

## News & Events

### THIS MORNING

Ana França-Ferreira, the recently newly appointed Redbridge Organiser for Citizens UK is joining us this morning. Please make time to speak to Ana over coffee.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Andrea and Gladstone on the birth of their second son, Leo, on Friday.

### ISOBEL'S 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE ADVENTURE - PRIZE RAFFLE

Isobel O'Neill has been selected to represent Girl Guiding UK at the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia next year. She is fundraising over £3000 to pay for her experience, and contribute to helping scouts from less wealthy countries. She has already raised nearly £1,000 and has more planned, including a quiz evening later in the year. Alison Thomas has kindly donated two tickets worth £14 to a wonderful local concert commemorating The Great War. The event takes place at 5pm on Sunday 8 July in Harold Hill. If you would like a raffle ticket to get a chance to win, they are £1 each or £3 a strip - see Helen Cansick (as Isobel is away on preparation events for the jamboree!). There are runners-up prizes too!

### SUNDAY 1 JULY

That Sunday I shall be celebrating my 30th anniversary of ordination as a priest. Prebendary Bill Scott is coming to preach. Fr Bill is a former Chaplain to the Queen and Sub-Dean of HM Chapels Royal. I hope you will be at St Margaret's that day to celebrate with me, and stay after the Eucharist for refreshments. *Fr Stephen*

### TEA'S COMPANY

THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2.00pm - 3.30pm

The first of our monthly tea (or coffee) and chat on the last Thursday afternoon of each month, in the church. We welcome all people to come along, especially people who perhaps spend a lot of time on their own. Please come along and support, and let other people know about it - it's not just for people who attend St Margaret's, but for anyone in our local community. If you belong to social media groups please use them to advertise *Tea's Company*.

### FLY TIPPING

Please continue to report to Redbridge Council any fly tipping you see outside the church. You can do so using the 'Love Clean Streets' app, or by phoning the Council on 020 8554 5000

### WHO IS ST PAUL?

A series of presentations about St Paul on Wednesday evenings at St John's, The Broadway, Stratford. Details on a leaflet on the table at the back of church.

### ANNE MACINTOSH

Anne died last Sunday, and her funeral will be on Wednesday 4 July at 2.00pm at the City of London Crematorium. Music was one of Anne's great loves and at the end of Mass today Mike will be playing a piece Anne was particularly fond of, Einaudi's *Password*.

### SUNDAY WELCOME TEAMS

There will be a short meeting for members of the Sunday morning Welcome Teams after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 8 July. Please make a note of the date!

## St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

### Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 24 June 2018

### Birth of St John the Baptist



## Worship & Intercessions

### THIS MORNING

**Welcome Team:** Faustina Bainbridge and Charlotte Nielsen

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

Gregory Murray

**Readers:** Mavis Finnie and Ann Edwards

**Intercessions** led by Fr Stephen

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jenifan Belandran and Sharon Daughters

### THIS WEEK

**The Eucharist**

10.30am Thursday (*St Irenaeus*)

### NEXT SUNDAY

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30am Sung Eucharist

### WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

**The sick and those in need:**

Marjorie Tarran, Reema, Roy Young, Janet Potter, Jane Surtees, Grace Martin, Ann Fox, Christobel Trumpet, Janet Edwards, Monica Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Avril Sangowawa

**The recently departed,** including, Anne Macintosh

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

24<sup>th</sup>: Harold Henderson, Anthony Ellingford, Brian Pellowe, Joyce Wood  
25<sup>th</sup>: Joseph White, Susan Barrington  
26<sup>th</sup>: Francis Spring  
27<sup>th</sup>: William Tuck  
29<sup>th</sup>: Brian Mountain, Ellen Hughes, George Thompson  
30<sup>th</sup>: Geoffrey Anyia

## 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 whose providence your servant John the Baptist  
was wonderfully born,  
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour  
by the preaching of repentance:  
lead us to repent according to his preaching  
and, after his example,  
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,  
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;  
through Jesus Christ your Son 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: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## Psalm 139

**R: I thank you, Lord, for the wonder of my being.**

O Lord, you search me and you  
know me, you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you. **R**

For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation. **R**

Already you knew my soul,  
my body held no secret from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
And moulded in the depths of the earth. **R**

## Second Reading: Acts 13: 14-26

On the sabbath day Paul and his companions went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he

said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.'

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia .....**

As for you, little child, you shall  
be called a prophet of God, the Most High.  
You shall go ahead of  
the Lord to prepare his ways before him.

**Alleluia .....**

## Gospel: St Luke 1: 57-66

## Prayer over the Gifts

God, be present,  
as we come to this holy table,  
and by the sacrament we celebrate  
make us a people prepared for the Lord,  
who is alive, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,  
whose prophet John the Baptist  
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world:  
grant that we who in this sacrament have known  
your forgiveness and your life-giving love  
may ever tell of your mercy and your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**