

News & Events

ADVENT BOX OF HOPE

During Advent we will again be collecting items of food, clothing, toiletries etc. for the Redbridge Cold Weather Centre. The box to receive items will be at the back of church each Sunday of Advent.

SILENT PRAYER MONDAY 3 DECEMBER

Our monthly time of 30 minutes of silent prayer for December will be on Monday 3 December. The church is open from 7pm. Come at any time and sit anywhere in the church. We join together to say Compline (Night Prayer) at 7.30pm. *Silence is about listening. Silence frees us for listening to the Word which people, circumstances and God address to us.*

FWO ENVELOPES 2019

The new sets of Free Will Offering envelopes for next year are available in church today. If you use the envelopes for your weekly offering to the church please collect your new set. The envelope scheme is a good way to keep track of your regular giving to the church, you can use the envelopes for cash or cheques. If you would like to join the scheme or learn more about it please let me know. *Ann Edwards.*

LIVE CRIB

SS Peter & Paul Parish, 342 High Road, will be staging a "live crib" in front of the Church at 4 p.m. on Saturday 22 December. The Christmas Story will be told, sung and enacted by parishioners and animals! All welcome to come, sing and adore Him.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

St Margaret's has been asked to host an initiative of Redbridge Council to put on an event where people can find out more about the meaning of the Christian festival of Christmas. People of other faiths and none often know little or nothing about Christianity or Christian festivals and this event is aimed at helping them to discover more. Also underlying the event is an attempt to build community cohesion and understanding amongst the people of different faiths that make up our Borough. Mike Gapes, MP for Ilford South, and Cllr Jas Athwal, Leader of Redbridge Borough Council will both be attending. The event will run between 2.30pm and 4.30pm in the church.

CHURCH PRE-CHRISTMAS TIDY SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

We need as many people as possible to come to the church on Saturday morning from 10am to get the church ready for Christmas. Amongst the jobs we need to do are: decorate the Christmas tree; pick up litter from the church grounds; polish brass and silver in church; dust and sweep inside the church. Please try to put an hour or so aside to help.

ALTAR RAIL KNEELERS

The new kneelers at the High Altar are now in place, together with matching cushions on the sedilia seats in the sanctuary. They have been paid for from the money raised at this year's Gift Day in October.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet Sunday 2 December 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Ray Wood and John Nouchin
Setting: *St Anne's Mass* James MacMillan
Readers: Andrea Kiso and Ann Rotondaro
Intercessions led by Fr Stephen
Eucharistic Ministers: Jannis Abley and Rosalie Field

THIS WEEK

The Eucharist
10.30am Thursday (*St Nicholas*)

NEXT SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30am Sung Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:
Loraine Arnold, baby Blake, Derek Brind, Dave Ellett, Marjorie Tarran, Reema, Roy Young, Jane Surtees, Grace Martin, Ann Fox, Christobel Trumpet, Janet Edwards, Monica Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Avril Sangowawa

The recently departed,

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:
3rd: Vera Rogers, Dorothy Rowe
4th: Vernon Broughton, Vera Darling, Blanche Proctor-Berry
5th: Norah Vasey
6th: Frances Bradford, Amelia Davies
7th: Grace Sheldrake, Alice Buckland, Beatrice Bunting

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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Rorate Coeli

The Rorate Coeli, or Advent Prose, is frequently sung at Mass during Advent. It is based on the words of Isaiah 45 verse 8. It gives expression to the longings of Patriarchs and Prophets, and symbolically of the Church, for the coming of the Messiah.

Antiphon:

**Come, saviour, come like dew on the grass;
break through the clouds like gentle rain.**

Be angry, Lord, no more with us;
remember no longer our transgression.
See the City of God laid waste and desolate:
Zion is turned to wilderness,
Jerusalem, ravaged and ruined,
your dwelling place and the Holy of holies,
the house of your glory: silent are those voices now
that once proclaimed your praise. **A**

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Psalm 25

R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me;
for you are God my Saviour. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R**

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia

Gospel: St Luke 21: 25-36

Prayer over the Gifts

Bountiful God,
we prepare your feast
with gifts chosen from among your many blessings;
let these things, uplifted in thanksgiving,
bestow on us eternal redemption.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ADVENT

The Season of Advent begins today (2 December). It marks the beginning of a new Church Year, and lasts for four Sundays - as the four purple candles on the Advent Ring remind us. Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in His birth at Bethlehem, and also looks ahead to His final advent as judge at the end of time.

The liturgical colour for Advent is purple. The church is not decorated with flowers, and at the Eucharist the Gloria is not said or sung.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST READERS ROTA

It will soon be time to produce a new rota. If you would like to join the readers rota, or come off the rota, or know more, please speak to Fr Stephen