

Notices & News for this week

New arrangements for worship in church

The Church Council (PCC) want to create at St Margaret's, an atmosphere where everyone who comes to worship will feel safe and comfortable. We therefore intend to move forward cautiously and slowly in returning to pre-Covid worship and activities.

- We encourage the continued use of hand sanitiser.
- We encourage the continued wearing of face coverings and social distancing in church.

At the Sunday Eucharist:

- There will be two congregational hymns, one at the entry procession and one at the offertory.
- There will be a Mass Setting each week for the Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus and Agnus Dei.
- Please join in the response to the psalm and the gospel alleluia.
- We offer a sign of peace imaginatively, without walking about or physical contact.
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in one kind (the host), but the priest will now say the words 'The body of Christ' to each individual communicant.

It is intended to resume refreshments after the Sunday Eucharist in September if the rate of spread of the virus is under control.

Weekly News Sheet

If you pick up a copy of the WNS in church, please take it home with you for reference and use during the week, and to reduce multiple touching of paper in church.

Fr Tom

As announced in church last Sunday, Fr Tom is now working permanently at St Margaret's until the end of his curacy.

Open Garden

Fr Mark is opening his garden as part of Open Gardens on the 31 July from 13:00 to 17:00. Members of St. Margaret's are welcome to attend. There is a charge for entry which is donated to charity. More information can be found here: <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/42174>

Inter-faith walk for Peace

A date for your diary: this year's walk will be on Sunday 19 September, beginning at the Holocaust Memorial Garden in Valentines Park and visiting different faith communities in Ilford to hear how we can care for creation

Photo display

The new display of congregational photos is at the west end of the church. If your photo is not there it means Peter Haler hasn't yet caught up with you to take your photo - but he will do so in the coming weeks. The display serves as a great way to reflect our interesting and diverse congregation, as well as learning one another's names.

Facebook

Do you know St Margaret's has a Facebook page: facebook.com/StMargaretIG1/ If you use Facebook, please like and follow us, and encourage your friends to do so too.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford
Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 25 July 2021

St James the Apostle



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

Twitter: @StMargaretIG1

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Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Faustina Bainbridge

Mass setting:

A New People's Mass - Gregory Murray

Cantor: Janet Potter

Readers:

Andrea Kiso and Norma Toolsie

Intercessions led by Fr Stephen

TUESDAY

7.30pm Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

10.30am Parish Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Francis Chitolie, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Ade Onuaguluchi, Christobel Trumpet, Tony Walker, Mother Prioress and the Sisters of the Monastery of Sainte Françoise Romaine at Bec-Hellouin

The recently departed,

Including, Joan Abrams

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

25th: Robert Phillips

27th: Lilian Harrison

28th: Anna Jackson

31st: Dorothy Finley

Collect

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
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.

First Reading: Acts 11:27 - 12:2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Psalm 126

**R: What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 7-15

We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – 'I believed, and so I spoke' – we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia

Gospel Reading: St Matthew 20: 20-28

Prayer over the Gifts

God of faithfulness,
your servant Margaret of Antioch praised you in her death.
Receive all we bring before you this day
and give us the strength of will
to proclaim your righteousness and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Communion Song: Behold, the Lamb of God

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer Themes for July

Fr Tom suggests these themes to use in our prayers during July:

Creation - countries with extreme heat in July (Japan and Algeria)

Olympic Games - pray for those competing and their families, and the staff working at the Games.

Blind people. St Thomas (3 July) is the patron saint of the blind

The life, worship and witness of this parish. St Margaret of Antioch's feast day is 20 July

Women, especially those who are mistreated or without a voice. St Mary Magdalene (22 July) is the patron saint of women

Those on pilgrimage. St James the Great (25 July) is the patron saint of pilgrims