

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 28 February 2021

Second 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.

Current Covid-19 restrictions which don't allow people to meet together face to face make it difficult to keep communities together, but we hope that our Sunday worship on zoom is one of the ways we can try to keep the community that is St Margaret's together, until we can worship together again in church. 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.

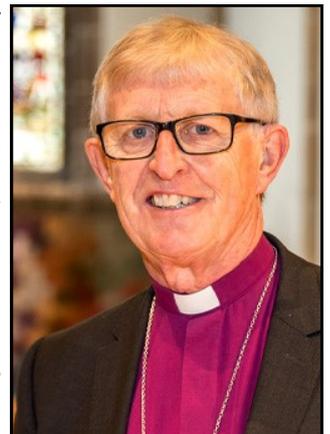
## Bishop Peter writes on the re-opening of churches for congregational worship

On Monday the Prime Minister set out the Government's road map to emergence from lockdown: it is to be cautious and very gradual in four dated phases. Alongside the national roadmap, I believe it is right for us in God's Church to prayerfully review our own local decisions on the opening of church buildings for congregational worship, and with the same caution and diligence.

Even though thankfully the vaccines are in rapid roll out and virus infection rates are in significant decline in our diocesan areas, we must avoid adding to the risk of yet another sharp rise in the spread of the virus, especially due to the possibility of mutations.

However, I hope that when we reach Holy Week, which coincides with the start of the second phase of step one of the Government's road map, many churches might be able to resume some congregational worship, with limited numbers and following guidelines. From 12 April, when the next step of the Government's plan starts, I hope we will be able to do more. Of course, all this will remain dependent on the changing situation.

This is not the time to cast all caution aside, but rather for those of us whose church buildings have been closed for congregational worship to carefully consider the timing of re-opening in the light of our local circumstances, our own health, and capacities to minimize risk. There is no need to rush to a decision and further practical advice from the Church of England nationally is expected soon.



## 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

### From Eco Church



Make a difference for nature at home. During this time of continuing lockdown, many groups and organisations are still working behind the scenes to ensure that environmental issues still get the focus they need. Why not use this extra time at home to learn more about the environmental issues that still need tackling and research the different organisations working to achieve solutions to these issues. You may even find ways that you can get involved locally or digitally.

### Marjorie Green

Our friend Marjorie died on Monday last week, aged 89. In the last few years she would come to church on her electric scooter, which allowed her to get out and about. Before worshipping at St Margaret's, Marjorie was very involved in the life of St Clement's Church, Ilford, until it closed, especially organising social activities such as the Christmas Bazaar and the 'Friday Pop-In'. Marjorie's funeral will be at St Margaret's on Wednesday 24 March at 11:00.



### Giving and Donations to St Margaret's

We are very grateful to everyone who is continuing to give financially to St Margaret's. Whilst we are still in lockdown you can make a donation on line via our web site: [www.stmargaretilford.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretilford.org.uk) Or, you can pay directly into the church bank account with a Standing Order. To set up a Standing Order you will need these 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

### Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

28<sup>th</sup>: Gertrude Davis, Hans Swartz, Alan Archer  
29<sup>th</sup>: Alan Hughes  
1<sup>st</sup>: Edith Miles, George Haigh  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Alice Pell  
3<sup>rd</sup>: John Crofton, Millicent Deverill, Hilda Heslop  
4<sup>th</sup>: William Haynes  
5<sup>th</sup>: Frederick White  
6<sup>th</sup>: Sidney George, Beryl Horton, Philip Moxon,  
Charles Gearing

### Collect for this week:

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.

## 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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