

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 7 March 2021

Third 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 Guli's Ministry in Chelmsford Diocese The key dates as Bishop Guli begins her ministry with us over the coming months.

11 March at 5 pm - Confirmation of Election as Bishop of Chelmsford. This prayerful and historic ceremony makes Bishop Guli legally our Diocesan Bishop. It will be presided over by The Archbishop of Canterbury and take place on Zoom. It will not be live streamed, but a recording will be made available for those who wish to view it later. In attendance will be members of Bishop's Staff, Bishop's Council, The Diocesan Registrar, The College of Canons, Area Deans, Lay Chairs, Diocesan Office Senior Leadership Team and the Vacancy and See Committee.

12 March to Easter Day Bishop Guli completes her ministry as Bishop of Loughborough. Legal authority for oversight of this diocese remains delegated to Bishop Peter until 19 April.

19 April Bishop Guli begins her ministry as Diocesan Bishop but will not fully move in to Bishops court (the home of the Bishop of Chelmsford, at Ingatestone) with her family until the summer.

Early September It is hoped to hold the public Welcome and Installation service for Bishop Guli in the cathedral.



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. It looks likely though that there will be space for friends of Marjorie who wish to attend the funeral.

Parochial Church Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PCC is on Thursday 18 March at 8.00pm, on zoom.

Every parish is legally required to hold its Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) by 31 May each year. The date was extended to 31 October in 2020 because of lockdowns and the Covid pandemic. It does not appear likely that there will be a similar extension in 2021 so we will be looking to hold our APCM at St Margaret's one Sunday in May, by which time Covid restrictions will be further lifted.

Statement from Bishop Guli regarding comments made by the Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate of Nigeria.

"I fully endorse Archbishop Justin's statement disagreeing with and condemning the language used in the Most Reverend Henry C Ndukba's comments about homosexuality. Whilst recognising there are different approaches to doctrine and practice across the Anglican Communion and rejoicing in our cultural diversity, the Most Revd Henry Ndukuba's comments are at odds with our agreed teaching and our fundamental belief that all of us are made in God's image; that in Christ, all are equal and there is no place for injustice."

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 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 and Alston Harry

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

7th: Mabel Falle

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 for this week:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in 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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