

MARGARETTING NEWS

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2015

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

Sunday 6th December
11.00am Parish Communion

Sunday 13th December
NO SERVICE

Sunday 20th December
11.00am Parish Communion

Thursday 24th Christmas Eve
11pm Christmas Eve Midnight Service

Friday 25th Christmas Day
NO SERVICE

Sunday 27th December
NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

9.30am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Crib Service
9.00pm Christmas Eve Communion Service

10.00am Holy Communion Service

9.30am Nine Lessons with Carols

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

3.00pm 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

Christmas is coming but somehow this year it seems to have a different feel about it. I am sure we would all agree that we live in a dangerous and troubled world; even the food adverts on the TV which have dominated the run up to Christmas over the last few years seem to have lost their appeal. After all can we really eat all that food and not think for a moment that half the world is starving. Can we really drink all that alcohol when half the world longs for a cup of clean water? Can we really decorate our homes inside and out with pretty coloured lights when so much of the world appears to be enveloped in darkness. Can we really spend more than we can afford on those expensive gifts and overlook the greatest free gift ever given? Where at this Christmas time may we find the love, hope, joy and peace that I am sure we all so desire? These things are to be found in the simple stable and manger of that first Christmas night for it is there that Emmanuel – God with us is to be found in the gift of the Christ child. May we all in the stable of our lives and the mangers of our hearts receive afresh this Christmas time the one born to be King of Kings, Lord of Lords and Prince of Peace our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas joy and peace to you all.

Revd Celia

VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday 4th December - 6pm to 8.30pm
Ingatstone High Street

Carriage procession at 6pm outside Beresfords Estate Agents

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND SERVICES COMMUNITY CHRISTINGLE, CRIB AND CAROLS

Friday 11th December 7.00pm
Margaretting Village Hall

A Christmas Christingle Service for young and old alike

CAROL SINGING

Monday 21st December - 6.30pm
The Black Bull and The Red Lion
Beginning in the Black Bull at 6:30pm
and then onto the Red Lion.

CHRISTMAS EVE 'MIDNIGHT' SERVICE

Thursday 24th December 11pm
St Margaret's Church

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

CHARITY BINGO

Wednesday 16th 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.

PARISH COUNCIL - NOVEMBER MEETING

Please note the official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margareting Community website

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present.
Flood Alleviation Scheme: It was confirmed that the Appeal Hearing against the earlier court decision granting a warrant to the Environment Agency to enter a local landowner's land is due to take place on 19th November.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

This vacancy will be advertised in the newsletter and on the village notice boards. **See next page.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was agreed that next year the parish council (on behalf of the community) would purchase a wreath.

WAR MEMORIAL

Damage to a third bollard was noted. It was agreed to include this repair in the annual maintenance schedule. Two of three bollards damaged are covered by insurance.

MALDON ROAD

Inconsiderate Parking: Reports of persistent parking on the double yellow lines are to be reported to the South Essex Parking Partnership. This organisation is responsible for the parking enforcement process (penalty charges notices and management of parking restrictions).
Playing Field and Allotments: There were no reported incidents. Two allotments are available for rent. A notice will be published in the newsletter. **See next page.**

VILLAGE AUTUMN CLEAN

Appreciation was expressed for the residents who helped litter pick. This year there were ten volunteers.
See next page.

VILLAGE PROJECTS

Village Gateways: The newly installed Galleywood gateway in Maldon Road marking the boundary with Margareting was noted. It was agreed to contact the Local Highways Panel to check the status of the request for a Margareting gateway.
Lavender Bank: One estimate has been received.
Village Hall Road Traffic Sign: Nothing further to report.

PARISH OFFICE/ROOM

Planted troughs are to be installed between the bollards on the ramp/path. Once fixed in place the warning red tape along the ramp/path will be removed. The troughs will act as a safety precaution to prevent people tripping up the kerb and wheelchair wheels slipping over the edge of the path. Chelmsford Council's requirement for handrails to be fitted either side of the door is still being pursued.

ORTON CLOSE PARKING

The meeting with Chelmer Housing Partnership to discuss the parking problems did not result in anything being agreed. The parish council had put forward the view that the two parking areas in Orton Close should be resurfaced and white lined to encourage more residents to park there instead of in the road. Cllr Grundy suggested this proposal may be a scheme the Local Highways Panel might consider funding. A number of damaged kerbs in Orton Close were noted and these will be reported to Highways.

LONDON ROAD

A report that a tent has been seen on the land abutting London Road (same piece of ground where a shed was erected last year) is to be reported to the Enforcement Team.

DOG FOULING

Parsonage Lane: The dog warden has installed dog fouling warning notices.
Village Hall Recreation Field: It was agreed to purchase a replacement red bin for the Wantz Road entrance. The original one was removed by persons unknown.

VILLAGE POND

Weed, leaves and debris were cleared, as far as practicable, from the pond by The Conservation Volunteers. It was noted that further pond clearing will be necessary when the pond weed begins to grow in the Spring. The information board has been removed for repairs.

VILLAGE TREES

Chelmsford Council Tree Officers have advised the parish council to delay its decision to remove and/or replace the two dead Cherry trees in Parsonage Lane.

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

Requests for footpath no 39 fingerposts to be reinstated, a broken stile on footpath no 34 and damaged ramp on footpath no 30 to be repaired are to be reported to Highways. It was noted the parish council has a collection of A4 size maps showing four local walks. **See next page.**
CHELMSFORD LOCAL PLAN
Residents are encouraged to respond to the consultation. **See next page.**

ACCOUNTS

The following expenditure was agreed:
£439 - Grass cutting (MDL)
£11.50 - Welcome Packs
£71 - Uncontested PC Elections
We noted the following income:
£500 - MAZTEC (V Festival grant)

PLANNING

The following applications were received for comment:
15/01703/FUL - Eweland Hall Lodge, Main Road: One and half storey side extension, two storey rear extension and two bay detached cart lodge.
The following decisions were noted:
15/011709/FUL - Eweland Cottage, Main Road: First floor extension over existing flat roof extension to rear of the property. New French doors and balcony to rear of master bedroom.
Planning permission granted.

15/01415/CLEUD - Eastfield Farm, Main Road: Application for a certificate of lawful existing Use or development for the use of land as a building contractors yard including storage buildings and associated hard standing, parking and open storage.
Planning permission granted

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 10th December 2015 at 7.30

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE
TELEPHONE 01277 350887
PARISH COUNCIL
SURGERY
SATURDAY, 19 DECEMBER
10.30-12 NOON
IN THE
PARISH COUNCIL ROOM
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch Club, for those living on their own, is on Saturday 12th December at 1pm at the Vicarage. It is a Christmas Meal with turkey and all the trimmings. Please let Revd Celia know by Tuesday, 8th December on her mobile telephone number 0784 215 1387 if you intend to come along.

AUTUMN CLEAN UP

Thanks are due to the ten volunteers who helped this year. Thanks are due also to the Black Bull for the much appreciated refreshments afterwards. The parish council is appreciative of all the regular litter pickers, two of whom, can be seen weekly walking their own special route in the village. Thank you!!

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

The shoe boxes and donations from the village joined others on their way on Thursday 5th November. One hundred and thirty eight were collected in total. Thank you very much for your contributions and support of this cause. As yet we do not know where they are headed but as soon as I hear I will pass the information on. *Lynn Cameron*

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Margaretting Friends would like to thank Brian Green for helping them with the tidying and clearing of the garden at the top of Orton Close and also to the residents of the bungalows who kindly let us fill their brown wheelie bins. We hope that you all agree the garden is now looking good again. There is no meeting in December but we are looking forward to enjoying a festive evening meal together on 9th December in the Black Bull. If you would like to enter our Christmas Quiz please contact Rosemary on 01277 350553. A prize of £10 will be awarded to the winner.

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

December's chosen books are Joanna Lumley's autobiography 'Absolutely' and Judy Finnigan's novel 'I do not sleep'. The many themes in 'The Apple Tree Yard' by Louise Doughty prompted an interesting discussion. The majority thought it a chilling novel which explored self deception, infidelity, betrayal and the consequences of hasty actions. A real page turner but not a comfortable read. We awarded it 4 stars. Two of our members couldn't get beyond the first two chapters of Rosie Thomas's 'Constance', our second book. Those who did persevere to the end said they enjoyed reading the book and awarded it 3 stars. For more information about the book club contact Penny on 01277 356182.

MINCE PIES & SAUSAGE ROLLS AT THE BLACK BULL

Christmas Eve - 3pm to 9pm

Julie, Maryann and the staff invite friends and customers to join them for mince pies and sausage rolls.

CHELMSFORD LOCAL PLAN

The Council is preparing a new Local Plan as the current one expires in 2021. This document will guide the growth and development across Chelmsford City Council's area to 2036. The consultation on the Issues and Options document and its Sustainability Appraisal will end on 21st January 2016. The Council is also consulting on a Draft Statement of Community Involvement at the same time. The Local Plan consultation will set out the issues that will need to be considered including numbers of new homes and jobs, and requirements for infrastructure. It will also explore broad location options for new growth. The consultation documents will be available to view and comment at: <http://consult.chelmsford.gov.uk/portal>. They will also be available for inspection during normal opening hours at the City Council's Customer Service Centres, in local libraries and at drop-in exhibitions to be held during the consultation period. Please visit the Council's website for the latest information at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/new-local-plan.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Seventy six people attended this year's wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial on Sunday 8th November. The service and prayers were led by Revd Celia. Don Moore closed the ceremony with those moving and well known words 'When you go home, tell them of us and say for their tomorrow we gave our today'. The names of the Margaretting men who lost their lives in the two world wars were read out by Revd Celia and a two minute silence was observed. Wreaths and a posy were laid at the foot of the war memorial by representatives of the Over 60s Club, Margaretting Friends and St Margaret's Church on behalf of the community. The last post and reveille was played by bugler Jonathan Steer. This was Jonathan's 25th year in attendance at Margaretting's Remembrance Ceremony.

The pupils from Margaretting School held their Act of Remembrance on Wednesday, 11th November. The pupils read poems they had written in school and a two minute silence was observed.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The Black Bull has once again, for the thirteenth year running, proved how generous its customers and friends are. This year the amount they raised was £1,102. Julie, Maryann and everyone from the Black Bull would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets and helped raise money for Children in Need.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact Caroline Kochan, Clerk to the Parish Council on 01277 350887.

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

Footpath maps, in clear plastic wallets, with details of four local walks (Church walk, Margaretting Tye walk, Fristling Hall walk and Writtle Deer walk) are available free of charge from the parish council. Please contact Cllr Peter Slade on 01277 350745.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on Saturday 21st November by buying gifts, books, cakes, tombola, raffle tickets, afternoon tea and coffee.

ALLOTMENTS

Interested in trying your hand at growing your own? The parish council has two allotments available for rent. Please contact Keith or Tracey on 01277 354516 for more information.

OVER 60s CLUB

We meet again on 9th December from 2pm to 4pm in the village hall. Our programme for the afternoon includes 'Carols and Mince Pies'. New members are very welcome. For more information please telephone June or Don on 01277 356126.

VILLAGE HALL - ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER WEEKLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

Mondays

Pilates 9.30 – 10.30am - 7 – 8pm – Main Hall

Yoga 8.15 – 9.15pm – Main Hall

Tuesdays

Art Class 10am -12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room (Not 15th, 22nd or 29th)

Yoga 1.30pm – 3pm – Main Hall (Not 22nd or 29th)

Barnraisers 8th and 22nd - 9.30am – 12 noon – Meeting Room

Combat Academy 1st and 15th - 7-9pm - Main Hall – self defence for everyone

Wednesdays

Over 60's Club 9th only – 2 - 4pm – Main Hall

Dance to Fitness 2nd only – 9.30 - 10.30am - Main Hall

Bingo 2nd and 16th (Charity evening) – 7.30pm – Main Hall

French Class 2nd and 9th only – 10am - 12 noon – Meeting Room

Village Hall Committee meeting 2nd – 7.30pm – Meeting Room

Thursdays

Art Classes 3rd and 10th only – 10am - 12 noon – Chelmer Room

Pilates 9.30 - 10.30am – Main Hall

Parish Council meeting 10th – 7.30pm – Meeting Room

Hindu Dharma Society 31st – 6pm – Main Hall

Fridays

Barnraisers 4th and 11th – 9.30am - 12 noon – Main Hall

Hindu Dharma Society 4th – 6.00pm – Chelmer Room

Christingle and Crib Service 11th - 7pm – Main Hall

Saturdays

Pirouette School of Dance 5th – 8.30am - 1.30pm – Main Hall

Village Coffee Morning 19th – 10am - 12 noon – Chelmer Room

Parish Council Surgery 19th – 10.30am - 12 noon – Parish Office

Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork Group 13th - 9.30am - 6pm – Main Hall

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

WANTED

Second hand books especially children's books to sell to raise funds for village hall improvements.

Please contact Lynn Cameron on 01277 355575 to arrange delivery or collection.

DECEMBER REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Black bin and food waste
Every Tuesday

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Tuesday 8th and 22nd

Green box and card sack
Tuesdays 1st, 15th and
Wednesday 30th

Margaretting Tye

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Wednesdays 9th and 23rd

Green box and card sack
Wednesday 2nd, 16th and
Thursday 31st

STREET MEETS

PCSO Carr will be in the Parish Council Office on Saturday 19th December from 12noon to 1pm.

2016 DIARY DATES

Village Hall Quiz night Saturday 5th
March 2016 in aid of village hall funds.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 19th 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. This month there is only one scheduled visit 10th December at 14.15 - 14.30 in Maldon Road in the lay-by opposite the playing field.

SHOPPER BUS Margaretting to Asda Supermarket, Chelmer Village - Tuesday mornings
Margaretting to Tesco Supermarket, Wood Street - Thursday mornings
leaving Orton Close at 11.00, Maldon Road at 11.02, Main Road at 11.04.

TRUST BUS Margaretting to Ingatestone, Friday mornings leaving the Pond, Main Road at 9.55
Orton Close at 10.00 and returning from Ingatestone at 11.15

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