

### Redbridge Citizens House Meetings at St Margaret's

Three members of our congregation are going to host house meetings in August/September as part of our involvement with Citizens UK. These meetings are opportunities to find out and discuss what is putting pressure on us and the people we care about in Redbridge. The issues identified will be pooled with those from other Redbridge Citizens organizations to choose common issues to put to candidates for the Council elections next year at a Citizen's Assembly in April. This is our chance to influence Redbridge Citizen's agenda and help to bring about positive change in our community. Previous house meetings in Redbridge revealed concerns about housing, tenants' rights and the Living Wage for people who are directly or indirectly employed by Redbridge Council.

We are holding three house groups at St Margaret's, and we are hoping that between 6 and 10 people will come to each one. They will last for one hour, and are 'one off' meetings. They will be on:

Thursday 31 August, hosted by Andrea at 259 Coventry Road, at 7.30pm (*This meeting is now full*)

Monday 4 September, hosted by Wendy at 70 Auckland Road, at 7.30pm

Monday 11 September, hosted by Helen at 255 Coventry Road, at 7.30pm

### PILGRIMAGE TO ST ALBANS SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Our annual pilgrimage to a Cathedral in England takes us this year to St Albans. As usual we will be joining with our friends from St Luke, Ilford and St Gabriel, Aldersbrook. St Margaret's allocation of seats for the coach has been filled, but more seats might become available if the other two churches don't use their full allocation. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list please speak to Norma Toolsie.

### DISCOVERERS

There will be no Discoverers on the four Sundays in August. During this time, parents will be responsible for their children in church. In addition to the usual items in the children's corner, there will be weekly colouring and puzzle sheets provided. Parents are welcome to take items from the children's corner to play with in the church hall if children need to let off steam. Discoverers will start again on 3 September.

### FUNERAL FOR RIC OLPHONCE

Ric's funeral will be in St Margaret's on Tuesday 22 August at 11.00am.

### SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE ROTA

We are looking for two or three people willing to join the rota to prepare the tea and coffee for after the Sunday Eucharist, and then clear away and wash the cups. The aim is to have two people on the rota each Sunday, who would be responsible for the tea and coffee once a month. If you can help or would like to know more please speak to Theodora Acolatse.

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 20 August 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

**Welcome Team:** Jannis Abley and Barbara Haler

**Setting:** *A New People's Mass*: Gregory Murray

**Readers:** Wendy Everingham and Ann Rotondaro

**Intercessions led by** Stephen Romaniuk

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Glen Thomas and Rosalie Field

### THIS WEEK

**The Eucharist**

Thursday at 10.30am

*(St Bartholomew the Apostle)*

### NEXT SUNDAY

**21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sung Eucharist at 10.30am**

### WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

**The sick and those in need:**

Kevin Henaghan, Sophie Weller, Janet Potter, Nadeem Ali, Jane Surtees, Grace Martin, Peter Chambers, Ann Fox, Christobel Trumpet, Janet Edwards, Michael Romaniuk, Monica Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Avril Sangowawa

**The recently departed,**

including, those killed in the terrorism attack in Barcelona; Ric Olphonce, Kerry Bunn, and Hermann Dorra

**Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:**

20<sup>th</sup>: Hélène Todd, Elsie Coleman

22<sup>nd</sup>: Margaret Slater

23<sup>rd</sup>: David Newton

24<sup>th</sup>: Malcolm Parker

26<sup>th</sup>: Louie Sorrel

## Welcome to St Margaret's Church

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are here for the first time please or visiting from another church, please introduce yourself. If you would like more information about anything to do with St Margaret's please contact us.

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## Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
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: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.  
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do  
not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will  
bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my  
house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a  
house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to  
them besides those already gathered.

## Psalm 67

**R: Let the peoples praise you, O God,  
let all the peoples praise you.**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth,  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

## Second Reading: Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I  
myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member  
of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people  
whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God  
are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God  
but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,  
so they have now been disobedient in order that, by  
the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.  
For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may  
be merciful to all.

## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia.....**

The sheep that belong to  
me listen to my voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.

**Alleluia.....**

## Gospel: St Matthew 15: 21-28

## Profession of Faith

Let us affirm,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

At this holy table, O God,  
you share your life with us.  
Make us, we pray, worthy  
of this inexpressible blessing,  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Our aspiration and mission is for St Margaret's:

To be a welcoming community

To be a family which values and uses  
the gifts of each person to contribute  
to the life of St Margaret's

To be a Christian presence in  
our community

To grow as Christians,  
expressing our faith through our lives

To share our Christian faith with others