

News & Events

ADVENT COLLECTION

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

FINANCE NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

Our income for the month was £6,140 and expenditure was £14,493. Income included: £1,423 congregational giving; £2,233 church hall rent; £2,174 rent from Ingleby Road flats. Expenditure included: £4,347 monthly parish share payment to the diocese; £219 insurance; £368 gas and electricity; £644 hall cleaning; annual gas servicing £996; £456 hall repairs; £6,765 new sound system.

CAROL SINGING FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

The Annual Carol Singing will start outside church at 7.15pm, finishing at the vicarage at about 8.30pm with mulled wine and mince pies. Singers and collectors are needed so come along if you are able. Thanks Sharon 07555 14255.

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.*

SUNDAY EUCHARIST READING ROTA

A new rota will shortly be produced. Please speak to Fr Stephen if you would like to join it.

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

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 17 December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent



Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Jannis Abley and Barbara Haler

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

Readers: Charlotte Nielsen and Delrose Berry

Intercessions led by Glen Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenifan Balendran and Sharon Daughters

THIS WEEK

The Eucharist

Thursday 10.30am

NEXT SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30am Sung Eucharist

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:

18th: Emily Baker, Janet Gearing
20th: Beatrice James, Horace Walker
21st: William Davis, John Lovering, Cyril Banner (*Priest*), Mary Hennessey, Marie Doyland
22nd: Richard Stevens, Sylvanus Cole
23rd: Percy Bunting

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 for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ 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 61: 1-4,8-11

The servant of the LORD said: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Canticle: The Magnificat

R: My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R**

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **R**

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **R**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

My brothers and sisters, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia.....

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia.....

Gospel: St John 1: 6-8,19-28

Prayer over the Gifts

Let what we do at this table, Lord,
be a continual sacrifice of praise,
and as we proclaim the Lord's death,
accomplish your saving work among us
until his return in glory.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever
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