

## News & Events

### PASSIONTIDE VEILING

As we move into the last two weeks of Lent, there is a change of emphasis in the season as we focus through our readings and music on Christ's suffering (passion) on the cross. From the Fifth Sunday of Lent statues are 'veiled', covered with purple cloth. It is an old Church tradition. The lack of colour or other objects to focus on in church makes us concentrate on the cross, and Christ's victory won for us there.

### 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.

### CLOCKS CHANGE

British Summer Time begins next weekend and clocks should be put one hour **forward** next Saturday evening.

### HOLY SATURDAY: CHURCH CLEANING

We need to clean and get the church ready for Easter Day on Saturday 31 March (Holy Saturday). Please try to spare a little time from 10.00am to help.

### 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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnGtdCPIXxs)

So far this Lent we have collected £157.

### 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 Afternoon Tea 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 18 March 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent



### Worship & Intercessions

#### THIS MORNING

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

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

**Readers:** Emile Foster and Delrose Berry

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Glen Thomas and Rosalie Field

#### THIS WEEK

##### The Eucharist

10.30am Thursday

#### NEXT SUNDAY

##### PALM SUNDAY

10.30am Sung Eucharist

*beginning in the church hall*

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:

18<sup>th</sup>: Maisey Evans

19<sup>th</sup>: Gertrude Buckland, Ethel Priest

20<sup>th</sup>: Stuart Brown

21<sup>st</sup>: Peter Shannon, Polly Whittingham

22<sup>nd</sup>: Doris Bruce

23<sup>rd</sup>: Amy Bennett

24<sup>th</sup>: Ivy Leverington

### 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

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
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: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## Psalm 51

**R: A pure heart create for me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you. **R**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## Gospel acclamation

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

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me,  
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

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

## Gospel: St John 12: 20-33

## Prayer over the Gifts

God, our teacher in faith,  
welcome us as we approach your table,  
and by the sacrifice of praise  
unite us in the body of Christ,  
who is alive, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**