

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

Thank you to all who came along carol singing recently and to Father Stephen for the well deserved refreshments afterwards. I am pleased to report that £115 was donated for The Children's Society. Sharon Daughters

NEW YEAR'S DAY EUCHARIST

1 JANUARY 2018 AT 12noon

Our tradition is to hold a said Eucharist on 1 January at 12noon. In the Church Calendar 1 January is the festival of The Holy Name of Jesus. After the Eucharist there will be a glass of wine with cheese and biscuits. Please bring a piece of cheese which we can 'pool and share'. Come and begin the new year in church!

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 24 December

4.00pm Crib service
for children and families
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25 December

10.30am Sung Eucharist with carols
for Christmas Day

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 24 December 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Charlotte Nielsen and Faustina Bainbridge

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

Readers: Theodora Acolatse and Ann Edwards

Intercessions led by Fr Stephen

Eucharistic Ministers: Glen Thomas and Rosalie Field

THIS WEEK

The Eucharist

Thursday 10.30am (*The Holy Innocents*)

NEXT SUNDAY

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

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:

24th: Martin Newton

25th: Ernest Miles, Roy Gerken

27th: Christopher Tuck, Daniel Bowden

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

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in 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: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11,16

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Psalm 89

R: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages'. **R**

He will say to me 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia.....

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia.....

Gospel: St Luke 1: 26-38

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, let the Holy Spirit,
who overshadowed the blessed Virgin Mary
and made her womb fruitful,
now make our Eucharist bear abundant fruit
in the service of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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