



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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June 2018

Church Services



Thursday 31st May
1930 Sung Mass &
Benediction

Church Services in June

All services as advertised



Social Events in June

- 9th - Church cleaning 9.30 - 11.30
after 9 am Mass
Refreshments provided.
- 9th - Quiz Night
- 10th - Communita
- Drop in Coffee Bar - every Tuesday



In June we are
particularly collecting
Tinned Meats

*(Corned Beef, Ham, Spam, Chicken
Roll)*

Jars of Sandwich Fillings/Paste



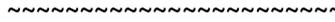
Wednesday June 6th

Coffee morning.

10.30-12noon

At the home of Hilary Stowe

Address available on request



Monday June 18th.

MU Wave of Prayer

12 noon

at St Margaret's Church

followed by a 'Famine Lunch'.

Soup and a Roll.

The charge will be £3 and proceeds
together with the raffle will be sent
for the benefit of the 'English for
Women' project in Chelmsford.

There are up to 100 ladies attending
these sessions where they get help
to learn our language and customs as
well as things we take for granted,
shopping, banking, what happens at
school and so on.

Do please join us if you are free, we
welcome anyone who would like to
come.

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



Thank you to everyone who
supported our May Fair either by
helping or
attending.

The grand total raised
is £2700



Parish Priest: The Revd Fr. David Wylie RN

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SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

6.30 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

TICKETS £7 ADULTS - £3 CHILDREN

**TO INCLUDE A JACKET POTATO AND
CHILLI SUPPER**



**BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
FOR TICKETS RING 07747 618 926**

**CELL OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

Our June meeting will be on **Wednesday 6th June here at St. Margaret's Church** 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 - Peter Fisher (see below)

**Our Pilgrimage to
The Holy Land**

Day 6 A late start today, we were on the coach at 8 am to drive to the Mount of Olives. We took in the amazing panorama of Jerusalem and then started the walk down. Now I had imagined that this would be a path down

through the olive groves and not down the narrow road that runs from top to bottom. It was quite steep and also made of slippery rock so we hung onto the handrail and slowly inched our way down.

On the way we visited the Church of Dominus Flevit shaped like a teardrop where Jesus is said to have wept over Jerusalem. The general feeling is that he would weep today too at the factions and disagreements there are there.

From there we went into the Garden of Gethsemane and into the church of All Nations so called because 'all nations' contributed to its building fund. After which we crossed the road and went into the quiet private part of the garden in preparation for Communion. However, the new Franciscan Monk in charge of the garden has decreed that only Roman Catholics can celebrate there, so in defiance we held our own 'service' which was very moving. So much for church unity! We had an American lady, named Elizabeth join us for the service and she took part too. We ended the service in a circle and passed on the 'body of Christ' by hugging the person next to us. It was very thought provoking. Then we walked quietly round the garden and picked up sprigs of Rosemary as they had been pruning the bushes. I smuggled some home in my case and I have managed to root two cuttings.

This place, I discovered, is the Hebron Valley. In my mind when Jesus crossed the Hebron Valley he had quite a walk across a U shape valley. Not so! He just stepped over the stream at the bottom of a V shaped valley.

From here we drove to a Kibbutz for a delicious lunch. The Kibbutz was beautiful and very well tended and the

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food was fresh and beautifully served. If we ever came again on our own I would opt for staying in one of these.

Then on to Mount Zion and to the Church of the Dormiton, remembering when Mary 'fell asleep'. From there to the Tomb of David and then into an Upper Room very like the one in which Jesus would have taken his last supper, not wooden as I always imagined, but built from stone and not as rustic as I had thought. After that we walked down the hill to the church of St Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter had denied Jesus three times. We were shown the prison and the pit into which Jesus would probably have been thrown and then we were taken to the Holy Steps, Of all the places we have been, this is the only place that we know Jesus would actually have trodden, or rather been dragged up and down. I found this very moving and wept.

By now we were flagging in the heat and we got back on the coach to return to the hotel, but then we discovered two people were missing. They had been so busy buying from a local stall they didn't see where we all went and not being able to find us ended up calling a taxi to take them back to the hotel.

All's well that ends well.

Barbara Southward To be continued

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### Significant Days in June

11th - Barnabus the Apostle

24th - Birth of John the Baptist

29th - St Peter and St Paul Apostles

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Amusing Quotations from Parish Magazines

Don't let worry kill you off
-let the Church help.

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## The Diary of a Walking Pilgrim 2017

Day 2] Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May -All Saints,  
Maldon to St Albright, Stanaway -  
approx. 16 miles

Woke up not long after 6 o'clock. The church heating had kicked off like an aircraft engine! We had to vacate by 7:30 because the first service was at 8:00. After ablutions and tea we had Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel. Each day prayer was led by a different pilgrim with a different intention. We then had to deflate our lilos and pack up our belongs to put in the boots of the support cars.

After a "snacky" breakfast and the morning "selfie" we set off to Stanaway. Today (and the rest of the pilgrimage) would be mainly on roads without pavements - meaning that the left foot was for most of the day was 3-4 inches higher than the right foot due to the road camber. Thomas was the first to be excited today as we 'spotted' three pristine red telephone boxes. Many have been removed or replaced with modern ones and some have been bought by local councils for mini libraries or defibrillators.

We continued north-east towards Tiptree. Again, our instructions clearly stated "Pass Tiptree Tearoom on left". This instruction we failed to accede and so put our feet up and all enjoyed morning coffee with a scone. From here for the next three miles Hannah Jones (aged 8) joined us as we continued until we reached a convenient bus-stop shelter for lunch. Whilst eating lunch and immediately afterwards, we were reminded of the ever present danger of traffic. Although we were only on a 'B' road sometimes cars or lorries swept

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past at an alarming speed or perilously close to us even though we were walking along the furthest extremity in the road surface wearing high visibility jackets.

The next section was particularly enjoyable as we first walked through a former 2WW airfield, then along very quiet country lanes until we stumbled upon The Alma in Copford Green which was holding a Beer Festival! Oh joy - a lovely warm Sunday afternoon with a selection of a dozen ales. It was obviously our duty to support the local endeavour which we did with aplomb. Again we took the opportunity to chat with locals explaining the purpose of our pilgrimage. However, too soon most agreed, but we were back on the road again the Stanaway. The quiet lanes turned into a footpath for over a mile through wooded countryside and a smattering of late bluebells. At the end we turned right onto the A120 and were only about three quarters of a mile from St Albrights.

We all arrived together at the very modern church hall with reasonable facilities for washing and cooking. Our lilos were already inflated! We had a bit of time to relax over tea and biscuits - except Antony who had developed a stonking blister under his left foot and was somewhat agitated.

Fr Bill arrived and around 6:00 he celebrated mass for us. We were joined by around half a dozen parishioners and their priest-in-charge. It was wonderful that they had come out on a Sunday evening to join us. After mass we spent a bit of time chatting to them and thanking them for their support.

We then fell upon the evening meal of beef stew cooked by Maureen & Catherine. Every morsel eaten! After a

couple of libations we said evening prayer, John, Maureen & Fr Bill left and we jumped into bed. That night apparently there was thunder and lightning - but no-one heard it!

Donald Fraser To be continued

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It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mrs Jean Crowe. Jean was a member of our congregation and also a long serving and much loved teacher at West Leigh Infants' School. We send our love and condolences to her family.



Southend Bach Choir
Established 1943
Conductor: Colin Edwards

Music for a Summer Evening
to include Choral Classics
and music of Richard Rodgers
Guest soloist - Elizabeth Dunlop

Saturday 14th July 2018 at 7.30pm
Trinity Methodist Church, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 7HL
Tickets £8 (students £5) available at the door,
01268 772842 or www.southendbachchoir.org.uk

The final date for items to be included
in the July Bulletin is
Wednesday 27th June
bulletin@saintmargaretschurch.org



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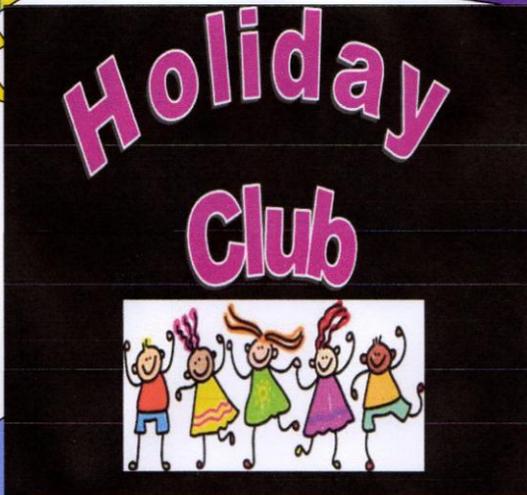
**Fr David, Church Wardens
and Bulletin.**

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St Margaret's Church Holiday Club
Tuesday 28th–Thursday 30th
August 2018
10am until 3pm
Cost £20 per child



To book a place
Please email:
holidayclub@saintmargaretschurch.org
For general information please phone:
Ann Rowson 07768502724

Closing date for applications 20 July 2018



**You are
Invited**

St Margaret's Church
Half Term Fun
Thursday 31st May 2018
4pm – 6pm

**Free Entry
(Limited places)**

**Table Tennis
Pool**



**Badminton/
indoor hockey**

Crafts

To book a place
please email:

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Games

