

News and Notices for this week

Tea's Company

Our next regular tea afternoon will be on Thursday 24 March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Please come along and support if you can and let others know about it. It is an event for anyone in our local community. There will be tea and home made cake and definitely plenty of chat. Sharon 07555 144255

Welcome service for the Bishop of Barking

There is a service to welcome Bishop Lynne as the new Bishop of Barking on Tuesday 29 March at 7.30pm at St Paul, Goodmayes. The service will be non-Eucharistic. Bishop Lynne will preach, and afterwards answer questions, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend, but we need to give numbers. If you would like to go, please give your name to Fr Tom this Sunday at the latest.

Children's Society

The Children's Society have sent a letter of thanks for the £343 we sent to them last year from people in our congregation who are box holders., money which will be used to help vulnerable children and young people, and children who feel scared, unloved and like they simply don't matter. Box holders are people who have a box to collect money at home during the year to support the work of the Children's Society. Sharon Daughters is our parish Children's Society rep., and she would be delighted to talk to anyone who would like to be a box holder. You can find out more about the work of the Children's Society on the web site: www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Redbridge Citizens

The venue for the pre-local election Accountability Assembly, where the final 'asks' from the listening campaigns in all the member institutions will be put to the local party leaders, has been confirmed. The Assembly will take place at Mayespark Primary School, Goodmayes Lane, IG3 9PX, 6.30 – 8pm, Thursday 31 March. Everyone is welcome to attend. Do come along if you can, to see how the parties plan to address the concerns of Redbridge residents. The school is accessible by public transport or car and it would be good if people could travel together in groups. Please let Jenny or Fr Tom know if you are interested in going.

Fuel costs

The company who provided gas and electricity for the church and church hall is one of those that has recently gone into liquidation, and we have been moved to a 'supplier of last resort'. It is estimated that this will lead to a **400% increase** in what we pay for fuel in the coming year.

British Summer Time

British Summer Time begins next Sunday. Remember to put your clocks **forward one hour** when you go to bed on Saturday evening.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 20 March 2022

Third Sunday of Lent



Welcome to St Margaret's Church

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us or visiting us. If you are here for the first time please or visiting from another church, please introduce yourself.

Keep in touch with us by visiting our web site: stmargaretilford.org.uk

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Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team:

Jannis Abley and Barbara Haler

Mass setting:

St Anne's Mass - James Macmillan

Cantor:

Andrea Kiso

Readers:

Latisha Adelekan and Jannis Abley

Intercessions

led by Yvonne Thomas

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.30am Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30am Parish Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Delrose Berry, Tina Bird and her family, Peter Cansick, Francis Chitolie, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, David Frostick, Lenore Hinds, Christiana Kenny, Gill King, Karen Lahiff, John Marney, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Janet Potter, Teresa and Phil Skinner. Rosa Suspiro, Christobel Trumpet

The recently departed:

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

20th: Stuart Brown

21st: Peter Shannon, Polly Whittingham

22nd: Doris Bruce

23rd: Amy Bennett

24th: Ivy Leverington

25th: Henry Edmondson, John Perry

26th: Ellen Edmondson, Gladys Kingston,

Mabel Robinson

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
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: Isaiah 55: 1-9

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 103

R: The Lord is 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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love.
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the

ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Gospel Reading: St Luke 13: 1-9

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,
as we come to your table,
reconcile us to one another,
that our communion in Christ
may truly give you praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Communion Song: Beauty for brokenness
(Hymn 60 in the hymn book)

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.