

### 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 it looks as if a few spare seats from the others churches will be available so if you'd like to go please speak to Norma Toolsie.**

### DISCOVERERS

Discoverers begins again next Sunday.

### ANNUAL MULTI-FAITH WALK OF PEACE SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

The walk starts at the Holocaust Memorial Garden in Valentines Park at 1.00pm, and culminates in sharing a vegetarian meal at the Gurdwara in Seven Kings. You can do part or the entirety of the walk. The theme is *Walking Together in Peace* - a particularly relevant theme in view of recent events. At each venue visited there will be a message of peace. Details of timings and venues are on a leaflet on the table at the back of church.

### PRAYER POOL

You are invited to put a pebble in the prayer pool for someone you wish to pray for asking that they be immersed in God's all surrounding love.

If you would like someone included in the prayers of intercession by name, please write the details on a piece of paper and give it to Fr Stephen or the person leading the Sunday intercessions.

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 27 August 2017

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

**Welcome Team:** Charlotte Nielsen and Faustina Bainbridge

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

**Readers:** Norma Toolsie and Ann Edwards

**Intercessions led by** Glen Thomas

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jenny Bowen and Stephen Romaniuk

### THIS WEEK

**The Eucharist**

Thursday at 10.30am (St Aidan)

### NEXT SUNDAY

**22nd 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, Ric Olphonce, Kerry Bunn, and Hermann Dorra

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

27<sup>th</sup>: William Shannon, Alice Warren, William Matthews, Charles Gyseman

28<sup>th</sup>: Maud Kingston, Elizabeth Cain, Winifred Stubbs, Winifred Whitaker

30<sup>th</sup>: Stephen Foster

1<sup>st</sup>: Rollo Beeby, Joseph Abbott

2<sup>nd</sup>: Winifred Ash, Dorothy Buckingham, Hettie Brewster

3<sup>rd</sup>: Olive Ellingford

## 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

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
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 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

## Psalm 138

**R: Your love, O Lord, is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks down on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hand. **R**

## Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia.....**

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,  
and he has entrusted  
to us the news that they are reconciled.

**Alleluia.....**

## Gospel: St Matthew 16: 13-20

## Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,  
who by the offering of Christ made once for all,  
adopted a people as your own;  
bestow now in grace upon your Church  
your gifts of unity and peace.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**