

News & Events

LENT

Lent is the season in the Church Year to prepare us for the celebration of Easter. It lasts 40 days - the number of days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Day, excluding Sundays. The introduction to the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday reminds us of the ways we keep a holy Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter: self-examination and repentance; prayer; fasting and self-denial; reading and meditating on God's holy word.

During Lent there are no flowers or banners in church to give a sense of celebration when colour and decoration returns at Easter. At the Eucharist neither the Gloria or Alleluia are said or sung. The liturgical colour of the season (the colour of the vestments and altar frontal) is purple.

MONDAY EUCHARIST IN LENT

As part of our observance of Lent (see above!) there will be a said Eucharist on Monday evening at 7.30pm at which Fr Mark will give a short talk about prayer. The Eucharist and talk together will last about 45 minutes. The themes are:
Monday 11 March: Prayer and meditation
Monday 18 March: Prayer and the body
Monday 25 March: Prayer and scripture
Thursday 4 April: Prayer and the Eucharist

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our APCM this year is on Sunday 7 April, after the Sung Eucharist. The meeting elects Churchwardens and PCC members for the coming year, and receives the accounts and reports on the life of the parish for the past year.

FEBRUARY FINANCE

Our income in February was £12,896 and expenditure was £7,088. Income included: £1,216 from church collections; £3,760 hall rents; £2,216 rents from Ingleby Road flats; £4,576 tax refund on gift aided donations; £1,048 interest from investments. Expenditure included: £4,560 monthly payment to the diocese; £225 insurance; £512 gas and electricity; £449 hall cleaning.

PHOTOS

Peter Haler is updating, and adding to the photo gallery at the back of church showing members of our congregation. The photos show the diversity of our congregation - and also allows us to know one another's name! Please allow Peter to take your picture if he asks.

ELECTORAL ROLL

In 2019 we need to complete a totally new Church Electoral Roll. It is basically a list of the congregation. Thank you if you have already completed and returned a form. If you haven't done so please bring your form back in the next couple of weeks.

MARJORIE TARRAN

Marjorie died in the early hours of Friday morning (8 March) at Seabrook Manor Care Home, where she has been a resident for the past 4 or so years. She was for many years sacristan at St Margaret's (the person who prepares and looks after church linen, vestments and vessels), and was one of the people who established the annual Mayfayre. Her Funeral Mass will be at St Margaret's; date and time to be arranged.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 10 March 2019

First Sunday of Lent

Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team:

Dorish Thason and Vijin Paulraj

Mass Setting:

St Anne's Mass James Macmillan

Readers: Jannis Abley and Jake Bainbridge

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ruby Hughes and Sharon Daughters

THIS WEEK

Monday

Eucharist with talk on prayer 7.30pm

Thursday

Eucharist 10.30am

NEXT SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30am Sung Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Janet Edwards, Anne Fox, Grace Martin, Joergen Nielsen, Hemendra Rai, Reema, Avril Sangowawa, Christobel Trumpet

The recently departed, including, Marjorie Tarran,

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

10th: Raymond Pugh, Mary Herbert
11th: Edith Humpherries, John Deuchar, Frances Mackenzie, Win Theakston
12th: George Green, Mia Kiso, Wilfred Chilman
15th: Steve Sparrow, Frank Butterworth
16th: Frederick Bartlett, Sarah Ramsey, Renee Smith

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

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
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: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall

celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91

R: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty,
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R**

They shall bear you upon their hands
least you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Gospel: St Luke 4: 1-13

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator God,
we pray you to fashion our lives
in the likeness of Christ,
whose table we share
and of whose life we partake.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.