

## News & Events

### WELCOME

this morning to Lynette D'Souza who is with us once again to accompany our singing whilst Mike is away this week on holiday.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS SUNDAYS IN LENT AT 4pm

We follow the journey of Jesus from His being condemned to death by Pilate to his death and burial, stopping at each of the 14 'stations' around the walls of the church to hear the story of our Lord's last hours, to reflect and to pray. This is a quiet, often moving act of worship, lasting about 30 minutes.

### 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.

### FROM STEPHEN ROMANIUK:

Thank you for your support and help at a difficult time after my father (Michael) died recently. It is greatly appreciated, and I am extremely grateful for your kind thoughts. It is indeed an honour and a blessing to be part of a caring church with such wonderful people.

### AUMBRY LAMP

The white lamp that hangs in front of the aumbry 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 re-lacquered.

### AFTERNOON TEA SATURDAY 3 MARCH

Please come along to afternoon tea which will be held between 1.30 to 4.00. There will be tea, coffee and cake available, for donations to Traidcraft Exchange for their Hidden Entrepreneurs appeal to invest in people who need the opportunity to learn skills to turn potential into profit. All donations given to this appeal before 11 April will be matched pound for pound by the UK government. During the afternoon there will also be a couple of stalls selling fair trade goods and crafts.

*Sharon Daughters (07555 144255)*

### WATERAID

We are collecting money during Lent to support the work of WaterAid, who have written:

*We wanted to get in touch and share the incredible change your congregation's support will make possible this Lent. Your sacrifice means children won't have to give up on their dreams. The money collected in your jar will help us install taps and toilets in schools and communities across the world, ensuring children can receive the education they deserve*

*Children like Urusa, who attends a school in Badin, Pakistan where WaterAid installed taps and toilets. Urusa is a confident and passionate 12-year-old who dreams of becoming a scientist. Those dreams are closer to reality because she is now able to continue her education with access to clean water and toilets.*

*Thank you once again for supporting Jars of Change and helping children across the world achieve their full potential.*

Donations can be put in the Jar of Change at the back of church during Lent.

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

## Weekly News Sheet Sunday 18 February 2018 First Sunday of Lent



## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

**Welcome Team:** Jannis Abley and Barbara Haler

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

**Readers:** Jenny Bowen and Janet Potter

**Intercessions led by** Stephen Romaniuk

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jenifan Balendran and Jenny Bowen

### THIS WEEK

**The Eucharist**

10.30am Thursday

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Second 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:**

19<sup>th</sup>: Cecil LeVoi, Irene Hills

20<sup>th</sup>: Hugh Whitten, Lily Rose, Norah Fish

22<sup>nd</sup>: Edith Jeacock

24<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Tanter, Alan Jaggard (Priest)

## 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

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
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: Genesis 9: 8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

## Psalm 25

**R: Remember, remember your mercy, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are God my Saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
Because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

## Second Reading: I Peter 3: 18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## Gospel acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

## Gospel: St Mark 1: 9-15

## Prayer over the Gifts

Creator God,  
we pray you to fashion our lives  
in the likeness of Christ,  
whose table we share  
and of whose life we partake.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Does thinking about the Bible as a collection of books help our understanding of the Bible?**

**How have you experienced the story of God's love in your own life?**

**Some bible verses to use during the week. Read them, pray about them, listen to what God might be saying to you in them and allow them to change you.**

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. (*Psalm 33:4*)

In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I am not afraid. (*Psalm 56: 10-11*)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (*St John 3: 16*)

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. (*Psalm 36:7*)