

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 26 July 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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10.30am Eucharist in church

Readings: 1 Kings 3: 5-12 (Reader: Jannis Abley)
St Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Psalm 119 (Cantor: Terry English)

Welcome Team: Faustina and Jake Bainbridge

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. The theme this week is favourite hymns - a selection of hymns chosen by members of St Margaret's.

Joining details - Meeting ID : 296 467 9306; Password 176040

Wearing face coverings in church

The Church of England issued new guidance as follows, on Thursday 23 July:

The Government guidance for the safe use of places of worship encourages people to wear face coverings in places of worship and other enclosed public spaces. We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship where there may be other people present. Face coverings should only be removed to receive Holy Communion. Face coverings are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.

Parochial Church Council Meeting

St Margaret's held its first ever PCC meeting on zoom last Thursday. The meeting:

- ◆ Spent some time taking stock of where St Margaret's is in terms of its life and worship in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ◆ Discussed the financial situation of both the Diocese and the parish, and also diocesan plans to reduce clergy numbers. There will be more about this in church and on zoom on Sunday 2 August.
- ◆ Agreed to purchase a new photocopier
- ◆ Moved forward plans to install WiFi at St Margaret's. Our favoured contractor is Vodafone - please see the note on the other page asking for experiences of using Vodafone.



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Windows on Hope



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15.13

Is hope a way of escaping reality, or a way of facing it creatively? Is hope a feeling, or an activity? How are we invited to cooperate with the God of hope in the remaking of our society and the reshaping of our lives?

St. Augustine's College of Theology is offering three perspectives on hope led by Chris Chapman, Eddie Howells and Gemma Simmonds. Each week an audio talk will be posted on the St. Augustine's website, accompanied by suggestions for prayer and reflection. The series begins on the 26th July.

If you have not registered with St. Augustine's before, please follow this link to register to Our members area <https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/register/> if you have previously registered you will only need to login.

Notices & News for this week

The Children's Society

If anyone has a box that they would like emptied, please bring to church or contact me to collect. I am planning to go to the bank to pay much needed money in soon. Thanks. Sharon 07555 144255

Pilgrimage to Guildford Cathedral

We had planned our annual cathedral pilgrimage for this year, with our friends from St Luke's and St Gabriel's, to Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 19 September. Sadly, it has been decided to cancel the pilgrimage for this year - another victim of Covid-19. Social distancing on the coach would have reduced numbers permitted to travel, and in any case, at the present time the Cathedral is not doing any visits or tours.

Church cleaning : Wednesday 29 July at 10.00am

To comply with the guidance on opening buildings for worship, we need to ensure we clean St Margaret's once a month (our usual pattern of cleaning). We need to dust the pews and shelves, sweep and mop the floor, and clean the toilet. With the hassocks, hymn books etc. moved out of church, dusting will be much easier (and quicker).

Traidcraft

The stall is still at the back of church with the usual treats (chocolate and cookies) and essentials (tea and soap). There are also washable masks for sale at £3.50. If you are interested but do not want to pay cash, would like me to deliver or you have another question, please contact me. Sharon 07555 144255

Vodafone

Does anyone in the congregation use, or have any experience of using Vodafone as their broadband provider? The Church Council (PCC) is looking to enter into a contract with Vodafone (see front page) but would be interested in any experiences of using them. Please give your comments to Vijin.

List of the sick and those in need

It's a while since the names on the list (above right) were reviewed. Sometimes people ask for names to be added but forget to ask them to be removed as appropriate. **Please let me know in the next couple of weeks if you added a name and want it to remain on the list.** I'm happy for all the names to remain of course, but names will be removed if you do not ask for them to stay on the list. Do also let me know at any time if there are new names to add. Fr Stephen

Next Sunday - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.30am Eucharist in church 7.30pm Night Prayer on zoom

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Janet Edwards, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Marjorie Green, Joan Kelly, Grace Martin, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Rose Nicholls, Joergen Nielsen, Ade Onuaguluchi, Hemendra Rai, Reema, Christobel Trumpet, John Went

The recently departed,
including, Fr Bill Scott,

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

27th: Lilian Harrison

28th: Anna Jackson

31st: Dorothy Finley

1st: Herbert May, Winifred Jones,
Ric Olphonice

Sunday Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
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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