

News & Events

THIS MORNING

Fr Mark is with us again today to preach and celebrate at the Sung Eucharist.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Bishop Peter, our Area Bishop, will be coming to preach at St Margaret's on the Feast of Christ the King. After the Eucharist we will be having a **Bring and Share Lunch** which will also give us an opportunity to spend time with Bishop Peter.

ST MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

You might like to listen via the iplayer radio to this recently broadcast programme about our Patron Saint in the Radio 4 series *Living with the Gods*:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09byqfc>

It last for 13 minutes, and you might find out something interesting about St Margaret's life. According to the programme we are one of 200 churches in the UK dedicated to St Margaret of Antioch.

TRAIDCRAFT

For the next couple of weeks there will be an extra stall at the back of church with Christmas cards, wrapping paper and other Christmas items you might like to buy. Please contact me if you would like me to order anything from the catalogue. Thanks. Sharon 07555 144255.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

If your box has not been opened recently, please bring it to church over the next couple of weeks so that I can collect and pay in donations before Christmas. Please let me know if you do not have a box but would like one. Thanks. Sharon.

ADVENT RETREAT

Our neighbours St Mary's, Ilford, are arranging an Advent Retreat Day, to which they are inviting the other Ilford Anglican Churches to join them. It is on Saturday 16 December, 10.00am to 5.00pm at Pleshey Retreat House. The cost is £12.50 per person. Your own transport or lift, and a packed lunch are required. To book phone Fr Gareth on 020 8478 0546 or email garethjones@thecofe.org

THE BIG QUESTIONS THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER

The next in our series of monthly discussions about all the things we've always wanted to ask about the Christian faith will be on Thursday 30 November at 7.30pm at 110 Perth Road. The question for discussion will be -

The Bible : What, how, why?

GIFT DAY

The final total for our 2017 Gift Day which we held in October at the time of our Dedication Festival, is £6,450. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The money will go towards paying for the improvements to the church sound system. The new equipment was installed last week. Please be patient whilst we get used to working with the new equipment!

ADVENT COLLECTION

During the Sundays of Advent, beginning on 3 December, we will again be collecting items of food and clothing to support the winter homeless shelter in Ilford organised by the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army are also looking for volunteers to help with the homeless shelter; details are on the poster on the notice board.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 19 November 2017

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Barbara Haler and Jannis Abley

Setting: *Mass of St Thomas*: David Thorne

Readers: Andrea Kiso and Emile Foster

Intercessions led by Glen Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Bowen and Jenifan Balendran

THIS WEEK

No midweek services this week

NEXT SUNDAY CHRIST THE KING

Sung Eucharist at 10.30am

followed by a 'Bring and Share'
Lunch in the hall

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

John Went, Fr Philip Warner, Kevin He-naghan, Sophie Weller, Janet Potter, Nadeem Ali, Jane Surtees, Grace Martin, Peter Chambers, Ann Fox, Christobel Trumpet, Janet Edwards, Michael Romani-uk, Monica Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Avril Sangowawa

The recently departed,

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

21st: Peter Nelmes

23rd: Vernon Mott, James Bennett,

Alice Knight

24th: Dora Watson

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

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in 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: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 128

R: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
those who fear the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! **R**

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia.....

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Alleluia.....

Gospel: St Matthew 25: 14-30

Prayer over the Gifts

Bless, Lord, our worship at your table,
and grant that as your Church was born
from the pierced side of Christ on the cross,
so we may always draw holiness
from communion with his risen life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.