

News and Notices for this week

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.

Community Energy Champion

Vine Church has been awarded a grant from London Community Energy Fund which included some money to run training for volunteer "Energy Champions" who will then run "Energy cafes" in venues in south Ilford to give advice to people struggling with fuel bills both on how they can change tariff but also how they can save energy in the home. We are looking for people who would be willing to commit a small amount of time to being part of the project once they are trained. They would be supported by an experienced energy adviser from Transition Ilford. There will be an initial "in person" day at Vine on 7 May, followed by some shorter online sessions and ending again in person at Vine on 2 July. Afterwards, Sobia, an experienced energy adviser from Transition Ilford, will support your participants to run Energy cafes. You can register at this link: www.transitionilford.org/community-energy.

Lent Charity

Please remember our Lent Charity for this year - Young Minds, a charity which provides young people with the tools to look after their mental health.

Their purpose is: To stop young people's mental health reaching crisis point

Their vision is: A world where no young person feels alone with their mental health

Their mission is: To make sure all young people can get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

There is a yellow bucket at the back of church for your contributions. You will need to put cash contributions into the bucket for them to go to the Lent charity - on this occasion, don't use the contactless machine.

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 27 March 2022

Fourth 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: Faustina Bainbridge

Mass setting:

St Anne's Mass - James Macmillan

Cantor: Terry English

Readers:

Janet Potter and Jenny Bowen

Intercessions led by Kay Adeyinka

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.30am Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

FIFTH 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:

23rd: Jacira Mendes

28th: Margaret Cooper

31st: Marie Stockwell

1st: George Stiff, Alice Pharoah,

Donald Sommerville

Collect

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through 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: Joshua 5: 9-12

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, the LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 34

R: Taste, O taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Gospel Reading: St Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Prayer over the Gifts

With joy, O God,
we prepare the table of Christ.
Let this feast of thanks and praise
render you fitting service
and make us able to express in our lives
the reconciliation brought us in Christ,
who lives for ever and ever.

Amen.

Communion Song:

You are mine (Do not be afraid, I am with you)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure

the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.