

St Margaret of Antioch, Leigh

Serving West Leigh Since 1919



Trinity 2

(13th Week in Ordinary Time)

Sunday 26th June 2022

This Church building is open before Mass on Sundays at 08:00 and 10:00 and on other days as advertised for services. It is also normally open on Thursdays 14:00-16:00 (school term).

Worship is freely open without notice.

Ending of Covid restrictions and continued guidelines

Whilst restrictions have officially ended, we would urge you to take sensible precautions and use common sense as we move from a pandemic to an endemic disease we have to live with.

1. **Facemasks** – These are discretionary but recommended where you are in very close proximity of others outside your household. They are not worn when leading worship including music, reading praying etc. After the relaxation of rules and irrespective of the vicissitudes of government please remember their purpose: to mitigate you infecting someone else within 1-2m in an enclosed space. They serve little purpose outdoors or large airy spaces unless you are getting very chummy ☺ whereas on a crowded bus or shop it would be deemed sensible.

2. **Sanitisation** – please make use of the stations at the entrance and exit to the church continue to observe our other protocols as advertised for good practice
3. **Communion** – please note during live streamed masses for safeguarding, privacy and benefit of worship enablers, this is received in the usual place in the service but out of sight of the camera (in one kind currently). Please make your way down the central aisle and return to your seat via the appropriate side aisle. Communion remains in one kind until further notice. Please remember that theologically to have received in one kind is to have received in both (bread and wine).

Continued protocols for use of Church:

1. **Numbers.** Whilst not limited please use the space the church provides and respect others space. The furniture will not be rearranged for the time being.
2. **Key holders** to the church or hall are asked to let Fr. David of intention to use our buildings outside published and regular event times for awareness, courtesy and ensure deconfliction of use except of course where urgent.
3. The Sunday 10:00 mass and key Feasts will continue to be broadcast.
4. Singing is permitted.
5. The role of welcomer/sidesperson is vital for the safe running of public worship – please offer your time alongside readers and prayers leaders.
6. **Please do not loiter near the doors but rather socialise in the aisles, garden, or over coffee in the lower hall after mass.**

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. Especially during bad weather please do not be too proud to ask for help we will do our best to respond. 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 Thursday afternoons subject 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.

Mission and Ministry to the wider Parish

4. Home communion and indoor home visits may be undertaken compliant with best practice for protection, hygiene, distancing and brevity.
5. Residential homes may be visited subject to constraints and compliance with protocols please keep in touch and offer your prayers and support.
6. **Hospital visits** are now allowed in a limited capacity. **The Revd Fr. David Childs is Southend Hospital Chaplain 01702 435555 x 6453.**
7. **Pastoral care.** Continue caring for each other by phone, email and appropriate visits. Rebuilding our social life will be a key task over the next year. Your response in offering buddy system of care over the pandemic really helped many who live and worship in our parish and it would be wonderful to continue.

Stewardship of time and money

8. St. Margaret's, like other charities, suffered considerable loss of income and voluntary giving of time. We are now in a year of stewardship reflection review and action please read the booklet that is available. By any measure the level of giving at St. Margaret's is very low and we do ask your help to address this urgently so that our church and parish becomes sustainable again. You can read more in the notices below.

Time

9. Please offer time **especially to point 8 above.** There are always opportunities to undertake self-help maintenance projects in accordance with protocols of social distancing, fresh air and exercise, and also projects and work that can be done at home – please ask. **For example: Cleaning;** there is a cleaning log at the back of church - if you have a spare hour please sign what where and when you have done it. The church is open every Thursday afternoon for you to offer time for tasks. It is also generally open Saturday morning

Money

10. 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. 😊
11. Try the "Sum-Up" card reader based at the south door as we begin to learn this technology. You can also use the donation facility now set up on the church website.
12. **Key point.** If you normally give cash and have a bank account please set up a standing order or transfer by phone or internet. **Please note our bank account has changed. Our new account details are as follows:**

Account name: **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Margaret, Leigh on Sea**
Bank: **NatWest Bank plc**
Sort code: **52-10-30**
Account number: **13657062**

Please note: If you currently pay your stewardship to the church by standing order, we would encourage you to transfer your giving to pay via the Parish Giving Scheme referred to below.

13. **Parish giving scheme** – is a development from 8 which is explained in the stewardship booklet and those already in the old giving scheme have been written to about this central and easily administered development. If you haven't responded or would like to know more, please speak to Peter Maddox. If you need a standing order form and/or wish to gift aid speak to Peter – stewardship@saintmargaretsleigh.org or 01702 478413. You can also give one off donations to the above account.

09:55 *Please stand if able.*

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail, Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among 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.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary.....
Holy Mary.....

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us

Hail Mary.....
Holy Mary.....

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; That as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

10:00 *The service continues with the hymn*

Hymn

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning
eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Prayer

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading (Please sit)

A reading from the first Book of Kings (19:16,19-21)

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 29)

R. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

**I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.**

**O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. R.**

**Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.**

**His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life,
At night there tears, but joy comes with dawn. R.**

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

**For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians (5:1,13-18)

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of

the Law is summarised in a single command: *Love your neighbour as yourself*. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia (Please stand if able)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia

Gospel

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (9:51-62)

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon (Please sit)

Creed (Please stand if able)

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 if able)

Christ is our peace; we are all one in Christ Jesus we belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the spirit of 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

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son.

Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and ev'ry day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.

You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.
Into our lives your pow'r breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.

All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your pow'r breaks through,
living Lord.

Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, fruits of the earth and of the vine and work of human hands; 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 God, through your sacraments you give us the power of your grace. May this eucharist help us to serve you faithfully. **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.

When your children wandered far from your friendship you reunited them with yourself through the blood of your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit.

You gather them into your church, to be one as you, Father, are one with your Son and the holy Spirit. you call them to be your people, to praise your wisdom in all your works. You make them in the body of Christ and the dwelling – place of The Holy Spirit.

In our Joy we sing to your glory with all the choirs of angels:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory
your power and might
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes
Blessed, blessed is he who comes
Blessed is he, blessed is he,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

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

Jesus Christ will come again

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.

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 *(May be sung on 3rd and 5th Sundays at the 10:00.)*

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.**

This is 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 is now administered out of camera shot at live streamed masses.
Organist and musicians receive first during the communion music.***

All who are baptised and desirous to receive communion and/or receive communion in their own churches and traditions are very welcome at the altar – if you would prefer to receive a personal blessing please come holding your service book to your chest.

Communion Music followed by Communion Anthem (Words by Robert
Litany of the Holy Spirit by Herrick – Music by Peter Hurford)

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me

When I lie within my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomforted,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,
And the world is drown'd in sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

Prayer after Communion (Please stand if able)

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 if able)

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

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

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

Notices

Worship and Prayer

(All masses are freely open without notice)

Sunday 26th	Trinity 2
	08:00 Said Mass
	10:00-11:00 Sung Mass with music (Live streamed)
Wednesday 29 th	19:30 Said Mass
Thursday 30 th	09:15 School Thanksgiving Mass
	14:00-1530 Open church for personal prayer
	1600 St.Michael's School Thanksgiving
Friday 1 st	09:00 Said Mass
Saturday 2 nd	09:00 Said Mass
Sunday 3rd	Trinity 3
	08:00 Said Mass
	10:00-11:00 Sung Mass with music (Live streamed)
	17:30-18:10 First Sunday Supper Mass (followed by pasta/pizza)

Future Key Dates

- **St. Margaret's Day Festival Mass and Party: 20th July 19:00** (*Preacher: The Revd Fr. Reggie Bushau former vicar of St. Stephens Gloucester Road London*)

Those in Need of our Prayers:

- Wed:** Rebecca, Marie, Jack Puttock, Paul, Gail, Tony, Barbara, Charlotte Bridge, Naomi, the Amess family.
- Thurs:** Gabrielle, Shirley Williams, Emily, Mario, Linda, Peter Colloff, Ron, Jess Burden, Antony, Bosede, Philip.
- Fri:** Sue, Jenny Sheldon, Irene, Pat, Margaret Royce, Shaun, Mary Conroy, Margaret Purves, Cynthia Hall, Ian Bristow
- Sat:** Josie, Zena Ives, Christine Carlton, Lyn Davies, Pam Searle, Tom Corcoran, Kumiko Anderson.



Recently departed: Sheila Pennell.

Anniversaries of Death this Coming Week:

- Sunday 26th Alan Dowsett
- Wednesday 29th Dora Wright
- Thursday 30th Horace Fisher
- Saturday 2nd Eleanor Borrowdale, Edwin Wright

Chas Baynes RIP

Kate and all the family would like to thank our friends at St Margaret's for the many cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy following the sudden death of our beloved husband, dad and Papa. We are devastated but your love and prayers have been a very great comfort. Thank you to everyone who attended on Friday at the thanksgiving of his life. It was overwhelming. Kate et Al'

Forthcoming Marriages: Please pray for:

Christopher and Kavita married recently and also for Phoebe and Alex (13th August), Michael and Katherine.

Teaching

Cross and Dragons/Sunday school and crèche – Whilst in abeyance for the time being it is hoped to reintroduce depending on helpers and children. If you would like to help it would be really appreciated - please speak to Lynda Bartholomew. You are welcome to use the lobby for very young children during the mass if you wish – where there are speakers and activities for little ones. Also, for older children do consider coming to the first Sunday Mass at 17:30-18:15 explained below.

Children and Youth

The 17:30 Mass – The next service will be Sunday 3rd July. The service will continue to be monthly and followed by pasta/pizza. It would be wonderful if a family would sponsor one month each year – Assisting with preparation and clear up – thank you.

Edward Bear Club – is postponed until further notice. If you would like to help with this Wednesday morning facility for young children and families please speak to Tracey Searle

Pastoral and Social

The Platinum Jubilee – How did you celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? Did you join the crowds in London? Did you take part in a local concert or attend a Street Party or did you celebrate quietly at home in front of the television?

Whichever it was (or was it something quite different) would you write about it and send it with a photograph for inclusion in the next edition of Bulletin.

Also welcome would be any personal recollections of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Send your contribution to bulletin@saintmargaretsleigh.org or give to one of the church wardens. Thank you Barbara Southward

Whatsapp support groups – We currently have a transport group and a nativity (young people's support group). We may develop these to other aspects of parish life and you can be invited to join those areas you are interested in. please speak to Fr. David or the wardens in the first instance. With the transport group if you are able to give a lift to somebody else occasionally or already do please let Carol Dowsett or Fr. David know.

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.

Coffee Bar – Could You Help? – Please offer your help with the coffee bar rota, if you can. Everything is bought and set up. We need a few more helpers to serve the refreshments and clear away. Lorrina

Mission

Mission and Money – Our first draft booklet is now available to core members of the congregation for initial feedback and comment and we seek your help to address the urgent issues. Please take one. By any comparative measure the average level of giving at St. Margaret's is very low indeed. We want our church and parish to be sustainable again as we are certainly not paying our way at the moment. Full time posts in the diocese will be reduced from 275 to 150 over the next year. Some key points:

- 1. Planned giving** – We currently only have 46 planned stewardship givers and 92 on our electoral roll. The *average* giving for members of a stewardship scheme in this diocese is £17-50/week our average for stewardship giving is £11 week (and giving is much less for those not in the stewardship scheme) This is so even though ours is one of the wealthiest parts of the diocese. The church's guidance is 5% of disposable income after tax and housing costs. We all 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. Alternatively email him at stewardship@saintmargaretsleigh.org.
- 2. Electronic Giving** – We have a card reader that enables donations from Debit and Credit Cards. If you wish to try the card reader, please approach Donald Fraser, Peter Maddox, a warden or Fr David.
- 3. Giving via the website** – We now have a donation facility set up on the church website, www.saintmargaretsleigh.org, to enable anyone to make a donation direct to the church bank account. This facility may be found on various pages on the site.

4. **Raising money for St Margaret's** – A way you can raise money for St Margaret's without it costing you a penny! If you have an account with Amazon, select St Margaret's Leigh-on-Sea as your charity on Amazonsmile and Amazon will donate 0.5% to the church. On 'Prime' days, they will donate 5% for your first purchase. Donald

Smartie Tubes – A big thank you to those people who have returned their Smartie Tubes. If you are still in possession of a Smartie Tube, please could you now start to return them by either handing them to myself or one of the Churchwardens. Many thanks
Carol Dowsett

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. Thank you for all the support you give.

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, or 07854 959389.

Parish General

Southend Libraries Free Home Library Service – Home Library Service Volunteers can deliver books and audio books to your home on a regular basis free of charge. If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, please contact the Service on 01702 534123 or email the team library development@southend.gov.uk.

Notices for the Sunday Booklet – Please send all notices to Peter Maddox at notices@saintmargaretsleigh.org by Wednesday lunchtime at the latest. Thank you

Parish Nurse – St. Clement's

St Clements, Leigh is investigating the possibility of a Parish Nurse to help in our pastoral care of the local community. We feel that we would like to address mental health issues in the community, such as loneliness, anxiety and depression, and are looking for a State Registered Nurse in good standing with the National Health Service.

If you know of anyone who might have a heart for this ministry can you point them to Fr Clive for an initial conversation. This could be someone already in Parish Nursing who would like to expand their ministry in addition to their present responsibilities, or someone new to the idea of Parish Nursing.

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