

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford
Weekly News Sheet
Sunday 17th of November
2nd Sunday before Advent



We hope you enjoy worshipping with us or visiting us. If you are here for the first time or visiting from another church, please introduce yourself. You will find all you need for the service using this sheet, the service booklet and the hymn book. The hymns are on the board at the front or will be announced.

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Worship and Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team: Faustina Bainbridge

Mass setting: Thorne

Cantor: Janet Potter

Readers: Norma Toolsie & Jannis Abley

Intercessions: Yvonne Thomas

Eucharistic minister: Lucas Bainbridge

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Geoff Allen, Delrose Berry, Francis Chitolie, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Lenore Hinds, Jenifer Motley, Keethan Ranjan Ponuthurai, Janet Potter, Amol Rego, Caroline Campbell, Shruti Sriram, Nathalie Wallace, Kathy Wicks

NEXT SUNDAY

Christ the King

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Those whose anniversaries of death

fall this week: Margaret Henderson, Joyce Winifred Cook, Patricia Rosemary Chambers, John Willingale, Mary Hammond, Edith Cole, Betty Lake, Lesley Chartres

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 19, 126, 580, 340

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Psalm 15

R: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and my cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I will keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

O Lord, you will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds’, he also adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

Communion song: *Those who were in the dark*, Willett/Kingsbury

Post Communion Prayer: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Recessional: *Marche Religieuse*, W.A. Mozart

Extra Notices:

Advent Discussion Groups: The Vine, Ilford Methodist and St Luke's Churches are together holding discussion groups on Poverty in Ilford on Tuesday afternoons from 26 Nov to 17 Dec. Details, including the theme and speakers for each week, are on the poster at the back of church.

Redbridge Citizens: Redbridge Council are consulting the public on their housing and homelessness strategy 2024-2029. Make sure that your voice is heard: <https://engage.redbridge.gov.uk/hrss/surveys/homelessness-and-rough-sleeping-survey-individual>

News and Notices for this week

We welcome Father Christopher Owens to preach at the Parish Eucharist this morning. We are grateful for his time and support during the parish vacancy.

Redbridge Citizens House Meetings: St Margaret's will be holding a house meeting on Thursday 21 November, 7-8pm, kindly hosted by Charles and Theodora. What's it all about? TELCO, which is the East London chapter of Citizens UK, is asking all its member institutions - of which we are one - to hold a house meeting. We want to hear your stories about what affects you, your family or friends on one or more of TELCO's 5 campaign themes. As you may know, St Margaret's is currently involved with the Housing & Homelessness campaign. Maybe you have stories to share on temporary accommodation, rogue landlords, bad repairs, cost of housing etc. This will help us reinforce our campaign. The other campaigns are Work & Wages, Health, Migration Justice and there is a Young Citizens Action Group to get involved with. Maybe you would like to find out more about what Citizens is doing in these areas and have your own stories to tell. Maybe St Margaret's could get more involved. The meeting is open to anyone. Please speak to me if you are interested or would like more information. Jenny (07384 361857)

PCC Meeting: the main decisions made at the meeting were; 1) to waive our right to a discount by paying our Parish Share by direct debit on request of the Deanery for Parishes to pay more and help those struggling, 2) for PCC members who complete both safeguarding training courses, including Safer Recruitment, 3) For our Advent and Christmas Charities, we will raise money for The Welcome Project which offers support and services to homeless people in Ilford and collect food items for the Redbridge Foodbank (a list will be shared next week), 4) We will contact the company who installed the church lighting to come and provide a proposal for maintenance and improvements. Please also note that the **Quinquennial Inspection** has been delayed by two weeks due to unforeseen circumstances.

National Safeguarding Day: Today is Safeguarding Sunday, recognised by churches across the UK. It's a day to raise awareness of safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people. It's tragically ironic that this comes just a few days after the Archbishop of Canterbury resigned following the Makin Report which exposed the conspiracy of silence about the horrific abuses by John Smyth. We discussed safeguarding at length on Monday at the PCC and will give a fuller update about what steps the PCC is taking to keep everyone safe.

Christmas Cards & Chocolate: if you haven't already, have a look at the fairtrade stall at the back of church. Thanks Sharon 07555 144255

Tea's Company: The next Tea's Company will be on Thursday 21st November from 2pm to 3.30pm, please come along and bring friends and neighbours for tea, cake and lots of chat. Sharon 07555 144255