

## News & Events

### 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!

### CITIZENS UK

Following the House Groups we held at St Margaret's last autumn, and those held by the other Citizens UK member organisations in Redbridge these issues were the ones it was decided to take forward to get commitments from those who put themselves forward for election to Redbridge Council in 2018: **housing and homelessness, facilities for young people, and crime and hate crime.** The next stage is to build a plan to turn the broad problem to a specific issue. To begin this process there will be a Redbridge Research Training Meeting on **Wednesday 10 January from 18:30 to 20:00 at the Salvation Army, Clements Road, Ilford.**

If you are interested in coming to the meeting please let Jenny Bowen or Fr Stephen know. Involvement is a way in which we can shape the future of Redbridge Council and what happens in Redbridge. Members of St Margaret's congregation are involved in Citizens UK work on housing development in Redbridge; to have involvement in other areas of Citizens UK work in Redbridge will give us a wider view of the work being done by Citizens UK.

### 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.*

### 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

### JANUARY DATES

7 Sunday	Epiphany of the Lord
8 Monday	Monthly Silent prayer 7.00pm; Compline 7.30pm
18 Thursday	PCC Meeting
28 Sunday	Candlemass

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 31 December 2017

Holy Family Sunday



## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: and

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

**Readers:** Ann Rotondaro and Andrea Kiso

**Intercessions led by** Stephen Romaniuk

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sharon Daughters and Stephen Romanuik

### THIS WEEK

The Eucharist

Monday 12noon

(The Holy Name of Jesus)

Thursday 10.30am

### NEXT SUNDAY

EPIPHANY

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**

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

31<sup>st</sup>: Nellie Crofton, David Cooper, Lesley Morris

1<sup>st</sup>: Frank Linford, Albert Green

2<sup>nd</sup>: Edith Wells, Beatrice Lakin-Phillips, Gladys Still

4<sup>th</sup>: Joyce Baker, Emeline Edwards

5<sup>th</sup>: Cyril Buesden, Andrew Gearing, Dorothy Tearse

6<sup>th</sup>: Albert Coventry

## 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,  
to deliver us from the power of darkness  
your Son deigned to be born in human form  
and laid in a manger.  
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
and bring us at last to the joyful vision of his beauty;  
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

## Psalm 128

**R: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
those who fear the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life! **R**

## Second Reading:

**Hebrews 11: 8,11-12,17-19**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead - and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia.....**

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
let the message of Christ find a home within you.

**Alleluia.....**

## Gospel: St Luke 2: 22-end

## Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,  
in the Word made flesh  
you joined together heaven and earth.  
Make us holy by sharing in this table  
and make us joyful in giving you praise.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth  
the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**