

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.

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.

FEBRUARY FINANCE NEWS

Our income for the month was £14,628; expenditure was £7,945. Income included: £1,519 giving in collections; £3,326 hall rent; £2,369 rent from Ingleby Road flats; £6,344 Gift Aid refund from HMRC; £970 investment interest. Expenditure included: £4,483 monthly payment to the diocese; £590 gas and electricity; £490 hall cleaning; £744 electrical repairs; £219 insurance; £50 hall repairs.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting is Thursday this week at 7.30pm.

WATERAID LENT APPEAL

We are collecting money during Lent to support the work of WaterAid, who are raising money to provide toilets and clean water in schools in Pakistan. Donations can be put in the Jar of Change at the back of church during Lent. You can learn more about the WaterAid Lent Appeal by watching this short video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnGtdCPIXxs

So far this Lent we have collected £98.

EASTER LILIES

Our church decorations for Easter will include a display of lilies in memory of loved ones who have died. A list of names will be placed next to the display. The lily is the traditional flower of Easter, symbolising love, hope and resurrection. We are asking for a donation of £2 for each lily which you should give to Fr Stephen together with the name(s) of the person you wish to remember by Palm Sunday at the latest.

TRAIIDCRAFT

There are new catalogues on the stall at the back of church. If you would like to place an order in time for Easter let me know by Sunday 18 March.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the tea last week to support and help. It was well attended despite the weather and I am pleased to let you know that I received donations totalling £150, (which will be £300 for Traidcraft when matched by the government).

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St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 11 March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Theodora Acolatse and Kay Adeyinka

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

Readers: Terry English and Isobel O'Neil

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenifan Balendran and Rosalie Field

THIS WEEK

The Eucharist

10.30am Thursday

NEXT SUNDAY

Fifth 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, Ann Fox, Christobel Trumpet, Janet Edwards, Monica Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Avril Sangow-awa

The recently departed, including, Adrian Haler, Peter Chambers and Sarah Shepherd

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

11th: Edith Humpherries, John Deuchar, Frances Mackenzie, Win Theakston

12th: George Green, Mia Kiso, Wilfred Chilman

15th: Steve Sparrow, Frank Butterworth

16th: Frederick Bartlett, Sarah Ramsey

17th: George MacDonald, Albert Masters

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

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
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: Numbers 21:4-9

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Psalm 137

**R: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not!**

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R**

For it was there that they
asked us, our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us', they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **R**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem,
above all my joys! **R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
God love the world so much that he gave his only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel: St John 3: 14-21

Prayer over the Gifts

With joy, O God,
we prepare the table of Christ.
Let this feast of thanks and praise
render you fitting service
and make us able to express in our lives
the reconciliation brought us in Christ,
who lives for ever and ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

To someone who knew nothing of the Bible, how would you summarise the story of the Bible in a maximum of 20 words?

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.

The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. (*Proverbs 4:18*)

The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. (*Isaiah 60: 19*)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (*St John 1:5*)

For it is the God who said: 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (*2 Corinthians 4: 6*)