



# THE BULLETIN

keeping you informed and up to date with activities and developments  
at St Margaret's Church, Leigh on Sea.

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## Church Services in April

**Easter Day April 1st**  
**05.30** The Dawn Vigil Mass  
followed by  
Parish Breakfast.  
**10.00** Combined Service  
Sung Easter Mass.

All other services as  
advertised



## Social Events in April

**31st March- A BIG Church**  
cleaning session in readiness for  
Easter 9.30 am  
Refreshments provided.

**8th - Communita 4.30pm**

**14th - 7.30 pm Yardham Folk**  
Orchestra Concert 'Music to your  
Ears'. Tickets £7 adults £3 Children  
Refreshments will be served in the  
interval.

## DON'T FORGET

7th May -

## May Day Fair



**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Monday April 16th. 1.45 for 2pm  
in the Hall

We are pleased to welcome  
Her Worship,

the Mayor of Southend,

our friend Fay Evans,

who is coming to tell  
of her time as Mayor

and the duties she performs.

This is a Mothers' Union meeting  
to which we warmly welcome

any members of the congregation  
and their friends

to what promises to be  
a very interesting talk.

If you are interested in joining MU,  
please contact Sheila 554044 or  
Angela 477126



## THE CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Our April meeting will be on **Tuesday**  
**3rd April at St Mary's Church South**  
**Benfleet 7.30pm** for Mass. It is  
informal and very friendly. Everyone is  
invited, whether or not a member. If  
you require any further information,  
please contact me by telephone (01702  
216401) or by email  
(K2phf@blueyonder.co.uk). Peter Fisher



In April we are specifically collecting Long Life Fruit Juices

individually wrapped cakes and chocolate biscuits, and Potato snacks.



Donations of other items are always welcome, you do not have to stick to our suggestions for each month. We have simply done this to make sure all the needs of HARP are covered over the year.

### Youth Club

Tuesday, 13 February 2018 saw St Margaret's open its doors once again to children, from the church and local community, to host yet another youth club. Over 30 children attended, aged between 5 and 15 years of age. Everyone was greeted with a friendly smile from Jenny Davey, which at ease put those children who had a little trepidation about leaving parents. The children had a host of activities from playing pool or snooker, on our newly acquired snooker table, to table tennis. I don't know who enjoyed the pool more, the teenagers or Michael Bridge and Claire Fraser! In room 2, the children could enjoy playing on the Wii or just chilling out watching friends. Our younger children enjoyed crafts with Lorrina and Michelle, while Emma and Izzy enjoyed all the board games that were on offer with their friends. Upstairs the children could let off

steam with a game of football or badminton. Noah had the smaller children playing ten pin bowling on the stage and Fr David gave all the children the wealth of his knowledge of bowling, ably assisted by Shelia. As it was Shrove Tuesday, in the kitchen we had Julia cooking up a storm and keeping children, and helpers, supplied with pancakes all through the two hour session. Yum Yum! Ann Fisher kept everyone well stocked with tea, coffee and squash and once again was a dab hand at washing up. For those with room after Julia's delicious pancakes, there were plenty of sweets and cookies to munch on. Everywhere you looked you could see smiles and laughter from the youngsters and helpers alike. We even had a small table of mums who could not bear to leave the fun or was it just the pancakes? To everyone who helped in any way, shape or form, whether in the background or setting up or on the day, a huge thanks. It's the team effort that made the youth club so successful and so much fun. St Margaret's looks forward to the next one on **Thursday, 12 April 2018.**

**Ann Rowson**

### Significant Days in April



**23rd - St George  
Patron Saint of  
England**

**25th - St Mark the Evangelist**

## Our Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

### Day 4 - A travelling day

On this day we left the peace and tranquillity of the Sea of Galilee for the bustle and tensions of Jerusalem, but we didn't go straight there. After a good hour or more on the coach travelling along the Jordon Valley we reached the Dead Sea. Here some of



our younger and more hardy pilgrims floated in the salty waters of the Dead Sea and covered themselves in the salt mud. Bob and I were content to watch and take refreshment in 'the Lowest Bar in the World' being 430.5 metres (1,412 ft) below sea level (one wit from Canvey Parish said he had been in 'lower' bars on Canvey Island!). From there we drove to Qumran to see the cave where the Dead Sea Scrolls had been found. It was while we were travelling to Qumran that we saw a shepherd with his sheep. In Israel the shepherd really does lead his sheep and they follow behind in the flock. Another piece of the Bible was brought to life.

Qumran was fascinating and especially tantalising, as they suspect the sect that produced these scrolls had disappeared taking with them the Torah (the first 5 books of the Old Testament) which has yet to be discovered. We were shown the Scroll cave and the excavations of the houses

where the sect had lived. A puzzle still being investigated. Lunch was taken at the Qumran Centre and consisted of delicious stuffed Pita breads.

From here we drove to Masada where we ascended by cable car to the fortress at the top. It was very hot up there; Bob's watch registered 38C (100.4F) We were taken on a whistle stop tour of the fortress in searing heat, just managing to get a flavour of the old buildings and the history of the place. It was rather sobering to think of all the people who had died up on the plateau, and the ramp built to invade the plateau is still clearly visible. Back in the air-conditioned coach we continued on to Jericho.

To be honest I can't remember much about Jericho except there was a camel for rides if you wanted one. I had just received a phone call to say my mother had been taken ill with a suspected heart attack. On returning to the coach Fr David led prayers for her and I cannot tell you how comforting it was to receive the concern and affection from fellow pilgrims, most of whom we had only met for the first time 4 days before. (Happily it was a false alarm!)

The coach then took us to Jerusalem, which on first impressions looked very crowded and rather dirty. However our hotel was new and very comfortable and after showers and unpacking we all sat down to a most delicious dinner chosen from one of the most extensive buffets

I have ever seen, in a dining room full of Pilgrims from all over the world.

Barbara Southward (To be continued)

## Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has to be updated before the **Annual Parochial Church meeting on 6th May**. The present roll will be displayed at the back of church from **April 1st-15th** for people to check they are on the roll, and for any corrections to details, or removals, to be made. If you are not on the Electoral Roll then forms are available on the notice board at the back of church. Completed forms can be left in the **S** section of the letter rack for me or handed to a church warden. by **15th April at the latest**. The new roll will then be on display for double checking details. (It's not me being pedantic it's the rules!)

Barbara Southward  
Electoral Roll Officer

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It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of **Vikki Francis** and **Reg Smith** (Anne Mills' father), both faithful members of our congregation for many years. Our condolences, love and prayers go to both families.

*May they Rest In Peace  
and Rise in Glory.*

Vikki's funeral has been arranged for **3rd April, 10.00 am** in church. At time of printing we have no date for Reg's funeral.

Test your Bible knowledge with these questions related to Easter.

No prizes just for fun. Answers next month.

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphant Entry, what animal was He riding on?
3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?
4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after the abandoned the Lord?
7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
8. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?
10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?
11. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?
12. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?
13. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?
14. What was the inscription above the cross?
15. How many of the 7 statements recorded in the Bible that Christ said from the cross can you remember?
16. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it?
17. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?
18. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?
19. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask question. Who were these men?
20. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?