

## News & Events

### THIS MORNING

We welcome to St Margaret's today Elizabeth Sparrow to talk to us about the work of WaterAid. Elizabeth is one of the volunteer speakers for the charity. During September Discoverers have been collecting loose change for the WaterAid Harvest Appeal. Today is the last chance to put money in their water bottles. So far we have collected about £80 so far in the loose change bottles. For context, £37 buys a hand pump, £50 trains a water pump engineer for a village, £80 buys a rain water saver for a family, £472 buys a well and rope pump which can serve up to 120 people.

### CHURCH CLEANING SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

To make sure our church is looking at its best for the Dedication Festival, we will be having a cleaning morning on Saturday 7 October from 10.00am. Please come along and help if you can, if only for a short time. Jobs for all! - dusting, polishing, vacuuming, mopping the floors.

### DEDICATION FESTIVAL SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

Please make sure you take home a copy of the letter about our Dedication Festival and Gift Day. As our preacher this year we will be welcoming to St Margaret's the Archdeacon of West Ham, the Ven. Elwin Cockett. The money we collect in our Gift Day this year will be used for renewing parts of our church sound system. Do stay after the Eucharist for a glass of wine or fruit juice and a slice of our 103rd birthday cake.

### SILENT PRAYER AND WORSHIP MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

Tomorrow evening, a period of silent prayer in the church from 7.00pm to 7.30pm, followed at 7.30pm by a Eucharist. You can come (or leave) at any time during the time of silent prayer, and sit or kneel anywhere in the church. The important thing is we try to create a calm, prayerful atmosphere where we can talk and listen to God.

### THE BIG QUESTIONS WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER

Fr Mark is running a monthly discussion group at St Margaret's to look at questions about the Christian faith, about God, about Christian living etc. He will produce a programme based on the questions YOU want to discuss. You can either email him direct with your suggestions at [themarkkenny@gmail.com](mailto:themarkkenny@gmail.com) or write the questions on a piece of paper and hand them to Fr Stephen. **The first meeting will be on Wednesday 11 October at 7.30pm at 110 Perth Road, looking at the question: 'Why do people suffer?'**

### AFTERNOON TEA SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

An afternoon tea and sale of Traidcraft Christmas cards and gifts from 1.00pm to 3.30pm. Please come along for tea and home made cake (even if you don't want to shop). A member of the Newbury Park Safer Neighbourhood Team of the Met Police will be present with some crime revention leaflets and advice. The new Autumn Traidcraft catalogue is on the stall at the back of church, please take one and let me know if you would like me to order anything for you. Thanks.  
*Sharon Daughters*

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 1 October 2017

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

**Welcome Team:** John Nouchin and Faustina Bainbridge

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

**Readers:** Theodora Acolatse and Glen Thomas

**Intercessions led by** Fr Stephen

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

### THIS WEEK

**The Eucharist**

Monday 7.30pm

Thursday 10.30am

### NEXT SUNDAY

**DEDICATION FESTIVAL**

**Sung Eucharist at 10.30am**

followed by birthday cake and wine and fruit juice

### 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 Glen Dean and Anthonipillai Joseph Jeyarajah

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

1<sup>st</sup>: Brian Green, Roberto Hill, Wilfrid Horton, Florence Bayley, Eleanor Masters, Hilda Beesley

2<sup>nd</sup>: Charles Newman, Marjorie Newman, Una Baker, Jeffrey Crooks, Frank Butterworth, Rhoderick Hall, James Chapman

3<sup>rd</sup>: Jennifer Coleman, John Escott

6<sup>th</sup>: Rose Green, Elizabeth Collingwood

## 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 creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
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: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

## Psalm 25

**R: Remember, remember your mercy, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are God my Saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

## Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia.....**

If anyone loves me they will keep my word.  
And my Father will love them and we shall come to them.  
**Alleluia.....**

## Gospel: St Matthew 21: 23-32

### Prayer over the Gifts

Open our lips, O God,  
in praise and thanksgiving,  
and as we gather at your table,  
open also for us the streams of your blessing.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
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