

## News & Events

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 28 JANUARY

The week of observance by churches in Ilford concludes this evening with a service of Solemn Evensong at 4.00pm at St Mary's Church, High Street, Ilford.

### DRIVING TO CHURCH?

If you come to St Margaret's on Sunday by car it would be helpful if you could avoid parking next to the dropped curb. The dropped curb is useful for those in wheelchairs or who use sticks or crutches to be able to cross the road more easily to get to church.

### REFUGEE FAMILY SPONSORSHIP WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

A group of Redbridge churches and mosques are working together to put together an application to provide a safe home for a refugee family through the Home Office Community Sponsorship scheme. A team of volunteer befrienders is needed, who will welcome the family and help them settle into life in the UK. There's a Befrienders Information evening on Wednesday 31 January at 7.30pm at The Salvation Army, 15 Clements Road, IG1 1BH. Anyone interested in this project is encouraged to come along.

### PALM CROSSES AND ASH WEDNESDAY

Please return your Palm Cross from last year either next Sunday or the following Sunday. The Palm Crosses are burnt to create the ash used at the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday when we are 'ashed' - the sign of the cross is made on our forehead in ash as a sign of our penitence for our sin.

Ash Wednesday this year is on Wednesday 14 February. There will be a Eucharist with ashing at 10.30am and 7.30pm.

### BRING AND SHARE LUNCH SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

We will be having one of our 'Bring and Share' lunches in the church hall after the Sung Eucharist on 11 February. Do stay! As this will be the last Sunday before Lent begins we will be serving pancakes as a desert. Pancakes were traditionally eaten before Lent started to use up fat and lard, because during Lent people only ate simple meals. As there will be pancakes for this 'Bring and Share' lunch we are asking people just to bring food for a main course.

### CHURCH CLEANING SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 10.00am

Next Saturday is one of our Church Cleaning Saturdays. Please come along and help with dusting, polishing, mopping etc., even if you can only spare a little time. The church belongs to all of us, so we all have a responsibility to keep it clean and in good order - and worth of the worship of God.

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 28 January 2018

Candlemass



## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

**Welcome Team:** Charlotte Nielsen and Faustina Bainbridge

**Setting:** *Mass of St Thomas* David Thorne

**Readers:** Jannis Abley and Andrea Kiso

**Intercessions led by** Fr Stephen

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jenifan Balendran and Sharon Daughters

### THIS WEEK

**The Eucharist**

Thursday 10.30am

### NEXT SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.30am Sung Eucharist

### WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

**The sick and those in need:**

Kevin Henaghan, Janet Potter, Jane Surtees, Grace Martin, Peter Chambers, Ann Fox, Christobel Trumpet, Janet Edwards, Monica Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Avril Sangowawa

**The recently departed,** including, Michael Romaniuk

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

29<sup>th</sup>: Walter Jackson

31<sup>st</sup>: Frank Cain, William Warren

1<sup>st</sup>: Edward Taylor, Charles Whitten, Ivy Bartlett

2<sup>nd</sup>: Rose Abbott

3<sup>rd</sup>: Mary Bidgood, Frederick Hickey

## 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

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

## Psalm 24

**R: Who is this King of Glory? It is the Lord.**

O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the King of Glory! **R**

Who is the King of Glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R**

O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the King of Glory! **R**

Who is he, the King of Glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the King of Glory! **R**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia.....**

The light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.

**Alleluia.....**

## Gospel: St Luke 2: 22-40

### Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God,  
accept the joyful praises of your Church,  
and grant that your Son may shine in us  
as the light that lightens every nation.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Communion Song

GUARD HIM, JOSEPH

Guard him, Joseph, as he slumbers,  
there behind the stable doors.  
Let no errant sound distress him,  
tread thou softly on the floor.  
Linger, watchful, round the manger,  
Hush thy voice and still the beasts,  
For thou hast, within they keeping,  
Christ the infant Prince of Peace.

Guard him, Joseph, through the darkness,  
watching o'er him till the dawn.  
Bid the shepherds enter meekly,  
stand in wonder, gaze in awe.  
Trim thy lamp and shield thy candle,  
see they burn all through the night.  
For thou hast, within they keeping,  
Christ the everlasting light.

Guard him, Joseph, from all danger;  
keep thy vigil nigh his bed.  
Let no harm nor grief befall him,  
stand thou in a father's stead.  
When his mother's arms be weary,  
hold him gently as thine own.  
For thou hast, within thy keeping,  
God's own well beloved Son.  
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God's own well beloved Son.

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## Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**