

A thought for the day:- God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Among our own congregation

Janet, John, Sandra & Nigel, Lilian ,
Carole, Ann & Peter, Ian and Catherine.

Those who live in....

Granary Close, Guardian Court, Hartpiece Close, Harvesters Close,
Harvey Road, Harwood Road and Henley Close.

Those who are troubled or ill...

Keith, Jenny, John, Dudley, Bob & Sylvia,
Brendan, Stephen , Nicola, Margaret,
Joan and Val .

Those in residential care...

Constance, Betty, Geoff , Christine I, Florence,
Margaret and Betty.

Those who have died recently...

Phyllis Bodkin, Geoffrey Cuckow, Jean Tovey, Dorothy Chantler and
Roy Liddell-Young.

Those whose anniversary falls at this time...

We pray for all those known to you who have passed away in the last year.

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

18 th February 2018	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist with healing
25 th February 2018	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist

Please be aware that Photographs may be taken at our services, these are displayed in Church and maybe on our website. If you have any concerns about this please speak to our photographer, or a Churchwarden.

Weekly Notices 11th February 2018 – Sunday Next before Lent

8.00a.m :	HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant:	Revd. Jonathan Jennings
Sermon:	Revd. Jonathan Jennings
Reading:	Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 read by Denise Hazelden
Gospel :	Matthew 21. 33-end

10.30am:	PARISH EUCHARIST
Celebrant:	Revd Jonathan Jennings
Talk:	We welcome Mr. Ian Childs from Medway Foodbank
Readings:	Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 read by Frank Philippians 3.4b-14 read by Alice
Gospel:	Read by Revd. Jonathan Jennings
Hymns:	93, 54, 699 & 205 (Psalm 50.1-6 and hymn 60 during communion)
Intercessions:	Janet

<p>Collect for this Sunday – Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</p>
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Please stay for refreshments after the service

12.15pm – Interment of ashes of Winifred Utting in the Garden of Remembrance

<p>4.00pm – BAPTISM We welcome the families of:- Jacob and Harper to this special service of baptism. President: Revd. James Harratt</p>
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TEXT GIVING You can donate to support the church via text message:
text MARG44 £[your donation] to 70070."

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

OUR NEW VICAR – Please see the insert inside our Notices this week. It tells you all about our new Vicar, Revd. Nathan Ward and his family. Nathan is to be installed at St. Margaret's on Saturday 21st April 2018 at 2.30pm. More information to follow.

PANCAKE PARTY – We are having another Pancake Party this year on Shrove Tuesday 13th February in the lower Millennium Hall starting at 6.30pm. All inclusive price is £3. Tickets available from Peter, Barbara or Church Office during opening hours. Thank you.

LENT QUIET MORNING (Walking with Jesus) – SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY – 10AM – 1PM – Everyone is welcome to come along to church for the Lent Quiet Morning. There will be a bring and share lunch at the end.

FAMILY FRIENDLY BINGO EVENING – The Friends of St. Margaret's Church are holding a Family Friendly Bingo Evening on Saturday 17th February 2018 in the Millennium Centre, 6pm start. Tickets £3 including one book of 8 games from Lesley or Kay. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN RAINHAM LENT COURSE 2018 – (Where, What, Why, When, How) – The Lent Course starts in Church on Tuesday 20th February and runs for 5 weeks. Refreshments from 7.15pm and the course commences at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday 2nd March – The Womens World Day of Prayer prepared by the Christian women of Suriname will be held at St. Thomas's Catholic Church starting a 2pm. **All are welcome.**

LADIES WHO LUNCH – The next 'Ladies Who Lunch' will be on Thursday 15th March at 12.30pm at Upchurch Golf Club (downstairs). The contact for March is Lesley. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the church by Sunday 4th March and please let Lesley know if you have to cancel.

ST. MARGARET'S PARISH CHURCH DINNER – MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018 AT 7.00PM FOR 7.30PM AT THE UPCHURCH GOLF CLUB – Cost per head is £22 with a deposit of £10 (payable on Sundays throughout February as all deposits have to be paid by 25th February). Please contact Pam for details to pay deposit or in full.

MEMORIAL BOOK - If you would like to put a loved one in our Memorial Book in the Chapel please see Kate in the church office who will give you a form to take away and fill in. There is a one off fee of £30.

BAPTISM BIBLES - As most of you know we give each child that is baptised here a Bible, if you would like to make a donation to our Baptism Bible fund, please speak to Kate in the church office. Thank you.

SERVICES IN CARE HOMES – Church members now go into two care homes on a monthly basis to offer a joyful service of hymns and readings. If you would like to join the rota of volunteers please speak to Rev'd James.

EVENTS FOR WEEK - In Church from Monday 12th February 2018

Monday	9.30am – 1pm – Church office closed due to meetings
Wednesday	9.30am - Holy Communion Service – Ash Wednesday
Wednesday	7.30pm - Ash Wednesday service
Thursday	10.00am - 12 Noon – Coffee Morning
Saturday	10.00am – 1pm – Lent Quiet Morning (all welcome)

READINGS FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY - 18TH FEBRUARY 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 9. 8-17 - 1 Peter 3. 18-end - Mark 1. 9-15

THE FLOWERS WERE DONATED THIS WEEK:-

For Malcolm remembering his birthday - Loved always.

Please see the sheet on the table by the main door to write down when you wish to donate flowers. Contact the Church Office or Heather Baker if you wish to donate for the flowers on 362023. This should be in cash only please. (Please note there can be more than 1 person donating).

THE FLOODLIGHTS WERE NOT SPONSORED THIS WEEK.

Please contact the Church Office if you wish to sponsor the floodlights on 362023. One night £5, one week £30 and for a month £120. (Please note there can be more than 1 person sponsoring).