



This week at St Margaret's Stanford-le Hope

*Welcome to our service of morning worship, with thanksgiving for baby Aurelia Wilkinson. The service is led by Denise Wenn 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 - parents are invited to take their primary school aged children out part way through the service to our Sunday School activities. The leaders will bring the children back in time for the final hymn.

Opportunities Please speak to Tom if you are interested in either of the following: we need a couple of people who can occasionally assist in **winding the tower clock**. Also Hope UK are a Christian charity looking for the right people to work as **volunteer drug educators**, helping young people live fulfilled drug-free lives. More info on the notice board, or speak to Tom.

Safeguarding Survey

Chelmsford Diocese would like us to take part in a survey as part of an audit of Safeguarding awareness and provision in parish churches. Please use the QR code displayed on the screen before the service if you want to take part.

Congratulations to Marjorie Burt who celebrated her 95th birthday this week! Happy Birthday and thank you for giving the church such amazing flower displays to mark the special occasion. God bless you, Marjorie!



Coming Up Soon

Remembrance Sunday service 8th Nov – 10:45 start on The Green with uniformed organisations & local schools participating (no service in church)

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!**



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

Christian discipleship pathway Tuesdays 7-8.30pm

1 Continues this Tuesday, 7-8:30pm in the hall, focusing on the fact and meaning of Christ's *resurrection*. Come along, give it a try! Previous sessions are available on Youtube if you want to see what they are like... search Youtube for **stmargs1183**

Pointers for Prayer for the coming week

Monday – The Christian Institute have a 'week of prayer' this week with various topics concerning public life in the UK. For more info and prayer points visit www.christian.org.uk/resource/week-of-prayer-autumn-2026/

Tuesday – Pray for the important Deanery Synod at Tilbury this evening where Bishop Adam and Archdeacon Sue will be sharing plans for the deanery. Pray also for the Christian discipleship pathway continuing this evening.

Wednesday – Open Doors ask us to pray that God makes a way for the people of Mali to live in peace and security, and that Christians will enjoy the freedom to worship without fear of attack from hostile religious militia groups

Thursday – Our parish patrons, CPAS, ask us to pray for licensing services taking place in their patronage parishes this autumn, and that new clergy will help these churches become flourishing Christian communities.

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 our local schools, some begin a 2 week half term today, while others have one more week before they break up. Thank God for the contacts that we have with local schools and pray for further opportunities to support and educate young people in the Christian faith as God allows.

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 good news 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. Thank you!

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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