

News & Events

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.

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.

MONTHLY SILENT PRAYER MONDAY 5 MARCH 7pm

Each month we have a 30 minute period for silent prayer and reflection in church, followed at 7.30pm by the short service of Night Prayer.

QUIZ EVENING SATURDAY 17 MARCH 7pm

We are holding a Quiz Evening on Saturday 17 March, starting at 7pm. £5 per person; bring your own food and drink. Do come along, and bring your friends to what is always a fun evening. For more information please speak to Jannis Abley.

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 25 February 2018 Second Sunday of Lent



Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Charlotte Neilsen and Faustina Bainbridge

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

Readers: Ann Edwards and Jannis Abley

Eucharistic Ministers: Glen Thomas and Rosalie Field

THIS WEEK

The Eucharist

10.30am Thursday (*St David*)

NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am **Sung Eucharist**

4.00pm **Stations of the Cross**

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Roy Young, 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:

25th: Alice Ledhams, Emily Lang

27th: Jacob Swartz

28th: Gertrude Davis, Hans Swartz,

Alan Archer

29th: Alan Hughes

1st: Edith Miles, George Haigh

2nd: Alice Pell

3rd: John Crofton, Millicent Deverill,

Hilda Heslop

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

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory,
through 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 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Psalm 116

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living**

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **R**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel acclamation

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

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

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

Gospel: St Mark 9: 2-10

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God,
teach us the wisdom of your table,
and in our sharing of your gifts
draw us closer to you
in love of one another
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have
no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Have you ever been inspired when reading the Bible? How, and by which passages?

What do you think it means to say that the Bible is the word of God?

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.

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathe into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. (Genesis 2: 7)

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live (Ezekiel 37: 14)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)