



BULLETIN

St Margaret of Antioch Leigh-on-Sea
Serving West Leigh since 1919



Church Services



Epiphany Sunday 6th January

Bring a present to exchange at our 10:00 Mass when our music group will be playing. It will be a joyful occasion which really marks the beginning of our *Centenary Year*.

Last Sunday Supper Mass Beginning **27th January** will be our first of our **Young Peoples' Masses at 17:30**. This will last 45 minutes with music and will be followed by pasta/pizza in the vicarage until 20:00. It is especially for those whose life makes Sunday morning difficult because of sport/ATC etc. **It will continue on the last Sunday of every month** – book ahead & speak to Noah Cockett or Fr. David for further details.

Candlemas

Saturday 2nd February

17:30 - 18:30

(followed by drinks)

This concludes the Christmas season and will be especially timed for those members of our community who find Sunday mornings so hard to commit to.

Book in the family diary now.

All other services as advertised

CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



For our January meeting please see the notices in the service booklet. Everyone is invited, whether or not a member of the cell. If you require any further information, please contact me. (See below) Peter Fisher



Mothers' Union AGM is January 28th at 12 noon followed by bring your own lunch

and discussion of the programme.

Subs are now due of £22.

Please put yours in an envelope with your name on so it's easy for accounting.

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



In January donations of basics like **Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Long Life Milk and Dried Milk** would be particularly welcome. If you received new hats, gloves scarves or socks for Christmas and your old ones are still in good condition,(or you don't like the new ones) please think about donating those to HARP too. Men's thick socks in large sizes are particularly needed at this time of year, as are blankets, duvets and sleeping bags that maybe surplus to your requirements. All Donations should be clean and can be left in a box in the porch for delivery by Peter Maddox.

Communita

This is an afternoon tea for anyone who would like to come, particularly those on their own who find Sunday afternoons, particularly in the winter months, are a time when company is welcome.

Social Events



- 6th - Communita
- 8th - One Stop Coffee Shop re-opens
- 9th - Edward Bear Club starts
- 12th - Church cleaning 9.30 Refreshments provided

Early notice

9th February - Beetle Drive

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Thank you for your support and for the interesting articles and photographs supplied; please keep them coming. If you have something of interest to our church community please send it to me for inclusion in Bulletin.



Where Is It?

How well do you know our church building? How long is it since you looked, really looked, at the windows, statues and other furniture inside the church?



The final date for items to be included in the February Bulletin is
Wednesday 23rd January
bulletin@saintmargaretsleigh.org

This year, each month in Bulletin, there will be a photograph of part of something in our church for you to find. No prizes but hopefully it will make you look closely at what we have.

To begin an easy one....answers will be published the following month with a complete picture and a few details.

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Where is this angel to be found?



Watch this Space !

One of the most enthralling events in recent decades was the Apollo X1 spaceflight which climaxed with the landing of the first men to set foot on the Moon. Who can forget those immortal words of Neil Armstrong as he stepped off the ladder of the landing module Eagle : “One step for man. One giant leap for mankind”. Armstrong was closely followed out of the landing module by Buzz Aldrin, the second man to set foot on the Moon.

Sometime later Buzz Aldrin wrote an account of that historic Apollo X1 spaceflight. It is an account that has fascinated many people for a variety of reasons. It is a tale of scientific achievement that out-passes many other scientific achievements. It is a tale of “daring do” that out-passes the exploits of Scott of the Antarctic and Stanley in finding Livingstone in the African jungle. But for Christians Aldrin’s account is significant for a completely different reason – and it is a real gem. Bishop John Pritchard quotes from Buzz Aldrin’s writings and this is part of what Aldrin wrote :-

“On the day of the Moon landing we awoke at 5.30 Houston time. Neil Armstrong and I separated from Mike Collins in the Command

Module. With only seconds worth of fuel left we touched down at 3.30pm. Now was the moment for Communion. So I unstowed the elements in their flight packets. I put them and the Scripture reading on the little table in front of the abort guidance system computer. Then I called back to Houston “Houston this is Eagle. I’d like to request a few moments of silence. I’d like to invite each person listening in, to contemplate for a moment the events of the last few hours and to give thanks in his own individual way.”. For me this meant taking Communion. I opened the little plastic packages which contained bread and wine. I poured wine into the chalice my parish had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the Moon, the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the cup”.

It is interesting to note that the very first liquid ever poured on the Moon, and the first food eaten there, were consecrated elements.

Father Ron