

## News & Events

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### THIS MORNING

We welcome back to St Margaret's this morning Bishop Peter, our Area Bishop. After the Eucharist we have 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.

### BUILDING ILFORD

An exhibition at Redbridge Central Library, Ilford charting in photos and maps 150 years of the development of Ilford town centre. Really worth seeing.

### 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](mailto: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 26 November 2017

Christ the King



## Worship & Intercessions

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### THIS MORNING

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

**Setting:** *Gathering Mass* : Paul Inwood

**Readers:** Jenny Bowen and Norma Toolsie

**Intercessions led by** Glen Thomas

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jenifan Balendran and Sharon Daughters

### THIS WEEK

**The Eucharist**

Thursday 10.30am

**(St Andrew the Apostle)**

### NEXT SUNDAY

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sung Eucharist at 10.30am**

### WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

**The sick and those in need:**

John Went, Fr Philip Warner, 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, Michael Skerritt

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

26<sup>th</sup>: Thomas Tarran

27<sup>th</sup>: James Green, Susie Hatfield, Jack Allwood

28<sup>th</sup>: Denis Flindall, William Cottee

29<sup>th</sup>: Gwendoline Walker, John Stokes Newman (*Priest*), Alfred Bush, Sydney Green

30<sup>th</sup>: Frank Vasey, William Christie, Violet Bacon, Thomas Crandell

## Welcome to St Margaret's Church

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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.

### PARISH PRIEST AND CHURCHWARDENS



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## Collect

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

## Psalm 23

**R: The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **R**

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R**

## Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every

name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia.....**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

**Alleluia.....**

## Gospel: St Matthew 25: 31-46

## Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,  
as we celebrate the sacrifice of Christ  
which has reconciled all things to you,  
we pray that your Son will bestow upon the world  
the gifts of unity and peace,  
for he is alive and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
by this holy feast  
you make us one with Christ.  
Keep us in that holy fellowship  
that we may perform those good works  
which you have prepared for us to do.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**