

MARGARETTING NEWS

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2016

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

Sunday 4th December
11.00am Parish Communion

Sunday 11th December
NO SERVICE

Sunday 18th December
11.00am Bishop Stephen to preach
6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th Christmas Day
NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Communion

9.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm Community Carols by Candlelight

9.30am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Crib Service
9.00pm Christmas Eve Communion

10.30am Family Communion Service

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8.45am Holy Communion

11.15am Matins

3.00pm Family Crib/Christingle Service

NO SERVICE

8.45am Holy Communion with
mince pies and mulled wine afterwards

Sunday 1st January 2017 come and join us at Buttsbury Church at 3.00pm for Carols by Candlelight

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services
For all enquiries contact Revd Celia - mobile telephone number 0784 215 1387

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A Father's Love

Planet Earth 2 what a gem of a programme hope you have all been watching. Spider Monkeys in the jungle, father curled up on the branch apparently sleeping while some of the youngsters play around him. This all takes place high up in the canopy of the trees and there is no safety net, a fall would most certainly result in death. They jump from branch to branch using their tails to hold them in place, the smallest of the group is curious and so she launches herself to places that no baby Spider Monkey should go. Father's not watching, so I am off, then the realisation that the branches have become slender twigs, baby jumps and is stuck when suddenly father appears, in tender love he sweeps the baby into his arms and forms a bridge with his body, she is rescued by such tender love.

Christmas approaches and as we wait through the season of Advent may we too be reminded of the Father's love. His great rescue plan for all humanity stuck in a place where certain death would result. Our Heavenly Father watching over us, he sweeps up humanity in to his loving arms and gives us the gift of his Son Jesus Christ. The one who will then form a bridge with his body on the cross at Easter. Such a rescue plan, such Devine love.

Christmas blessings may you all know the love, joy and peace of the Christ Child.

Revd Celia

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES

VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday, 2nd December - 6pm to 8.30pm
Ingatstone High Street

CHARITY BINGO

Wednesday 14th December - 7.30pm
Margaretting Village Hall

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, 18th December - 6.00pm
St Margaret's Church

CAROL SINGING

Monday 19th December - 6.30pm
The Black Bull and The Red Lion
Starting in the Black Bull at 6:30pm
and then onto the Red Lion

CHRISTMAS CHRISTINGLE

Wednesday, 21st December - 2.30pm
Margaretting C of E School - All invited

CHRISTMAS EVE 'MIDNIGHT' SERVICE

Saturday 24th December 11.30pm
St Margaret's Church

A traditional service and special occasion
to celebrate the birth of Christ

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - NOVEMBER MEETING

Please note: The full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margaretting Community website. A parish councillor is on duty in the parish office on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:30am to 12 noon. The office telephone number is 01277 350887 This telephone is checked weekly on a Tuesday for messages. Alternatively, you can contact the parish council via email. Email address: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Seven members of the public present including the new owner of Margaretting Hall Farm and the Parsonage Lane land. Matters discussed and brought to our attention included: the poor response from the Environment Agency to this year's flooding in Main Road; flooding in Maldon Road in the vicinity of 'El Rita'; Network Rail's proposal to close the Parsonage Lane railway crossing; the planning application for a change of use of agricultural land in Church Lane and the Margaretting Flood Alleviation Scheme.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

We received Mrs Lynn Edwards's resignation from the parish council. A letter will be sent to Lynn expressing our thanks for her leadership as our chairman and our gratitude for all her hard work for the community especially her efforts on behalf of the 351 bus passengers. We now have two vacancies.

See next page.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Cllr Paoli-Burke agreed to be the transport representative for the parish council.

ESSEX POLICE

The Police will be using Essex Community Messaging (ECM) to communicate details of crimes in our area. **See back page**

SCHOOL PARKING PROBLEMS

The new headteacher of Margaretting School will be attending our December meeting.

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

There were no reported incidents. We received an estimate for repairing the safety surfaces to the play area.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

Proposals for new projects will be discussed at our next meeting. Suggestions are welcome.

CHARITY BINGO

**Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm
Margaretting Village Hall**

Come and enjoy a fun evening with the Bingo Club Members in the village hall. Bring a prize, win a prize.

All welcome. All proceeds go to a charity chosen on the evening.

MINCE PIES & SAUSAGE ROLLS AT THE BLACK BULL

Christmas Eve - 3pm to 9pm

Julie, Maryann and all the staff at the Black Bull invite neighbours, friends and customers to join them for mince pies and sausage rolls.

VILLAGE TREES

The dead cherry trees in Maldon Road and Parsonage Lane have been cut back. We questioned why Chelmsford Council had not removed the stumps.

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

Complaints about bridleways being fenced off are being checked. No 44 is still blocked by a fallen fence.

ACCOUNTS

The following expenditure was agreed:

£439 - Grass cutting (MDL)

£60 - R Rees (office notice board)

£145 - R Rees (wiring of BT hub)

We noted the following income:

£741 - CIL for Handley Green.

The surplus funds from the Queen's 90th celebrations are to be allocated to the Margaretting in Need Trust.

PLANNING

The following applications were received for comment:

*16/01930/FUL - 25, Orton Close:
Side and rear conservatory.*

16/01839/FUL - Church Lane:

Change of use of agricultural land to camping and touring caravan site, car park, two toilet blocks and shower block. Construct passing places along existing track and implement landscape planting.

16/01812/FUL and 16/01813/LBC - 4, Whitebridge Cottages, Maldon Road: Two storey side and single storey rear extension.

16/01684/FUL - Elm Cottage, Main Road: Retrospective application for a new field access from Pennys Lane.

The following decisions were noted:

16/01533/FUL - Van Dyke, Margaretting Tye: Erection of double garage.

Planning permission granted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 8 December 2016 at 7.30pm.

NEW CHALLENGES

As the new head teacher of Margaretting C of E Primary school I have enjoyed the challenges experienced in the first half term of my new post. It has been exciting getting to know the children, parents, staff and governors of the school, the vicars and the community and I feel at home already. Every day in school brings with it new challenges

in times of change and pressure on teachers and education in general.

However having a strong coherent staff, kind parents and a supportive governing body makes the job easier and more manageable.

The children are polite but able to express their thoughts and wishes for the school assertively and thoughtfully. I enjoy my weekly afternoon tea with children where I meet six children who tell me what they are enjoying about their learning but also express their wishes for the future of the school. Some ideas are very creative and would need extensive funding and some ideas I put in place as soon as is appropriate. I learn a lot about how our school works from these fun short moments of communication and a hot chocolate! Children are so honest and so observant. This is what makes teaching the best job in the world.

As we head towards the busy half term leading towards Christmas, we look forward to singing at Westminster Cathedral and at the Mayor's Christmas concert. We are also in the process of organising our Christmas Bazaar which will be held in the school hall on the 25th November at 12 noon. Please come along and support the school.

Feel free to see the school at any time and join us for hot chocolate! It is a special place to visit and you are always welcome.

Maire O'Regan



ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



80 people from the community attended this year's wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial on Sunday 13th November. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial by representatives of the Parish Council, Over 60s Club, St Margaret's Church, Margaretting Friends and Margaretting School. A two minute silence was observed and the names of the Margaretting men who lost their lives in the two

world wars were read out by Don Moore. The last post and reveille was played by bugler Jonathan Steer. This was Jonathan's 26th year in attendance at Margaretting's Remembrance Ceremony. Pupils from Margaretting School held their Act of Remembrance on Friday, 11th November. The pupils read poems they had written in school and a two minute silence was observed.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the shoe box appeal this year in what ever way they could. Eight shoe boxes filled with gifts were collected from the village. To which part of the world the boxes will be sent is not known. Lynn will let us know as soon as this information is made available.

THE BLACK BULL'S FUND RAISING SUCCESSES

The Black Bull has once again proved how generous its customers and friends are. September's coffee morning raised £880 for Macmillan Cancer Support and last month's quiz night for Children in Need raised £1,114. Included in these amounts was £325 from the sale of Phyllis Wilson's homemade jams - a lot of jars of jam! This was the Black Bull's fourteenth year raising funds for Children in Need. Julie and all her staff would like to thank everybody who supported these two events, donated raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets and Phyllis's jams. A special 'thank you' is definitely due to the Black Bull for arranging and holding these two events.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

A big thank you is owed to Margaretting Friends for organising this year's bazaar and for ALL the preparation that went on beforehand. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event whether by running stalls, donating gifts or spending money!

AUSTRALIAN 3D IMAGE GLASS ORNAMENT

A 'big thank you' from one of the sellers at the car boot sale on August Bank Holiday 2016 to the 'lovely lady' who returned the 3D image glass ornament of Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House.

OVER 60s CLUB

We meet again on Wednesday, 7th December from 2pm to 4pm in the village hall for an afternoon of 'Carols and Mince Pies' with the children from Margaretting C of E School. New members welcome. For more information please telephone June or Don on 01277 356126.

CRAFTERS

A craft group meets in the Chelmer Room of the village hall on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm. The group's next meeting is on Monday, 5th December. Bring along a project and enjoy company whilst you work. All are very welcome. All enquiries contact Lynn on 01277 355575

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

There is no meeting in December but we are looking forward to enjoying a festive evening meal together on Wednesday, 7th December in the Black Bull. If you would like to enter this year's Christmas Quiz please contact Rosemary on 01277 350553. A prize of £10 will be awarded to the winner.

BOOK CLUB

We thought Robert Harris's novel 'Enigma' - a Bletchley Park story - a good read and awarded it 4 stars out of 5. This month we are reading 'Mrs Dalloway' by Virginia Woolf. If you would like more information about the book club please contact Penny on 01277 356182.

VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone for your patience during the refurbishment of the ladies loos which now have hot water as well as an upgrade - new sinks and faucets.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

If you are interested in being co-opted onto the parish council please contact Caroline Kochan, the clerk to the parish council.

Telephone: 01277 350887

Email: parishcouncil.margaretting@virgin.net
To find out more about being a parish councillor do come along to one of our meetings where you can listen to the full range of items raised and discussed. Alternatively, you may prefer to speak to a member of the parish council. Parish Council contact details are posted on the parish council and village notice boards.

2017 DIARY DATE

Village Hall Quiz night Saturday, 5th March 2017 in aid of village hall funds.



Margaretting Village Hall

What's on December 2016

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am Main Hall; 7 – 8pm Main Hall (No Pilates on 26th)
Yoga 8.15 – 9.15pm Main Hall (No Yoga 26th)
Crafters 5th – 7.30pm – Chelmer Room – all welcome

Tuesdays

Art Class – 6th - 10am -12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room
(Last class before Christmas)
Yoga – 6th and 13th - 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall
Barnraisers – 6th and 20th - 9.30am – 12.30pm – Meeting Room
Combat Academy – 6th – 7-9pm – Main Hall – Self-defence for everyone

Wednesdays

Over 60's Club – 7th – 2 - 4pm - Main Hall
Dance to Fitness – 7th - 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall
French class – 7th and 14th - 10am – 12noon – Meeting Room
Charity Bingo – 14th - 7.30pm – Main Hall

Thursdays

Village Hall Committee – 1st – 7.30pm – Meeting Room
Art Class – 1st and 8th - 10am – 12 noon - Chelmer Room
Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall
Hot Pod Yoga – 6pm -7.30pm – Main Hall
Parish Council meeting – 8th – Meeting Room 7.30pm

Fridays

Barnraisers – 9.30am – 12.30pm – Main Hall

Saturdays

Village Coffee Morning – 17th - 10am – 12 noon – Chelmer Room
Parish Council Surgery – 17th – 10.30am – 12 noon - Parish Office
Hindu Dharma Society – 5th - 5.30pm – Main Hall

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group – 11th - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

*For further details or queries for private functions please contact
the booking secretary April Nixon on 07794 187741*

DECEMBER COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste
Every Tuesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Tuesday 6th and 20th

Green box and card sack
Tuesday 13th and 28th

Margaretting Tye

Black bins and food waste
Every Wednesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Wednesday 7th and 21st

Green box and card sack
Wednesday 14th and 29th

ECM - ESSEX

COMMUNITY MESSAGING

I am the Detective Inspector who is responsible for serious crimes including Burglary Dwelling in the Chelmsford District. From now on, I intend to use ECM to give you specific updates about offences happening near you. Depending on the information, I will even break this down to very local areas (ie part of a town/village) which is affected. This means you might not receive lots of ECM's from me, but when you do, they should be specific. I also intend to start using ECM as another means of putting out witness appeals if there has been serious offences in your area. I hope you find this of use in the future.

Det. Insp. Rob Kirby

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 17th December - 10.00am to 12 noon - Chelmer Room, Margaretting Village Hall

Margaretting Friends invite you to come and join them for a festive drink and mince pies.

Local Honey and produce available. Bric-a-brac and Books. More information 01277 355575

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 8th December (only one visit this month) at 2.15-2.30pm in Maldon Road in the lay-by opposite the playing field.

TRUST BUS Margaretting to Ingatestone, Friday mornings leaving the Pond, Main Road at 9.55am, Orton Close at 10.00am and returning from Ingatestone at approximately 11.00am.

The Trust bus will run to Tesco on Fridays at 11.15am from Orton Close and returning from Tesco at 1pm.

Please note, the Trust bus is for anyone who needs it, not just for pensioners.

Because of insurance terms, passengers must be 'members' and are required to supply their name and address to the driver. Membership is free to passengers.

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