

## News & Events

### SPIRIT OF WINDRUSH - CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTICULTURAL BRITAIN

A Service of Thanksgiving will take place in Westminster Abbey at Noon on Friday 22 June 2018. The Service will be held to mark the 70th anniversary of the docking of the MV Empire Windrush, into Tilbury Docks, which brought more than 500 Caribbean men and women who responded to an invitation to come to a country in recovery from the Second World War and in need of help from British subjects who were also Commonwealth citizens. The service will involve worship, music, carefully chosen words, lessons and prayers and will touch on the invitation, the recognising of struggle following the invitation and the creative, unique and significant contributions made by the citizens and their descendants since then. More details at: [westminster-abbey.org/worship/special-services/upcoming-special-services/2018/a-service-of-thanksgiving-to-mark-the-70th-anniversary-of-the-landing-of-the-windrush](http://westminster-abbey.org/worship/special-services/upcoming-special-services/2018/a-service-of-thanksgiving-to-mark-the-70th-anniversary-of-the-landing-of-the-windrush)

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the meeting Charles Acolatse and Gladstone Rajakulendran were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year. Eight people were elected to the PCC: Jannis Abley; Jenny Bowen; Helen Cansick; Ann Edwards; Peter Fox; Vijin Paulraj; Stephen Romaniuk; Ray Wood.

The first meeting of the new PCC is on Thursday 17 May at 7.30pm.

### SUNDAY READING ROTA

If you would like to be added to the new rota shortly to be produced, or be removed from the rota, please let Fr Stephen know.

### ST MARGARET'S MAYFAYRE SATURDAY 12 MAY

A big thank you to everyone who signed up last Sunday to help with refreshments and stalls – it was a great start! There are still plenty of different jobs and tasks that need doing, and just an hour of effort helps. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church and Jenny Bowen, Jannis Abley and Helen Cansick will be asking you to get involved if you can. But even if you can't be involved in the running of the event, everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the fun - all the money we make goes into Church funds.

We would also be very grateful for donations of the following items for stalls –

- Bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and chocolate for the tombola
- Packets of sweets, crisps, individual drink cartons for children's lucky bags
- Books
- Toys
- Toiletries

China & other household items  
They can be brought to church over the next couple of weeks or to the hall on the evening of Friday 11 May from 7pm.

On the morning of the Mayfayre, we would be grateful for home-made cakes for the refreshments and flowering branches and greenery to decorate the May Queen's carriage.

### MONTHLY SILENT PRAYER WEDNESDAY 2 MAY 7.00pm

Our monthly time of 30 minutes of silent prayer in church is on Wednesday this week at 7pm, concluding at 7.30pm with Night Prayer (Compline) - a short service for the end of the day and commending ourselves to God's safe keeping through the night.

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 29 April 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter



## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

**Welcome Team:**

**Setting:** A New People's Mass: Gregory Murray

**Readers:** Kirsten Pacey and Norma Toolsie

**Intercessions** led by Glen Thomas

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

### THIS WEEK

**The Eucharist**

Thursday 10.30am

### NEXT SUNDAY

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**10.30am Sung Eucharist**

### 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,**

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

30<sup>th</sup>: Shirley Vasey, Audrey Walker

1<sup>st</sup>: Frederick Archer

2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Goulden

3<sup>rd</sup>: Errol Mumford

4<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Eggington, Rhoderic Boyd, George Cooper, Walter Savage, Charles Williams

## 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.

### PARISH PRIEST AND CHURCHWARDENS



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## Collect

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 8: 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life

is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## Psalm 22

**R: You are my praise, O Lord,  
in the great assembly.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' **R**

## Second Reading: I John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought

to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia .....**

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

**Alleluia .....**

## Gospel: St John 15: 1-8

## Prayer over the Gifts

God, whose name we praise,  
let our hearts be set on Christ,  
and let our lives be lived in thanksgiving  
for all your blessings to us.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**