

News & Events

PALM CROSSES

Please bring back to church your Palm Cross from last Palm Sunday. The crosses are then burnt, and the ash produced is used on Ash Wednesday for the ashing (making the sign of the cross in ash on our forehead as a sign of penitence) during the Eucharist.

Ash Wednesday this year is 6 March. There will be a Eucharist at 10.30am and 7.30pm.

TRADCRAFT UPDATE

I recently attended a Traidcraft workshop to get the latest news. Traidcraft staff has been reduced from 67 to 12 and their large warehouse sold. However the company intends to continue with the same ethics as before but on a reduced scale. When the company was at risk of closure last year, a business plan was written and then reviewed by experts to check it's feasibility. They are going to continue focusing mainly on Traidcraft products but have products from guest companies such as Divine and Cafe Direct. They are going to have fewer crafts for sale but even these are to be bought from other companies rather than direct from the producers. The producers were in a lot of cases introduced to the companies by Traidcraft. The more we can support Traidcraft by buying from them the more it will help to grow the business again, so please come along to the Big Brew. Thanks.

Sharon Daughters

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TEA'S COMPANY

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and slice of cake. A chance to meet with others and make new friends. 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the church.

MONTHLY SILENT PRAYER

MONDAY 4 MARCH

30 minutes of silent prayer in church from 7.00pm, concluding with the short evening service of Night Prayer (Compline) at 7.30pm. *Prayer is not just quiet time; it is an invitation to grow. We begin to find God where we could not see God before.* (Joan Chittister)

Other 2019 dates: Mondays 1 April; 3 June; 1 July; 5 August; 2 September; 7 October; 4 November; 2 December.

CHURCH CLEANING

SATURDAY 2 MARCH

The next Saturday for cleaning the church will be 2 March. Please come along and help if you can, from 10.00am, to keep our church looking clean and well cared for, as is appropriate for a place set aside for the worship of God.

BIG BREW

SATURDAY 9 MARCH

Fairtrade fortnight is 25 February to 10 March, so to mark this there is to be a Big Brew in church on Saturday 9 March from 2pm - 4pm. There will be fair trade tea, coffee and homemade cake to enjoy, also fair trade groceries for sale (and Traidcraft need the orders more than ever). Donations will be sent to Traidcraft Exchange who especially need the extra funds to help producers following the reduction of orders from Traidcraft sales.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 24 February 2019

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team:

Faustina Bainbridge and Yvonne Thomas

Mass Setting:

A New People's Mass Gregory Murray

Readers:

Pat Kennedy and Kirsten Pacey

Intercessions led by Stephen Romaniuk

Eucharistic Ministers:

Stephen Romaniuk and Jenny Bowen

THIS WEEK

Thursday Eucharist 10.30am

NEXT SUNDAY

**EIGHTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

10.30am Sung Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Lorraine Arnold, Janet Edwards, Anne Fox, Grace Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Hemendra Rai, Reema, Avril Sangowawa, Matilda Sikder, Marjorie Tarran, Christobel Trumpet

The recently departed,

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

24th: Joseph Tanter, Alan Jaggard (*Priest*)

25th: Alice Ledhams, Emily Lang

27th: Jacob Swartz

28th: Gertrude Davis, Hans Swartz,

Alan Archer

29th: Alan Hughes

1st: Edith Miles, George Haigh

2nd: Alice Pell

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,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in 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: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 103

R: The Lord is compassion, compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love.
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R**

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

Someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia

Gospel: St Luke 6: 27-38

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our peace,
as we bring gifts to prepare your table,
reconcile us to one another
and unite us in your service and praise.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.