



This week at

St Margaret's

Stanford-le Hope

Welcome to our service of morning worship, led by Kathleen Bienvenu and Rev Tom Rout. We hope you enjoy the service – please stay for a coffee afterwards!



Services This Week

- **Sunday** service of Holy Communion 10:15am (1 hour)
- **Thursday** lunchtime communion service 11:30 (30 minutes)

Sunday School – some practicalities

Primary School aged children are invited to go out (accompanied by a parent) part way through for Sunday School. For everyone's safety, the hall door will be locked during Sunday School time. If you need the toilet at this time, please ring the doorbell in the porch as you leave the church, which will sound in the hall. A leader will meet you at the hall door to let you in!

Baby and young toddler area

We have a special area for babies and toddlers, with buggy parking and seats nearby for their parents and older siblings. There is also a nice **chillout room** at the back for parents who need somewhere to take their restless toddler.



Coming Up Soon

Next PCC meeting is tomorrow at 7pm in the church.

NEXT SUNDAY – Harvest Sunday. Please bring tinned or dry foods to donate to Thurrock Food Bank, as we thank God for his good gifts to us in creation.

Baptism service provisionally Sunday 11th October. Speak to Tom if you are thinking of getting baptised to begin a new life in Christ.

Mosaic Concert – Sat 17th October 7pm a special concert held in church marking 30 years of Mosaic singers. Entry by donation. All proceeds go to our church roof repair fund.

Annual memorial service Sunday 8th November 4pm - for those who have lost loved ones in recent times.

Shared lunch Sunday 15th November. Geoff + Caroline Shave from mission organisation Agapé will be helping us think about how to make the most of Christmas. Shared lunch in the hall after the morning service. **Save the date!**



Christian discipleship pathway Tuesdays 7-8.30pm

 Continues this Tuesday, 7-8:30pm in the hall, focusing on God the Father, who he really is and the difference that it makes knowing he's in charge. Come along, as we try a more informal style of delivery going forward.



visit stmargaretschurch.co.uk to find out about regular midweek groups

Pointers for Prayer for the coming week

Monday – Open Doors have asked us to pray for the Lord to do a miracle to end ten years of conflict in the Central African Republic.

Tuesday – Pray for the families coming to Tuesday Tots this morning and for the Christian discipleship pathway this evening, that we will find it helpful in transforming our lives to greater Christ-likeness.

Wednesday – Pray for your relationship with your neighbours, and for opportunities to share your faith or to invite them to a service / event at church

Thursday – Pray for the Open the Book team, going into Stanford-le-Hope primary school each week to tell a story from the Bible through drama.

Friday – pray for Fuse - the new connected youth work that is starting across Stanford-le-Hope and Corringham. Pray especially for the Friday night Fuse we are supporting (at the Gateway People's Centre on the High St)

Saturday – As we celebrate Harvest Sunday tomorrow and thank God for his gifts in creation, pray that as Christians full of the Spirit of Christ, we will take pleasure in sharing what we have with one another and with all in need.



Giving

God calls us to look beyond this passing age and invest in a kingdom that will last *forever*. This involves supporting the work of a local church that spreads the word about Jesus. Our treasurer Lynne Foster can help you set up regular giving via the Parish Giving Scheme, which reclaims gift aid for us, increasing the value of your giving by 25%! Speak to Lynne for more information.



Safeguarding

St Margaret's Church PCC is committed to the safety and welfare of all its members. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please speak to the vicar or churchwarden or email stmargarets.pso@gmail.com Our safeguarding policy can be viewed at: stmargaretschurch.co.uk



Contact Us

Office  smarg4god@aol.com  01375 672216

Rev Tom Rout (Pastoral)  tom@smarg4god.org |  01375 672715

Churchwarden: Ed Kearney  07584 020500