

News & Events

MONTHLY QUIET PRAYER MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

Each month we have a time of silent prayer in church lasting 30 minutes, from 7.00pm to 7.30pm. It is a chance to sit quietly and pray, think and reflect in an atmosphere of prayer created by those present. We conclude by saying Night Prayer (Compline) together at 7.30pm, a short service lasting about 10 minutes in which we reflect on the day now closing and ask God to protect us through the night.

ADVENT COLLECTION

During the Sundays of Advent we will again be collecting items of food and clothing to support the winter homeless shelter in Ilford organised by the Salvation Army.

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO DECK THE HALLS! WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

Helen Cansick will be putting up the church Christmas tree on Wednesday 13 December from 10am. If you fancy getting creative with baubles, then please pop along. She needs a bit of muscle too, so if you prefer heavy lifting to delicate decorating, please pop along at the start to help lift the tree into place. The whole thing usually takes 2 hours, but whatever time you can spare on Wednesday morning will be very welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

Please come and help with cleaning the church next Saturday from 10.00am in preparation for Christmas. We need help with sweeping, dusting, polishing, mopping to have the church looking at its best when we celebrate Christmas.

HOMELESS SHELTER

The night shelter at The Salvation Army is opening next week but still needs more **overnight volunteers** except on Fridays and Saturdays. Anyone who is interested should email: ilford@salvationarmy.org.uk or call 020 8478 2961.

Volunteers overnight are able to nap once guests are asleep but help with some of the health and safety checks overnight and breakfast tasks.

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

New sets of envelopes for 2018 are available in church today. If you usually use the envelopes please collect your new set. Using an envelope each week is a good way of keeping track of your regular giving to the church. If you have not used the envelopes before and would like to start, or to find out more about the scheme, please speak to me. If you would prefer to make your payment directly into the church bank account please ask me for the details. Thank you very much to everyone who has given to church funds this year in FWO envelopes, one-off envelopes, open plate collections or standing orders, your gifts provide a very important contribution towards the costs of the running St Margaret's church. *Ann Edwards.*

TRAIDCRAFT

There are still Christmas cards for sale on the stall at the back of church. You can let me know if you would like me to order anything for you. However, I will be at the Pop in on Saturday 9th December in the Salvation Army building in Ilford from 10.30 to 2.00 it would be good to see you there. Thanks. Sharon 07555 144255.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 10 December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent



Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Theodora Acolatse and Kay Adeyinka

Setting: *St Anne's Mass:* James McMillan

Readers: Kirsten Pacey and Mavis Finnie

Intercessions led by Glen Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Bowen and Jenifan Balendran

THIS WEEK

The Eucharist

Thursday 10.30am (*St John of the Cross*)

NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30am **Sung Eucharist**

4.00pm **Service of Christmas
Carols and Readings**

followed by mince pies and mulled wine

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

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 and Betty Ely

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

12th: Mary LeVoi

14th: Gertrude Harrison

16th: Florence Crandell

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

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85

**R: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia.....

Prepare a way for the Lord and make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of our God.

Alleluia.....

Gospel: St Mark I: 1-8

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept our praises;
have compassion on our human frailty,
and, since we have nothing of ourselves to offer,
let your mercy make us acceptable in your sight.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 17 December

4.00pm Service of Christmas carols and readings,
followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Sunday 24 December

10.30am Sung Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday
of Advent
4.00pm Crib service for children and families
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25 December

10.30am Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day