

News & Events

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.

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.

CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOL

Students from Year 2 at Christchurch School will be visiting St Margaret's on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons this week.

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.

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.*

TRAI DCRAFT

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 3 December 2017

First Sunday of Advent



Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: John Nouchin and Ray Wood

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

Readers: Wendy Everingham and Glen Thomas

Intercessions led by Fr Stephen

Eucharistic Ministers: Glen Thomas and Rosalie Field

THIS WEEK

The Eucharist

Thursday 10.30am (*St Ambrose*)

NEXT SUNDAY

SECOND 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 Romanuk, Monica Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Avril Sangowawa

The recently departed, including, Michael Skerritt

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

3rd: Vera Rogers, Dorothy Rowe
4th: Vernon Broughton, Vera Darling, Blanche Proctor-Berry
5th: Norah Vasey
6th: Frances Bradford, Amelia Davies
7th: Grace Sheldrake, Alice Buckland, Beatrix 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

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80

**R: God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R**

God of hosts turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

May your hand be on the one you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1: 3-9

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia.....

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

Alleluia.....

Gospel: St Mark 13: 24-37

Prayer over the Gifts

Bountiful God,
we prepare your feast
with gifts chosen from among your many blessings;
let these things, uplifted in thanksgiving,
bestow on us eternal redemption.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
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