



# MARGARETTING NEWS

## January/February 2018

### BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY SUNDAY SERVICES

#### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

7th January and 4th February  
NO SERVICE

14th January and 11th February  
NO SERVICE

21st January and 18th February  
10.00am Holy Communion

28th January and 25th February  
NO SERVICE

#### ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion

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#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

8:45am Holy Communion

11.15am Matins

3.30pm Evensong with Communion

3.30pm Evensong

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all of our services  
For all enquiries contact Revd Patrick - telephone number 01277 352562

### COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

In the run-up to Christmas it has become a Margaretting tradition to invite folk to sing carols with Bishop Stephen in the Black Bull and the Red Lion. Monday, 18th December 2017 was the fourth year running Julie and Jon have acted as 'mine hosts' and many thanks are owed to them and to everyone who took part and gave generously to CHESS - the Chelmsford based charity which gives support and shelter to the homeless. £270.50 was raised for this worthy cause.

Special thanks are owed to Julie, Maryann and Steve for the mulled wine in the Black Bull and to Dave who did a splendid job conducting the 'community singing' in the public bar.

Special thanks also are owed to the Red Lion - Jon, his staff, neighbours, friends and customers - for their warm welcome. It was heartening to see so many waiting for us when we walked through the door of the Red Lion and to hear people say 'this has been a lovely way to start our Christmas festivities'.

Happy New Year to everyone.  
Monday, 17th December 2018 is in the diary!

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### ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

#### Christmas Day Service

Revd Tim, who led our Christmas morning service, instead of delivering a sermon, read the following poem written by British poet Ursula Askham Fanthorpe (1929-2009) - a poet renowned for her wordplay and dark wit.

Revd Tim thought the words in this poem would resonate with the congregation far more than any formal Christmas Morning sermon.

A poem for reflection and conversation?

#### The Wicked Fairy at the Manger

##### My gift for the child:

No wife, kids, home;  
No money sense. Unemployable.  
Friends, yes. But the wrong sort -  
The workshy, women, wimps,  
Petty infringers of the Law,  
Persons  
With notifiable diseases,  
Poll tax collectors, tarts;  
The bottom rung.  
His end?

I think we'll make it  
Public, prolonged painful,

Right, said the baby. That was roughly  
What we had in mind.

Ursula Fanthorpe once said "Poetry is important because it reaches the places that other kinds of writing can't reach ... Poetry has all the voices - wit, sincerity, pastiche, tragedy, delight, and most importantly it's with us from the start of our lives to the end: at the start of our lives, with lullabies and mothers crooning to babies, at the end of our life, with hymns over a grave."

The Christmas Day service collection, amounting to £96.70, was donated to CHESS.

## THANK YOU NOTES

### In Memory of Colin Smart

Becky Smart and Family would like to thank everyone in her beloved Margaretting for their prayers, cards and flowers. Special thanks to Wally, Peter and Carol and the lady at Minstral Lodge. Colin loved walking through the bridle paths with his beloved but boisterous Duke at his side. Thank you all so much Margaretting; its people will always be so precious to me. Thank you. *Becky Smart and Family*

### Charity Bingo

A big thank you to all (about 60) who attended the Charity Bingo and made it a successful evening. On the evening £345.50 was made, to this was added £175 collected by the members throughout the year - making a total of £520.50. The two charities chosen on the evening were:

Breast Cancer Research and M.E. Association Research Fund. Each receiving £260.25.

The date of the next Bingo is Wednesday, 14th April 2018. *Maurice Wright*

### Afternoon Tea Treat

Everyone at the Over 60s Club would like to thank Margaretting Friends for the lovely tea they provided for us. It was enjoyed by all. Many thanks too for the gift you gave each one of us. It was a nice surprise. A truly a great afternoon. Happy New Year to you all.

### Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated completed boxes or items to go in them, including knitting hats, gloves and scarves. I can report 117 boxes were collected to start their journey at the beginning of November. I will report again when we know where they have gone. Thank you again.

*Lynn Cameron*

### Christmas Fayre

Margaretting Friends wish to thank everyone for their support of the Christmas Fayre in 2017. We are still sorting out the accounts but will in the new year be making a donation to projects in the village. We would like to thank those generous companies and people who donated raffle prizes:

Forest Lodge Farm turkeys

Calcotts Farm Shop

Ingatstone Saddlery

Budgens, Patrick Green

Kennedys, The Black Bull

The White Hart, Margaretting Friends

Donation from Helena Bowers

Look out for next year's!!



### The Black Bull

Julie and everyone at the Black Bull would like to thank each person who supported November's 'Children in Need' dinner and quiz. The evening raised £1,310 for 'Children in Need'.

### Margaretting School

Members of the Over 60's Club would like to thank all the children and staff at Margaretting School for entertaining us to songs and Christmas carols on Wednesday, 13th December. It was lovely to see all the children from the school and a few tears were shed as we listened to them singing. For some members it brought back memories of their time at Margaretting School. Our afternoon ended on a high note with the children going round to each one of us with their wishes for a Happy Christmas. A big thank you to all.

*June Moore*

### Christmas Angels

St Margaret's PCC and St Margaret's Flower Team would like to thank the pupils of Margaretting School for their angel decorations. The flower team was delighted to discover the angels in the church the week before Christmas. The paper angels proved to be the perfect enhancement for the team's Christmas flower displays.

Thank you members of the flower team for your beautiful flower arrangements.

### December's Benefice Service

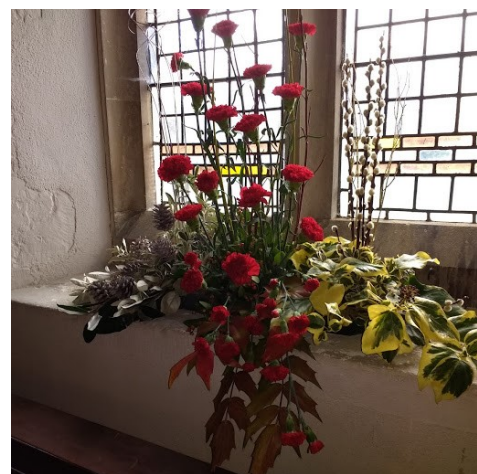
A thank you also to the members of Buttsbury and Mountnessing churches for supporting the Benefice Nine Lessons and Carols service on 31st December, to Lay Minister Canon Paul Betts for leading the service, to Angela Smith for organising the refreshments and to Maddy Wright for helping Angela. Thank you to each person who read a lesson, your participation made the service more meaningful and enjoyable. Without your support this traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols would not have been possible.

### St Margaret's Bell Ringers

Last but not least is a thank you to our team of dedicated bell ringers - Bev, Michael, Patricia, Peggy, Peter and Susan - and to Petra, who joined them to ring in the New Year, which ended with a cacophony of bells to drive the evil spirits away. Peter tells us this is an ancient tradition.

THANK YOU BELL RINGERS

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



## DOUG BASHFORD

It is sad to report that Doug Bashford died on Boxing Day. All who knew Doug will agree he was a larger than life character. When he lived in Margaretting he was frequently seen whizzing round the village roads on his mobility scooter with his faithful dog 'Vee' running along side on the pavement. Doug and 'Vee' moved to Maldon in 2014 to be nearer his daughter Julia. Despite concerns expressed by several of his friends that he would miss Margaretting he soon settled in Maldon, joined clubs, became a regular at the gentlemen's luncheon club and made new friends with fellow dog walkers. Early in 2017 after 'Vee' died Julia bought Doug a puppy (a lively Jack Russell mix). True to form Doug relished telling tales of the puppy's many antics. None of which fazed Doug, including the episodes involving various chewed remote controls and most recently a bottom set of false teeth. Doug had a wicked sense of humour and once met he was never forgotten. Again, true to form dear Doug chose a significant day, Julia's birthday, to say goodbye to this world! He will be missed by his family and friends.

## VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING

In February we are holding another Jumble sale to raise much needed funds to replace the boiler. We have been told the boiler is obsolete and should it breakdown we will be unable to obtain parts. Please support the village hall to maintain the service it provides to the community by donating Jumble and coming on the day and booking a table for our quiz night in March. If we do not raise the money to pay for the boiler our hiring rates will need to be increased to cover the costs. Don't forget the village hall foyer has a selection of second hand books on display for sale. The foyer also has a battery recycling box.

## MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

Lisa Jewell's novel 'The Girls' received a mixed review from our members. The story, which revolves around an attack on a young girl, has a number of themes. It explores adolescent vulnerability, doubts, assumptions and attitudes. The characters are rather strange and some unbelievable. The story has an untidy ending with nobody being held to account for the attack. We agreed a star rating of 3 out of 5. January's book is 'No Child of Mine' by Susan Lewis. February's book is 'The Nightingale' by Kristin Hannah. For more information about the Book Club please telephone Penny on 01277 356182.

## JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 17th February  
10am – 12 noon in the village hall  
If you have any jumble to donate, please contact  
April Nixon on 01277 354557 or  
Michael Scott on 01277 354821

## DIARY DATES 2018

Saturday, 17 February - Village Hall Jumble Sale  
Saturday, 24 February - 'The Creation'  
Arts Roundabout - St Margaret's Church  
Saturday, 3 March - Village Hall Quiz Night  
Tuesday 22 May - Eastern Angles

## PARISH COUNCIL

Due to unavoidable circumstances December's meeting has been postponed to Thursday, 11th January. Issues discussed at this meeting together with details of any planning applications received for comments will appear in the next newsletter.

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Our first meeting in the New Year will be on Monday 15th January - 7.30pm in the Chelmer Room. Jane Wyndham has been invited to talk to us about 'Arise and Shine' a children's home for vulnerable children in Kenya. On 19th February we have a speaker from Barnardo's. All are invited.

## MARGARETTING CRAFTERS

Do you want to learn a new craft or set aside time to complete an on-going project, or need help with the next steps? Then come and join us in the Chelmer Room at the village hall on the first Monday of every month - 8th January, 5th February at 7.30pm. All enquiries or for more information about Margaretting Friends or Margaretting Crafters please contact Lynn on 01277 355575.

## OVER 60S CLUB

Meetings start at 2pm and are held on alternate Wednesdays in the meeting room at the village hall. The dates for the next two months are 10th and 24th January and 7th and 21st February. New members are welcome. For more information contact June or Don Moore on 01277 356126.

## THE CREATION

On Saturday, 24th February from 4:30pm to 6:30pm pupils from Arts Roundabout will take part in a special concert in St Margaret's Church - the story of THE CREATION told in speech, dance and movement - based on excerpts from a piece of well-known music by Joseph Haydn.

Entrance by programmes available at the door - adults £5 and children £3 (participating children £2 pre-paid). Light refreshments included. All proceeds to go towards the upkeep of St Margaret's church.

## EASTERN ANGLES

The Eastern Angles Spring Tour 2018  
Tuesday 22nd May at 7.30pm in the village hall  
Further details nearer the performance date  
To book tickets - £10 each  
Please ring Jennie Scott on 01277 354821

## QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 3rd March 2017 at 7.00pm  
at Margaretting Village Hall  
In aid of the upkeep of the village hall  
Fish and Chip Supper  
Children welcome  
Bring your own drinks  
Tickets £8 each adults £5 each child  
Tables of 8 (Can be made up on the night)  
Ring Sheila on 01277 840493



## Margaretting Village Hall

# What's on January & February 2018

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

### Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall

Dog Training - 5–10pm - Main Hall

Crafters - 7:30 pm – Chelmer Room – 8<sup>th</sup> Jan and 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – All Welcome

Margaretting Friends - 7pm - Chelmer Room – 15<sup>th</sup> Jan and 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Tuesdays

Art Class - 10am – 12pm & 2pm – 4pm - Chelmer Room

Yoga - 1:30pm – 3:00pm – Main Hall

Fit 4 Action - 9.15 – 10.15am – Main Hall

### Wednesdays

Dance to Fitness - 9.30 - 10.30am - Main Hall

French class - 10am -12noon – Meeting Room

Archery Meeting - 7pm – Chelmer Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Over 60's Club - 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Jan & Feb 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – 2-4pm – Meeting Room

Aerobics - 7pm – 8pm – Main Hall – 17<sup>th</sup> Jan - **\*\*New Class\*\***

### Thursdays

Pilates - 9.30 – 10.30am - Main Hall

Art Class - 10am – 12pm – Chelmer Room

Flower arranging - 11.30am – 1.30pm – Meeting Room

Hot Pod Yoga - 6pm -8pm – Main Hall

### Fridays

Barnraisers - 9:30 – 12:30 – Main Hall

Keep Fit Class - 7pm – 8pm – Main Hall

### Saturdays

Margaretting Friends Coffee Morning -20<sup>th</sup> Jan & 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - 10am–12pm

Margaretting Friends Jumble Sale - 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - 9am–12pm

### Sundays

Loose Threads Patchwork - 21<sup>st</sup> Jan & 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - 9.30am – 6pm – Main Hall

Pilgrim Archers - AGM – 9:30 – 1pm – Chelmer Room – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan

For further information please contact the Booking Secretary on:  
07794 187741 or [margaretting.bookings@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretting.bookings@yahoo.com)

## JANUARY and FEBRUARY RECYCLING DATES

### Food waste

Every Tuesday

### Black bin, green box and card sack

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February

### Brown bin, paper sack and

bagged plastics & cartons

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February

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Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> January

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February

## PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

A councillor will be in attendance in the  
Parish Office 10:30am - 12 noon

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February

Copies of the parish council's minutes can  
be viewed on the parish website:

[essexinfo.net/margaretting](http://essexinfo.net/margaretting). A copy of the  
most recent meeting can be found on the

parish office notice board. The office tele-  
phone number is 01277 350887. This  
phone number is checked weekly.

## MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to their

Village Coffee Mornings

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan and 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

10.00am to 12 noon

At the Village Hall in the Chelmer Room

Local Honey and produce available

Bric-a-Brac and books

Remus Charity Stall

All welcome

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February  
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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