimed at GCSE students to help with their revision for topics about Christianity. Fr Stephen has recorded a video for the CEP on the theme of worship. You can watch it (whether or not you are a GCSE student!) here: <https://youtu.be/JEXU8hSCjcg>

Giving and Donations to St Margaret's

You can make a donation on line via our web site: www.stmargaretiford.org.uk Or, you can pay directly into the church bank account with a Standing Order. PCC bank details: sort code 08-92-99 account number 65793705.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Matilda, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Ade Onuaguluchi, Christobel Trumpet

The recently departed,

including, Marjorie Green and Alston Harry

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

15th: Steve Sparrow, Frank Butterworth

16th: Frederick Bartlett, Sarah Ramsey, Renee Smith

17th: George MacDonald, Albert Masters

18th: Maisey Evans

19th: Gertrude Buckland, Ethel Priest

20th: Stuart Brown

Collect for this week:

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
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.

Conversations in Lent

A weekly discussion group on Tuesdays during Lent at 8.00pm for the Ilford MMU Churches (St Luke, St Margaret of Antioch, St Mary the Virgin), based around the #LiveLent booklet, *God's Story Our Story*.

Zoom joining details:

Meeting ID: 444 197 0326

Passcode: 089424



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