

St Margaret of Antioch, Leigh

Serving West Leigh Since 1919



Trinity 20

(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday 18th October 2026

The Sunday Mass begins on page 3 with weekly changeable notices at the back of the booklet.

Please take this booklet away with you and please take a spare for someone you may know who is not here this week.

This Church is open before Masses on Sundays and other days before advertised services and Thursdays 14:30-16:00 (in term time)

The following are standing notices

As we enter the colder seasons you will be more conscious of the various infections and strains on our health service, please take sensible precautions and use common sense.

1. **Facemasks** – These are discretionary though pointless in airy and open places.
2. **Sanitisation** – please make use of the stations at the entrance and exit to the church
3. **Personal health** – if you are aware you have any serious contagions, please let us know and avoid unnecessary contacts.
4. **Communion** – Please read the notice on availability of the chalice and proceed down the central aisle and return to your seat via the appropriate side aisle.

Protocols for use of Church:

1. **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.
2. **Live streaming.** The Sunday 10:00 Mass and key Feasts are broadcast. The camera is now situated in the organ loft. – it may therefore take distanced shots of the backs of some people in the nave - If you do not wish to be seen at all throughout the live stream, please sit in either of the side aisles. Communion will be received in the usual place and the camera will be adjusted to show the apse and crucifixion window for safeguarding and privacy, excluding this part of the service from the broadcast.

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 or personal challenges please don't be too proud to ask for help we will do our best to respond. If unwell, please don't come to church but do let us know. Continuing to care for each other by phone, email and appropriate visits is a key task for all the baptised.
2. The church's regular daily cycle of prayer and worship is advertised on the website.

Mission and Ministry to the wider Parish

3. Home communion, home visits and Residential homes are undertaken compliant with protocols and best practice, please keep in touch and offer your prayers and support.
4. **Hospital visits: The Southend Hospital Chaplaincy may be contacted directly on 0300 443 6379 or via switchboard 01702 435555 x 6453.**

Stewardship of time and money

5. Please use the stewardship booklet that is available in the lobby of the church. It costs over £2,500/week to run our church and parish. Please help us address our financial needs so that our church and parish become more sustainable.

Time –why not volunteer?

6. Please offer time **especially to point 5 above.** There are always opportunities to undertake self-help maintenance projects and also projects and work that can be done at home. These include gardening, cleaning, and light maintenance and we can also point you to volunteering with our uniformed groups and other opportunities. We will accept help from any member of the community with goodwill and gratitude you do need to be a regular member of the congregation. Please ask and encourage your neighbours and friends.

7. **There is a card machine for donations in the foyer at the back of church.**

8. **Key point.** If you normally give cash and have a bank account, please set up a standing order or transfer by phone or internet.

9. **Church bank account:**

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.

10. **Hall Bank Account – income relating to hall activities should be paid into our new hall account – Bank, account name and sort code are as above**

Account number: **13726056**

11. **Parish giving scheme** – is explained in the stewardship booklet. Money is collected on behalf of the parish and gift aid claimed where appropriate. The funds are forwarded direct to the church bank account. If you 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.

The Angelus (*Please stand if able*) (*May be said or sung before Mass at 09:55.*)

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. Amen

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**

Hymn

**Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is
thine;
King, whose reign shall never
cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.**

Refrain

***Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"***

**2 King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.**

Refrain

**3 Shepherd-king, o'er mountains
steep
homeward bring the wandering
sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.
*Refrain***

**4 Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above,
clad in signs of bread and wine :
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!
*Refrain***

**5 Sing with joy in ev'ry home :
"Christ our King, thy kingdom come!
To the King of ages, then,
honour, glory, love : Amen!"
*Refrain***

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. Amen

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

Opening Prayer

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Please sit)

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (45:1, 4-6)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not

know me, I am you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (95)

R. Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the people. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: "God is king".
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (1:1-5)

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Please stand if able)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:15-21)
Glory to you, Lord.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

This is the Gospel of the 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

Lord hear us
Lord graciously hear us

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. 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

The Offertory

Bread and wine are immediately brought to the altar. A collection follows for those not in our regular scheme or who wish to top up their giving. *(It costs over £2500/week to run our parish - please give as generously as you can but no more than you can afford. The Church of England has 5% of disposable income after tax housing and basic living as a weekly guideline. If you are a taxpayer and not a member of our envelope scheme, please consider using a yellow Gift Aid Envelope so that we can claim back the tax - £10 will be worth £12.50 to the church. An electronic payment machine is also available at the back of church. If you are not in our stewardship scheme and a regular attendee please consider joining. Please also read the notice on this subject carefully and prayerfully.)* **Thank you**

Offertory Hymn

**Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

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 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, may the gifts we offer bring us your love and forgiveness and give us freedom to serve you with our lives. 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.

When your children sinned and 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 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 the 1st and 3rd 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.

Behold 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 and before the communion hymn.

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 forward and hold your service book to your chest.

Communion Music followed by Hymn

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man
No more

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord**

Many the gifts,
many the works
One in the Lord
Of all

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord
We are one body in this one Lord**

Prayer after Communion (Please stand if able)

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through 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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

**O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
Whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
In true adoration shall sing to your praise.

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## Notices

### Dates for your Diary

**All Saints Day Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 10:00 Sung**

**All Souls Day Mass Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 19:30**

**Remembrance Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Combined Mass 09:15

**Community Remembrance service 10:45-11:30**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November Feast of Christ the King 10:00**

Blessing of New Blessed Sacrament chapel window and reception in Hall

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December (St Nicholas's Day) Christmas Fayre 12:00-16:00**

### Worship and Prayer *(italics for awareness and other venues)*

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| <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b>                          |
|                               | 08:00 Said Mass                                                |
|                               | 10:00 Sung Mass *                                              |
|                               | 10:00 St Margareteers teaching session for those aged 5-10 yrs |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>    | 19:30 No Mass                                                  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>     | 09:30 Said Mass (followed by coffee)                           |
|                               | 14:30 16:00 Open Church                                        |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>       | 09:30 No Mass                                                  |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>     | 08:30 Said Mass                                                |
| <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Twenty First Sunday after Trinity</b>                       |
|                               | 08:00 Said Mass                                                |
|                               | 10:00 Sung Mass *                                              |
|                               | 17:00 Evensong & Benediction                                   |

\* Live streamed

### Those assisting in worship at 10:00 Mass:

**Reader:** J Lamb. **Intercessor:** L Cockett. **Chalice bearers:** H Keogh & P Maddox

**Cantor:** Y Vickers

**Change to mid-week masses** – As some of our hall renters are using the church for their activities there will be no Friday morning mass until the work on the hall is complete. The mass on Saturdays will move to 08:30 after this week, again until the work on the hall is complete.

### **Those in particular need of our Prayers:**

- Wed:** Rebecca, Marie, Jack Puttock, Paul, Gail, Naomi, Hannah, Sarah, Martin & Linda Roberts, Pam Cammidge, John, Shirley Gibson.
- Thurs:** Gabrielle, Shirley Williams, Emily, Mario, Linda, Peter Colloff, Ron, Bosede, Paddy Hooper, Ian Sanders, Sheila, Dawn Bryan, Charlotte Bridge, Muriel Wall, Hanna, Janet Gray, Ciaran.
- Fri:** Sue, Jenny Sheldon, Irene, Pat, Debbie Jeffries, Margaret Purves, Callum, Thelma Levell, John, Clare Fraser, Margaret Dent, Alasdair, Joyce Haynes, Liz & Philip Greenwood, Keith Ives, Ann Fisher.
- Sat:** Josie, Lyn Davies, Pam Searle, Ken Davis, Leonie Brown, Edward Hollis, Terry Stuble, Julie Barker, James Sheridan, Lorraine Beecham, Kate, John Bridge, Pru May.

**Recently departed:** Leonie Brown

### **Anniversaries of death this coming week:**

- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Alan Swenson, Jeanne Stroud, Arthur Haynes
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Ethel Kemp, Ellen Sparling
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Eileen Henderson Williams, Steven Baldwin

**Leonie Brown** – Leonie died last Sunday night at the age of 101. She was a longstanding member of our congregation but in recent years had been cared for in Abbeyfield St Georges. Funeral arrangements will be advised once known. Please remember her family in your prayers.

**Please pray for those preparing for** – baptism, confirmation, marriage.

**Those in need of our prayers** – If you have asked for someone to be added to this list and who no longer need to be included, please let me know. Many thanks. Peter Maddox

## **Children and Youth**

Children and young people are welcome at all services, social events or informally during Open Church.

Young children can bring their own quiet toys to play with. The lobby is warm with games, books, toys and speakers so you can still see and hear the service.

- **Monthly service for families** – 17:00-17:45 on the first Sunday (17:30 – *summer months*). Afterwards we make pizza and play games in the hall or outdoors when fine. **The next regular First Sunday Supper Service will be on 1<sup>st</sup> November at 17:00.**
- **Monthly Sunday School “St Margareteers”** – **The next one will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, teaching, bible stories, craft and prayer, at 10:00 for those aged 5-10 with some provision also for 11-16. Meet in the lobby initially and adjourning to the hall and returning at communion *ALL WELCOME*.
- **Occasional events** – We provide occasional events and special services such as Harvest Festival and Mothering Sunday.

## **Social & Pastoral**



**Hello MU members and church friends** – On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October we are showing Sally Hull's film called 'In Control'. It is part of the Mothers' Union RISE UP Campaign against all forms of violence. The aim of this film is to raise awareness of abusive, controlling relationships amongst young people. Help them to recognise the signs, to support them to get help and advice for themselves or others. So please do come to

support Sally and your Branch and may be a young person in your life who may need our help. There is Mass at 12:00 before the film at 13:00. Refreshments provided. Lucia X

**Sea Cadets and Sunday Coffee Bar.** Two of our Sea Cadets (Zoe and Aidan) as part of their Duke of Edinburgh community work will be with us for three months 10:50-12:00. Please make them welcome and teach them how to run an effective coffee bar in preparation, delivery and clearance.

**Social Committee** – It was agreed at our last PCC reactivate a social committee to coordinate events. Tracey Searle has agreed to be the PCC rep and currently the Social Sub Committee comprises Julia Fenton, Lynda Bartholomew, Lorrina Cockett, Michelle Burden, Don Fraser, Clare Fraser and Kendal Judd. Thank you to them for volunteering and if any others are interested don't be shy. If you have thoughts and ideas and are willing to assist them, please approach one the committee.

**Christmas Fayre:** this will be held in the hall on 6<sup>th</sup> December 12:00-16:00. Please look out for ways you may help beforehand especially on the Saturday afternoon and after Church on Sunday. Helpers clearing up would be especially welcome to ensure that the hall can be used for our monthly first Sunday Supper Mass in the evening. For more details – speak to Julia Fenton

**Eucharistic Minister/Chalice Assistant** – Helen Keogh, Andy Norton and Wendy Norton were duly authorised at our recent PCC meeting and will join the rota in the Autumn. Thank you for your service.

### **Mission and teaching**

**Additional Curates Society** – Please take a box and help the formation and provision of priests, especially for poorer parishes trying to be faithful to the word and sacraments.

**HARP** – (*Our local homeless charity.*) Please place items in the box at the back of church. You can also donate money via their website [www.harpsouthend.org.uk](http://www.harpsouthend.org.uk). Please don't leave opened and out of date items. Also please do not leave pastries, cakes and similar products with a short shelf life as they may be out of date before I am able to deliver them. Thank you for the support. Do look at the tableau of a homeless man we've been given – there is so much in it and it could be anyone's story.

**Baptisms, First communion, Confirmation** – If you are interested in these things for yourself or others this year please contact Fr David.

### **Money Notice**

In helping us make our church and parish sustainable some key points may help:

1. **Planned giving** – We have 44 planned stewardship givers but around 80 on our electoral roll (2025). The diocesan **average** giving for stewardship scheme members is £19.50/week ours is £10.00 (less for those not in the stewardship scheme). Ours is considered one of the wealthiest parts of the diocese. Church guidance is 5% of disposable income after tax and housing costs.
2. We all have different circumstances but “*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](mailto:stewardship@saintmargaretsleigh.org).**

3. **Electronic Giving** – Our card reader that enables donations from Debit and Credit Cards. If you wish to try, please approach Donald Fraser, Peter Maddox, or warden.
4. **Giving via the website** – We now have a donation facility set up on the church website, [www.saintmargaretsleigh.org](http://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.
5. **Money Notice 2025 update and thank you** – Full accounts for 2025 were presented to the PCC on 11<sup>th</sup> March. We have been able to increase our percentage of Parish share paid from 60% to 67% of the requested amount (£102,000) from the diocese. Our Accounts for 2025 have been approved by the PCC and independently reviewed and are now available on the notice board for a couple of months for you to read and ask any questions of your wardens, treasurer and PCC. In summary there was a small increase in giving but modest drop in hall income and a modest surplus for the year. Thank you. To help in our financial viability we would ask you to read the booklet on stewardship and chip in with ideas and practical help. 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. ☺

## **Parish and other General Notices**

**Church Hall closure** – Unfortunately due to a fall of concrete from the central pillar in the lower hall the lower and upper hall are closed for users until further notice. The church has been rearranged to accommodate hall users and our own social gatherings. If you wish to help in any way to smooth the current inconveniences, expenses and changes you can speak to the wardens or Fr David and you may indeed be able to help in a small way. We hope that the situation is rectified by Advent but it will involve significant work and expense.

**Fr David as Priest in Charge of St Mary's Benfleet and St David's Eastwood** – This was formally inaugurated 3<sup>rd</sup> September. As stage one of the process the next stage is recruiting a full-time associate priest for the parishes including St Margaret's. The advertisement is now on the Diocesan and other websites and will appear in the Church Times shortly. I hope and expect this to be concluded, or pretty clear, before Easter. In the meantime there are some things that can be done and some oversight and guidance to be offered.

**Are you being called?** – There are many ways to help with the life and mission of the parish two important roles will be vacant within the year:

- **Website coordinator**: Bob Southward will be stepping down in January. If you or a member of your family or circle likes the internet and has skills or wants to learn skills in this field then this is for you. For a young person it is a wonderful addition to their CV for others it is an opportunity to offer a little time each week for a charitable cause. Let's think and ask around.
- **Churchwarden**: Peter Maddox stands down as Churchwarden next May it is not too early to think about who may take his place. Please ask for information on scope of the role.

**Flowers** – can you assist with flowers or bring flowers/foliage from your garden on a Saturday morning (or earlier) to add to the beauty of holiness. You can place things in the bucket at the entrance. Please speak to Sally Hull or Fr David to know more.

**Gardens and Hosepipe Ban** – Essex and Suffolk Water still have a hosepipe ban. Please use wastewater from the kitchen and the watering can by the hall outside tap to tend our containers and plants in need when you're around during the week.

**Rubbish** – A reminder we have no formal refuse collection – all users take away their own. Please assist in the regular church rubbish and recycle by taking the odd bag now and then if you drive. Thank you.

**Storage of Stuff at St Margaret's** – Some stuff appears with warning some not, some is useful some not. If you have things that you wish to leave in Church or hall spaces for any reason please speak to the wardens or Fr David first. There is much pressure from paying users to store equipment and it takes a lot of effort to coordinate and keep things in order. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Parish and Deanery Governance** – Minutes of Parochial Church Council meetings and Deanery meetings are published on the notice board. If you have a parish matter you wish to raise, please speak to the PCC secretary, Wardens and deanery representatives.

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

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***Enquiries for baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage and confession  
please contact the parish priest.***

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