

## News & Events

### 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.

### PALM CROSSES AND ASH WEDNESDAY

Please return your Palm Cross from last year either today if you haven't already done so. 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.

### LENT LEAFLET

Please take home with you the leaflet containing details of our activities during Lent, and keep it for reference during the coming weeks.

### JANUARY FINANCE NEWS

Our income for the month was £7,282 and expenditure was £8,081. Income included: Collections £1,420; hall rent £3,312; Ingleby Road flats rent £2,350. Expenditure included: monthly parish payment to the diocese £4,483 (new amount); Insurance £219; church hall cleaning £637; gas and electricity £565; organ tuning £230.

### AUMBRY LAMP

The white lamp that hangs in front of the ambry in the sanctuary to signify that the reserved sacrament (consecrated bread and wine from the Eucharist) is kept there, has been taken away to be slightly altered so it will burn a 7 day votive light, rather than a 24 hour votive light. The work is being done by Hayes and Finch, a firm that specialises in the repair and renovation of church furnishings. Whilst it is away it will also be cleaned and relacquered. Hopefully we will have it back for Easter.

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet Sunday 11 February 2018 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

**Welcome Team:** Theodora Acolatse and Kay Adeyinka

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

**Readers:** Delrose Berry and Kirsten Pacey

**Intercessions led by** Glen Thomas

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

### THIS WEEK

**Ash Wednesday  
Eucharist with ashing**  
10.30am and 7.30pm

### NEXT SUNDAY

**First Sunday of Lent**

**10.30am Sung Eucharist  
4.00pm Stations of the Cross**

### 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 and Adrian Haler

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

11<sup>th</sup>: Leonard Chapman, Sylvia Pugh

13<sup>th</sup>: James Fullard, Dolly Davie

14<sup>th</sup>: Mabel James

16<sup>th</sup>: William Newman (*Priest*)

17<sup>th</sup>: George Davie, Jane Arnold-Anthony

## 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,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch;  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of 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 Kings 5: 1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh

and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

## Psalm 32

**R: You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation**

Happy are those whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy are those to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt. **R**

But now I have acknowledged my sins:  
my guilt I did not hide.  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **R**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **R**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

## Gospel acclamation

**Alleluia.....**

May the Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

**Alleluia.....**

## Gospel: St Mark I: 40-45

## Prayer over the Gifts

God, our provider,  
whose word has called us  
to share in the table you have prepared;  
give to us now, we pray you,  
fitting words to sing your praise,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**