



This week at St Margaret's Stanford-le Hope

Welcome to our Harvest Sunday service, with a renewal of wedding vows for a very special couple! The service is led by Ryan Wilkinson and Rev Tom Rout.

We hope you enjoy the service – please stay for a coffee afterwards!



Services This Week

- **Sunday** service of morning worship 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

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

Stay Scam Safe! Wednesday 14th October 2pm in the hall Julie Harding will explain how scammers operate and how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud!

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!**



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Christian discipleship pathway Tuesdays 7-8.30pm

1 Continues this Tuesday, 7-8:30pm in the hall, focusing on the second person of the Trinity: who Jesus is and what it means for him to be 'Lord'. Come along, as we try a more informal style of delivery going forward.

Pointers for Prayer for the coming week

Monday – Thank God for our Harvest Sunday and pray that those who receive food from the Food Bank will know God's goodness and care for them.

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 – Open Doors ask us to pray for Cuba, for God's provision for humanitarian needs, for more Bibles to be available and for wisdom and encouragement for church leaders who come under gov't surveillance.

Thursday – Pray for all those working hard to build up our church, whether the new iKnowChurch management system and IT, the grounds and buildings, or groups for fellowship and discipleship. Pray also for Thurrock deanery synod members, currently able to vote for representatives to the CofE's General Synod. Check out this encouraging video [here](#)

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 – Pray for young people considering options post 16 or post 18 and making applications for Further or Higher education, or going into apprenticeships or work, may they know God has a good plan for their lives!

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

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