

News & Events

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.

QUIET PRAYER EVENING

MONDAY 8 JANUARY AT 7.00pm

Our monthly half an hour of quiet in church for private prayer, reflection and thought. Ends at 7.30pm with Night Prayer (Compline), a short service for the end of the day, lasting about 10 minutes.

Three slow visitors

When Christmas is over
and New Year is past,
we three slow visitors arrive at last.

Too late for the angels
we wonder and long
for the piercing white beauty of feathery
songs.

We wandered the wastes
where the wind and the sand
whispered and shifted and re-made the
land.

And now by the Maker
of all things we stand
mysterious gifts in our trembling hands.

The gold and the incense
are all fine and good
and the myrrh has its meaning too – all
understood.

But here – at our mercy
lies God – and we shiver
just what is the gift here? And who is the
giver?

(from Jan Dean, *Wallpapering the Cat*,
Macmillan, 2003)

DECEMBER FINANCE NEWS

Our income for the month was £10,347 and expenditure was £7,020. Income included: £2,286 money in collections; £2,909 hall rent; £2,299 rent from Ingleby Road flats; £2,056 interest from investments. Expenditure included: £4,347 monthly payment to the diocese; £219 insurance; £487 gas and electricity; £374 hall cleaning.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 7 January 2018

Epiphany of the Lord



Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Ray Wood and John Nouchin

Setting: *Gathering Mass:* Paul Inwood

Readers: Norma Toolsie and Wendy Everingham

Intercessions led by Fr Stephen

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Daughters and Jenifan Balendran

THIS WEEK

The Eucharist

Thursday 10.30am

NEXT SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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, Michael Romaniuk, Monica Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Avril Sangowawa

The recently departed

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

7th: Mabel Overton, Violet Day

8th: Eric Baker, Richard Newman

9th: Richard Singleton, Eleanor Crandell, Maude Marlow, Bert Kent

10th: Alfred Johnson (*Priest*), Dorothy Leggett, Fitzherbert Haynes

11th: Rex Chartres, Leonard Stanley

12th: Albert Hashagen, Ronald Lancaster

13th: Albert Bowles, Kevin Thompson, David Seaton, Albert Crump

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

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child;
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
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: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalm 72

R: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and
the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the

rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia.....

We saw his star as it rose
and we have come to pay homage to the Lord.

Alleluia.....

Gospel: St Matthew 2: 1-12

Prayer over the Gifts

In your kindness, Lord,
look upon the gifts of your Church.
We bring no gold now,
no frankincense or myrrh,
but we celebrate the One
whose risen life these gifts proclaim:
Christ Jesus your Son,
who is alive, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men
have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.