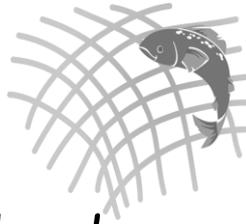


# St Margaret of Antioch, Leigh

*Serving West Leigh Since 1919*

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*'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men'*

## **Epiphany 3**

**(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### **Personal prayer, public worship and parish life Lockdown #3**

We do not know when this phase will come to an end. Government regulations permit the attendance at a place of worship for public worship or personal prayer with another member of your household and subject to existing risk assessments and mitigating measures. The advice of the Diocese is for all worship to move online and for public worship to cease.

**At St. Margaret's we will continue the normal pattern of worship and prayer but all acts of worship will be non-public.**

**Enablers of worship** (see 2 below) **and those with especial reason to attend will be permitted to use the building continuing to give 24 hours notice of necessity or desire to do so. The building will also be open Thursdays and Sundays for a limited time for personal prayer - subject to staffing.**

#### **Procedures for Building Confidence**

1. Fr. David requires 24 hours notice of who is doing what, how, when and with whom, within the church property – see QR code and notes below
2. Please note it is important that you give Carol Dowsett **07415 271458** your name if and when you are able to be part of the enabling team of folk for the maintenance of our non-public pattern of worship including (musician, filming, reading etc).
3. Face masks – these are mandatory inside church except when reading, receiving communion and leading worship and other exemptions.

*Thank you Fr. David*

***Safety and sustainability are our watchwords. We offer spiritual opportunities not undue obligations alongside streaming and other means of engagement.***

***Our limited use of the church will be temporary. Please remember the greatest risks are in your own home, space and personal lives – only you can govern these; please do so sensibly and wisely.***

***Constraints for limited use of Church:***

1. **Numbers.** Weddings are only permitted in extremis and funerals remain restricted in number and form.
2. **Key holders to the church or hall must give at least 24 hours notice to Fr. David of intention to use our buildings except in the case of emergency.**
3. The Sunday 10:00 mass and key Feasts will be broadcast.
4. All services will be conducted from the main nave altar.
5. There may be music including a cantor.
6. Readers and prayers leaders are welcome (we may be able to record these at home and broadcast in church).
7. Communion for enablers will be in one kind – administered at the normal point except for the 10:00 mass when it will be at the end out of “film shot”.
8. A photo is taken at the end of services if required for contact tracing only,
9. Facemasks: it is mandatory to wear facemasks by the government within church. There are exceptions and you will need to apply your common sense and judgement.
10. **Please do not loiter in the entrance or exit.**

**Pastoral Notes for general parish life**

Mutual support according to need and out of ability marked the early church and underpins our pastoral, practical and financial support. Biblical stewardship of time talents and money is not just for self-accounting before God but for sake of the whole Church. Bless you as you continue to show your love of God and Neighbour as self. *Fr. David.*

1. Please do not be too proud to ask for help we will do our best to respond. Looking after self is not selfish in this situation and some will need to shield for some time to come whatever the guidelines. If so, you can still help others in other ways. Of course, if you are unwell please don't come to church but do let us know.
2. The church continues its daily cycle of prayer and worship as advertised. It is open publicly on Thursdays and Sundays subjected to staffing.
3. Daily prayers and readings are available for use at home. A good source is <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A> The Sunday booklet is also available online - please ask if you wish to receive it in hard copy. Also use the parish prayer cycle on the website and on the Church notice boards and doors.
4. Sacramental ministry: if anybody desires baptism, communion or confession they will not be refused and done in as safe and pastoral way as possible, please ask.

**Mission and Ministry to the wider Parish**

5. Schools and the young. This ministry continues and if you have any practical ideas and time please offer - some of this may be through social media and websites.
6. Home communion and home visits from may be undertaken where **essential and desired** compliant with best practice for protection, hygiene, distancing and brevity.
7. Residential homes remain largely shielded except for specially arranged visits. We comply with their protocols please keep in touch and offer your prayers and support.
8. **Hospital visits** will not be undertaken and pastoral care will be left to the hospital chaplain. **The Revd Fr. David Childs is Southend Chaplain 01702 435555 x 6453.**

9. **Pastoral care.** Continue caring for each other by phone and email and garden conversations. Your response so far in building a buddy buddy system of care has really helped those who live and worship in our parish, especially the lonely and vulnerable and those who come to be with us from further afar.

### **Stewardship of time and money**

10. St. Margaret's, like other charities, has suffered loss of income and voluntary giving of time. This can be mitigated in with and money.

### **Time**

11. Please offer time ***especially to point 9 above.*** There are always opportunities too to undertake self-help maintenance projects in accordance with protocols of social distancing, fresh air and exercise – please ask.

### **Money**

12. The church giving guideline is 5% of net income after essential housing and living but “*No more than you can afford no less than you ought*” is a good motto ☺.
13. Try the card reader based at the south door as we begin to learn this technology.
14. **Key point.** If you normally give cash and have a bank account please set up a standing order or transfer by phone or internet. Our account details are as follows:  
Account name: **St Margarets Church Leigh on Sea** (exact name of account)  
Bank: **Santander UK plc**  
Sort code: **09-01-55**  
Account number: **49884807**

Please let Peter Maddox/Fr. David know if you do this. If you need a standing order form and/or wish to gift aid speak to Peter – [peter.maddox6@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.maddox6@btinternet.com) or 01702 478413

### **Protocols for Church Users**

1. ***Adhere to current mandated government practice and guidance on physical distancing and personal hygiene***
2. **Sanitiser and disinfection buckets are sited at the entrance and exit – however bring and use your own where possible.**
3. **Use West end doors as entrance and south aisle door as Exit.**
4. **Refrain from touching items unnecessarily**
5. **If you touch and use a “takeaway leaflet” please take it away**
6. **Light candles from the lit candle**
7. **Use your own pen or pencil if you wish to write a prayer**
8. **Offerings may be left in the boxes at doors and candle stand (or in the baskets at services)**
9. **Facemasks are mandatory (exemptions see link below)**
10. ***Adhere to current mandated government practice and guidance on physical distancing and personal hygiene.***

### **Hymn**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
See! the streams of living waters,

springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy Name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

## **Greeting and Entrance**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **Call to Confession**

My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us first call to mind our sin.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sin, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heav'nly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory.**

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

**Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.**

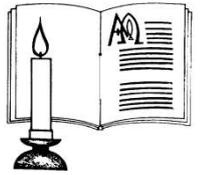
***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

**For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

## **Opening Prayer**

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading** (Please Sit)

A reading from the prophet Jonah (3:1-5, 10)

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 24)

R. Lord, make me know your ways.

**Lord, make me know your ways.**

**Lord, teach me your paths.**

**Make me walk in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are God my saviour. R.**

**Remember your mercy Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. R.**

**The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. R.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (7:29-31)

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia (Please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand;

believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (1:14-20)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## Sermon (Please sit)

## Creed (Please stand)

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from**

**true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Intercessions** (Please sit or kneel)

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*As we pray for each other let us affirm our faith in the life to come and ask for the prayers of the saints in heaven and especially blessed Mary as we say.*

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace** (Please stand)

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace

### **Offertory Hymn**

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.

There's a welcome for the sinner  
And more graces for the good.  
There is mercy with the Saviour  
There is healing in his blood.  
There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed.  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's Word,  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.

There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.  
Pining souls! come nearer Jesus,  
And oh! come not doubting thus.  
But with faith that trusts more bravely  
His huge tenderness for us.

### **Offertory Prayers**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, fruit of the earth and of the vine which human hands have made; they will become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord, receive our gifts. Let our offerings make us holy and bring us salvation. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you,

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,

**we lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## Preface

Father, all-powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through his cross and resurrection he freed us from sin and death and called us to the glory that has made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart. Everywhere we proclaim your mighty works for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy Lord

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is He who comes

In the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the Highest

### *We kneel or sit for the Eucharistic Prayer*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying. Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying. Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all, rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious

ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God, St Margaret and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Communion

### Our Father

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one Bread.**

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World. Happy are those who are called to His supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

### Communion Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead.

Thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus, true and living bread!

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Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou art here, we ask not how.  
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We in worship join with them.  
We in worship join with them.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!

### **Prayer after Communion** (Please stand)

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the  
radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the  
ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of  
your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to  
be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and  
work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **Notices** (Please sit)

### **Blessing** (Please stand)

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

*Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.....*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Final Hymn

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

# Notices

## Worship and Prayer

The church's prayer and worship life continues within the building albeit in a non-public way online and within the homes of members of the parish.

***Please help make this so***

Tuesday to Saturday 08:00 and 18:00 daily prayer is normally said

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b> <i>Church open from 08:00-09:45 for personal prayer only*</i>
	08:00 Suspended until further notice
	10:00-10:50 Non-Public Mass with music (Live streamed) Sermon written copy and voice recording online
	17:30-18:10 Suspended until further notice.
Monday	09:00 Conversion of St. Paul – non-public Mass for Christian unity.
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 A Non-Public Mass will be said
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 No Mass
	<b><i>14:00-16:00 Church open for personal prayer subject to availability of staffing*</i></b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 No Mass
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 A Non-Public Mass will be said
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 4</b> <i>Church open from 08:00-09:45 for personal prayer only*</i>
	08:00 Suspended until further notice
	10:00-10:50 Non-Public Mass with music (Live streamed) Sermon written copy and voice recording online
	17:30-18:10 Suspended until further notice.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 19:30-20:30**

**Mass for Candlemas will be celebrated and live streamed.**

*Due to the impact of the Tier 5 restrictions the presents we collected at epiphany will be distributed around the parish during the week after Candlemas.*

*\*<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic#section 4>*

### Those in Need of our Prayers:

<b>Wed:</b>	Rebecca, Marie, Jack Puttock, Jeanne Stroud, Paul, Gail, Tony, Barbara, Valerie Underhill, Arthur Cooper, Valerie Kipp, Keith Kipp.
<b>Thurs:</b>	Gabrielle, Shirley Williams, Emily, Mario, Linda, Ruth Fink, Peter Colloff, Ron, Ian Bristow, Christine & John Carlton, Jeremy Shallis, Jenny Thorogood.
<b>Fri:</b>	Sue, Jenny Sheldon, Irene, Pat, Margaret Royce, Mary Conroy, Margaret Purves, Shaun.
<b>Sat:</b>	Lyn Davies, Josie, Isobel, David Morgan, Danielle Curtis, Theresa Wiffen, Kenneth Davis, Zena Ives.



**For Those Who Have Died Recently:** Margaret Rayner and Toby

## **Anniversaries of Death this Coming Week:**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>      Bob Beard  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>      Freda Moss  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup>      Doreen Burchill, Corella Cornish

**Prayer list** – If there are folk on the prayer list who have now recovered and so do not need to be remembered in this way, please advise me in person or by email to [notices@saintmargaretsleigh.org](mailto:notices@saintmargaretsleigh.org). Thank you. Peter Maddox

## **Teaching**

**Cross and Dragons** – while postponed we encourage children to the Sunday 17:30 mass.

**Lent Lockdown Learning:** For those who are interested I would commend Rowan Williams little book on Mark “Meeting God in Mark” I can order some if you are interested and in this “Year of Mark” we could find ways to do some appropriate work together. The book includes questions for reflection and discussion. The cost of the book is about £9. Fr. David.

## **Children and Youth**

The 17:30 mass on Sundays is suspended but do feel free to offer your own suggestions and ideas.

**Edward Bear Club** – is postponed until further notice.

**Beehive@St.Margarets** – The pre-school has started, there are places especially in the afternoons if you know anyone in need. Please remember them in your prayers.

## **Pastoral and Social**

**Vicar Visits** – these are restricted to essential pastoral visits - please speak to Fr. David if in doubt or if you know of someone in need.

**Home-made meals** – some of parishioners would appreciate an easy to reheat home-made ready meal. There’s space in the freezer for those wishing to make an extra portion of what they are cooking themselves (mark contents fully and clearly please). Get in touch if you would like one or know someone else who would.

**Social Restrictions** – This requires us to be more diligent in our mutual support and contact not less albeit in a different way – please use your buddy groups.

## **Mission**

**HARP** – Please place items in the box at the back of church. There are lists on the side of the box outlining which items needed. **Alternatively you can donate money via their website [www.harpsouthend.org.uk](http://www.harpsouthend.org.uk).** Thank you for all the support you give

**St Margaret’s the next 100 years – planned giving** – Planned givers are 50% of our electoral roll. Average giving in the C of E is £7.50/week ours is £5.50 per member of the electoral roll. The church’s guidance is 5% of disposable income after tax and housing costs. We have different circumstances and the motto “*no more than you can afford or less than you ought*” is key. Please consider this prayerfully. **If you are interested in joining our regular giving Stewardship Scheme please take one of the leaflets and speak to Peter Maddox, either at Church or call 01702 478413.**

**Electronic giving** – We recently invested in a card reader that enables donations from Debit and Credit Cards. This is in addition to the previous ways you may donate to St Margaret's. We are encouraged to reduce the handling of cash because of the pandemic. If you wish to try the card reader, please approach Donald Fraser, a warden or Fr David.

**Communita** – **Though postponed for the immediate future** it is a high tea on the first Sunday of the month in the Church Hall 16:30-18:00. Anyone is welcome, no charge. If you have any questions please contact Angela or Michael Bridge on 01702 477126.

**Southend Soroptomists** – for women and girls in need they supply toiletries to women's refuges in Southend and Basildon. They welcome donations from anyone. Please contact Jill Healey, Hadleigh Deanery member, email [jillhealey@ymail.com](mailto:jillhealey@ymail.com), or 07854 959389.

## **Parish General**

**Volunteer for PCC secretary** – A volunteer to be Parochial Church Council secretary is sought. The PCC normally meets six times a calendar year. A full job description, which is not onerous, but involves minutes and distribution of agendas and information by email, can be obtained from the Churchwardens or former secretary Nick Harris ([nick284@aol.com](mailto:nick284@aol.com)).

**Parish works, news and self-help during the Lockdown** – the physical life of the parish like the spiritual and pastoral cannot stop, there are always jobs to be done and Fr. David and the Wardens would welcome anyone to offer some time and perhaps use their opportunity to exercise in the fresh air to do some ground maintenance or Self-help. We hope shortly to be able to install the first stage of the fencing on the London Road and make the site attractive to the world ready for the end of this stressful period. A faculty application to complete this and other works that the PCC has authorised can be found on the notice boards and by following the link <https://saintmargaretsleigh.org/news/>.

**Vicarage Phone** – note change of number – there is no answerphone.

**Thank you.** Thank you to those who exchanged and took cards to others, to those who delivered cards to the parish and also personally those who gave me Christmas cards and presents – I think I have thanked you personally but a non-edible item was a charming little stone grey picture of the blessed virgin and child – suitable for booklet use methinks in due course and I'll keep some of the consumables ☺ for when we can share them again – thank you. Fr. David.

**Access to Church and Church Hall** – If you require access to the church or hall please give Fr. David 24 hours' notice with time of arrival and departure to ensure deconfliction and compliance with regulations.

**Notices for the Sunday Booklet** – Please send all notices to Peter Maddox at [notices@saintmargaretsleigh.org](mailto:notices@saintmargaretsleigh.org) by Wednesday lunchtime at the latest. Thank you

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**St Margaret of Antioch Leigh-on-Sea: QR Code**

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**Notes to Users of St. Margaret's Church, Halls,  
Rooms, Grounds and Vicarage**

**Public worship in Church**

The Vicar, Wardens, PCC and Congregation of St. Margaret's seek to give the highest degree of confidence for the Covid 19 Security for attendees of the "advertised public worship and open church" on Thursdays and Sundays complying with government law and guidelines

**Other use of church property**

Hirers and users of any of the church property outside the space of the church designated for public worship and outside of the designated times do so at their own risk. It is part of the contract of use that users of the Church, Church Hall, meeting rooms, grounds and vicarage outside of these events and times must self-caretaker; cleaning and sanitizing all areas and items they are to use and repeat this at the end of their event or visit. They are to keep a full register of their users according to current law. Times, organisations and people using these spaces outside of the Thursday and Sunday Public acts of worship may be obtained from the Vicar who is to be informed of all activity with 24 hours notice until further notice.

**The Revd Fr. David Wylie RN  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.**

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