

News & Events

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.

LENT

The season of Lent begins this week, on **Ash Wednesday** this year is 6 March. There will be a Eucharist with ashing (making the sign of the cross in ash on our forehead as a sign of penitence) at 10.30am and 7.30pm.

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.

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. Please come to support if you can.

Sharon Daughters 07555 144255

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.

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St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 3 March 2019

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team:

Ray Wood and John Nouchin

Mass Setting:

A New People's Mass Gregory Murray

Readers: Janet Potter and Jenny Bowen

Intercessions led by Vijin Paulraj

Eucharistic Ministers:

Rosalie Field and Jenny Bowen

THIS WEEK

Monday

Silent Prayer 7.00pm; Compline 7.30pm

Ash Wednesday

Eucharist with Ashing 10.30am and 7.30pm

NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST 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, Marjorie Tarran, Christobel Trumpet

The recently departed,

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

3rd: John Crofton, Millicent Deverill,

Hilda Heslop

4th: William Haynes

5th: Frederick White

6th: Sidney George, Beryl Horton, Philip Moxon, Charles Gearing

7th: Mabel Falle

9th: Donald Kingston

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

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
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: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so do a person's faults when he speaks. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; so the test of a person is in his conversation. Its fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so a person's speech discloses the cultivation of his mind. Do not praise anyone before he speaks, for this is the way people are tested.

Psalm 92

**R: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord,
to give you thanks, O Lord**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God. **R**

Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
they will proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15: 51-58

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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

Alleluia

Gospel: St Luke 6: 39-49

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our provider,
whose word has called us
to share in the table you have prepared;
give to us now, we pray you,
fitting words to sing your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years the Church Electoral Roll has to be renewed. This year (2019) is one of the years when we have to produce a totally new Electoral Roll.

The Church Electoral Roll is basically a list of the congregation. The 'electoral' bit refers to the fact that people on the Church Electoral Roll can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the election of Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council. To have your name on the Electoral Roll you have to be aged 16 or above (or be 16 in the coming 12 months); to have been baptised; to be a member of the Church of England, or a Church in communion with the Church of England or a Church that subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

The Electoral Roll Officer at St Margaret's is Sharon Daughters, and she can help you fill in the form if necessary or answer your questions. Please complete and return a form as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday 17 March. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St Margaret's will be on Sunday 7 April in the church hall after the Sung Eucharist.

TRAIIDCRAFT 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. *Sharon Daughters*