



BULLETIN



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

Church Services

6th Ash Wednesday
0830 Said Mass with Ashing



1930 Sung Mass with Ashing.

Lent study:

Tuesday 1930-2000
Thursday 1015-1100

Sundays in Lent "Antioch in our time"

- 10th** – Archdeacon Mike Lodge
Antioch in the Bible
- 17th** – Antioch in the Early Church
- 24th** - Antioch: Christian Art and Architecture

31st - Mothering Sunday
(combined 1000 Mass)
with Uniform organisations, children and presentation of flowers.



7th April - Antioch:
Lessons for Leigh in 2019

**All other services as advertised
on the web site
and on notice boards.**

LAST SUNDAY SUPPER MASS



Young People's Mass at 17.30.
45 minutes with music.

Followed by pasta / pizza in the vicarage until 20.00

This is especially for those people
whose life makes attending on Sunday Mornings difficult

This will be on the **LAST SUNDAY** of every month
Next : 31st March

For more information contact Fr David 07768 687605
vicar@saintmargaretsleigh.org

WALSINGHAM CELL



Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 10th** St. James. **THERE IS NO MEETING IN MARCH.** Services are informal and very friendly. Everyone is invited, whether or not a member. If you require any further information, please contact me. (See below)
Peter Fisher



Monday, March 25.

Meet in church at 11am for a home grown service, it being Lady Day.

Followed by tea/coffee and socialising. Watch the notices for joint service at another church in the evening.

Saturday March 30

Daffodils for Mothering Sunday, the next day. After the 9am mass, will take place in the vestry (9.30)

Sunday March 31st Mothering Sunday.

Volunteers needed to collect after the services for Make a Mother's Day.

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



This month we are collecting tinned meat especially Fray Bentos pies (**but NOT with Ale**) and tinned fish and more long life milk, I am told this is what they need most of all at this time of year.

Parish Priest: The Revd Fr. David Wylie RN 07768 687 605
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Social Events

3rd - Communita
Tuesdays - One Stop
Coffee Shop



9.15 am - 11.15 am

Wednesdays - Edward Bear Club
9.15 am - 11.15 am

9th - Church cleaning 9.30 am
Refreshments provided

Where Is It?

Last month's picture was from the statue above the altar in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. If anyone knows anything about this beautiful statue please let me know. We can find no details of it at all.



This month - where is this grumpy fellow to be found?



My Trip to India

I recently went to India for a week on a Theology trip with my school. It was a phenomenal and enlightening experience.

After an 8 hour and 40 minute plane ride to Mumbai, a group of exhausted children arrived in India and were instantly mesmerised by the different sights, sounds and culture of India, in comparison to England. First stop on my exploration of India was Varanasi, which was beautiful, upsetting and terrifying in equal measure; amazing sights mixing with extreme poverty and just so much traffic everywhere!

On the first day of activities, we woke up at 4:00 to visit the Holy site of the River Ganges at sunrise. It was a beautiful scene; the reflection of the pink sky on the murky green water. However, wherever there was magnificent beauty and stunning holy grounds, there was also extreme poverty. It was an upsetting phenomenon to walk out of the grand hotels and be immediately struck by beggars (mostly children or the elderly), who were covered in dirt and had no shoes. The people in India, especially the poor, though, were an inspiration, as even though they had nothing, they would still give all they had to help the animals and other people on the streets.

After seeing the river we went to visit the remains of a Buddhist temple. Even the ruins were massive and intricate, showing how, even at the start of Buddhism, devoted the Indians were towards their religion. It is also impressive how this devotion has continued on to this day. Next we went to a family silk business. It was so impressive the way they would

thread pieces of coloured silk together to make detailed beautifully detailed patterns and designs. At this place we all tried on a traditional Indian outfit ... Sarees. Finally, we went back to the River Ganges at night time to attend a service performed by monks. It was nothing like the services we attend; it was more like a choreographed dance to music with thousands of people attending.

The next day we took an internal flight to Jaipur, where we went to visit a monkey temple. The monkeys there were so cute, yet scary because there were so many of them and they could easily attack you if they wanted. My favourite part, however, were the baby monkeys; they were adorable.

On the third day we went to the Badi Chaupur, to visit a princess temple, then to Devisinghpura, where we saw a snake



charmer making an actual cobra dance! We also went to visit the red temple, where we saw elephants.

The design on the fort, which was built by one of the kings, was beautiful and like nothing I have ever seen before; every part had a humongous amount of detail. There was a breath-taking view from the fort in the mountains and there were gardens with parrots flying over them. After that, we went to an elephant sanctuary where we were able to feed them and stroke them.

Next, we went on a 6 hour coach journey to Agra; on the road we saw many cows, dogs and camels. When we got there, we visited another palace and then the Amber Fort (a palace really). This fort was built by the same king who built the Taj Mahal and was filled with beautiful stone craftsmanship, with intricate flower designs made by inlaying stone. From the fort we saw our first glimpse of the magnificent Taj Mahal. Later that evening, we went to watch a traditional performance of the creation of the Taj Mahal; how a king's favourite wife died, so as he went slowly crazy he built it in memory of her.

Finally the day had come where we were going to see the Taj Mahal. Once again we left early (at 4:30), so that we could see the Taj Mahal change colours in the sun rise. The palace was one of the most stunning things I have ever seen and words cannot describe its magnificent beauty. There is no feeling like it, being able to stand on one of the 7 wonders of the world admiring its exquisiteness up close. It was certainly worth the early start to the day!

My trip to India showed me the beauty of the world; the stunning things we can achieve with imagination and determination. But it also showed me the heart wrenching poverty of the world and the suffering of so many. If you have never been to India I would highly recommend it, as it will help you to appreciate everything you have and look at the world from a new perspective.

Emma Rowson

Found in the January edition of
Ringing World.

NORTH WALES ASSN

LLANGOLLEN, Denbighs,
St Collen
Sat Dec 22 2018 2h57 (16)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. J R Pritchard
1 Nicola J Galton
2 Geoffrey Parting
3 Peter J Woollam
4 Christopher D Parker
5 A T John Eddy
6 Peter J Thomson
7 Peter L Furniss (C)
8 Thomas D Miles
To welcome Fr Lee Taylor
BA MA licensed as Vicar of
Llangollen on December 9th.
1st of Major & inside: 5.

Fr Lee was a curate at St
Margaret's a few years ago..



Bible Reading



The Bible Reading Fellowship has run for many years at St Margaret's, but now only has four members. Five is the minimum number for a church group. For a small fee members receive notes and selected bible readings through the year. If you would like to join, to keep our group viable, please contact Margaret Royce via the letter rack or via the wardens (contact details below) This may be especially helpful to those who cannot always make it to church.

Church wardens: Anne Mills 07747618926
Peter Fisher 07815 686316

'You're joking not another one !'

Unlike Brenda from Bristol I am sure you will welcome the opportunity attend this year's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** to be held on **April 7th** following 10.00 Mass.

This meeting elects church members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and receives reports on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish. Legally the PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church parish and maintenance of St Margaret's assets which include the Church, halls and property together with most importantly promoting the mission of the Church.

You may wish to use your talents and stand for election to the PCC to influence and support the work of the church. The formal notice of the meeting and election can be found near the door to the Church together with nomination forms that should be returned to the PCC Secretary Nick Harris.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Nick Harris
Secretary to PCC

Interesting quotations
from other churches

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

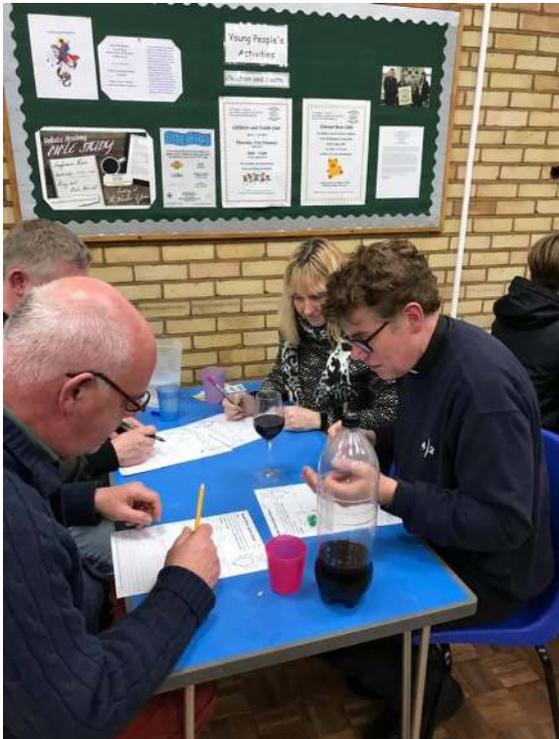
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Beetle Drive

Our Annual Beetle Drive was held in February and was attended by about 40 people of all ages, from 8 years to many more than that. We began with a delicious cottage pie supper and bought raffle tickets for some interesting prizes.

The games were mostly played in the spirit of true sportsmanship and much fun was had by all.

Thank you to the Social Committee for their hard work in organising it and producing the pies.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May Fair
6th May 1030 - 1430

Quiz Night
8th June 1830

Centenary Weekend
20th & 21st July

Michaelmas Harvest
Food Fayre
28th September

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Some old photographs have been found of the original Mission Church and St Margaret's church in its early days. Also one of the 'new' church hall.

If anyone has any photographs of St Margaret's Church over the past 100 years, that we could add to the display at the back of church, please let me know. I can scan them into the computer and print off copies then I will return them unscathed to you. Dates would help too.

Amongst the photographs are pictures of people (all men!) from the past. This one above is just an example. If by any chance you are able to add names and possibly their position in the church it would make it more interesting for us all.

Thank you

Barbara Southward

If you would like to peruse all the old photographs there is a display at the back of church or you can find them on the website under *Centenary Celebrations / Old photographs*