



MARGARETTING NEWS

November 2016

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MARGARETTING

6th November
11.00am Parish Communion

13th November
9.30am Remembrance Service
11.00am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

20th November
11.00am Parish Communion

27th November NO SERVICE

ST. GILES'S CHURCH MOUNTNESSING

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Communion

Remembrance Service following
9.30am Parish Communion

9.30am Morning Prayer

9.30am Parish Communion

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BUTTSBURY

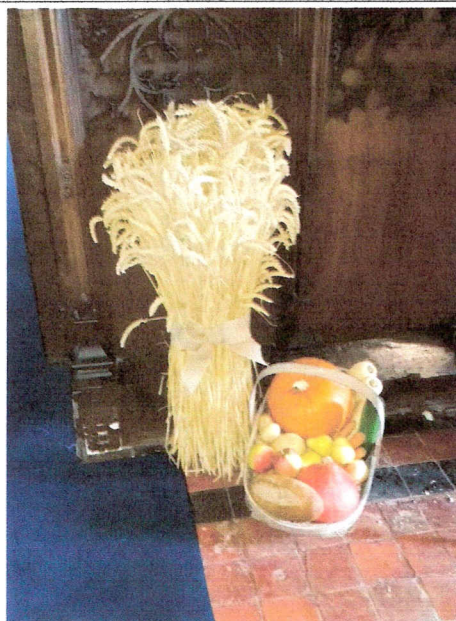
8.45am Holy Communion

3.30pm Remembrance Service

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 Celia - mobile telephone number 0784 215 1387



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - STANDING TOGETHER

Last week's Harvest Service at St Margaret's was a great celebration of the beauty of God's creation and the abundance of his provision. Thanksgiving was central and we were joined by some of the children from our Community School. They stood together with me as we talked about different breads from around the world and then reminded ourselves that Jesus is the bread of life, the one who came to give life to the world. We now move into November and continue to give thanks as we enter this season of Remembrance.

Sunday the 13th November is Remembrance Sunday and we will be holding our traditional Service at St Margaret's at 9.30am after which we will all make our way to the War Memorial opposite the Black Bull for our Act of Remembrance at 11.00am. You are all very welcome come and stand with me as the children did for Harvest so that by standing together we may give thanks for all those who laid down their lives for us. We hope that the whole community may stand together.

Revd Celia

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2016 - 1pm to 4pm

In association with
MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Homemade Cakes, Chutneys and Jams
Local Craft stalls, Tombolas/ Raffle
Local authors will be available to sign their books - ideal presents

In aid of projects in Margaretting
More information 01277 355575

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL - OCTOBER MEETING

Please note: The full and official parish council minutes can be viewed on the Margarett 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.margarett@virgin.net

DEMOCRATIC TIME

Two members of the public present. Issues raised included Network Rail's consultation on the proposed closure of railway crossings in Essex - in particular the Parsonage Lane and Maldon Road crossings. Deadline for comments is 24 October.

MARGARETTING TYE

Lord Petre has confirmed he has no objections to the parish council adopting the telephone box at the Tye.

IVY BARN LANE

Four Oaks: A High Court injunction has been sought by Chelmsford City Council to prevent the new owners using the land as a residential caravan site. If granted the injunction would afford protection to the land against any further unauthorised encampments. The City Council has advised the new owners that planning permission would not be granted for this use of the land and that all works on the site should cease.

SWAN LANE

The potholes in the lane to Stock have been repaired.

MAIN ROAD

Flooding - Brookside Cottages: Item carried forward to our next meeting.

Margarett School: The head-teacher has expressed her concerns about the parking situation in front of the school and the speed of traffic passing the school. Ideas being followed up include a school traffic safety initiative and a Highways engineer's advice that the road outside the school needs realigning to prevent cars doing U turns.

MALDON ROAD

Parked Cars: Residents continue to express concerns about the ongoing parking problems in the road.

Residents are advised to report any inconsiderate parking causing an obstruction or a danger to South Essex Parking Partnership.

Telephone: 01245 606710 or

Email: parking@chelmsford.gov.uk

Strangers/Cold Callers: Recent reports of strangers and cold callers visiting the village were noted. Residents are advised to dial 101 if they are worried and to report any suspicious activity to the Police. We agreed to look into the creation of a NCCZ for Margarett (No Cold Calling Zone).

PARSONAGE LANE

Change of Land Ownership: The new land owner did not respond to our invitation to attend a parish council meeting.

MALDON ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Requests for quotations for trimming the perimeter hedges are in hand. There are a couple of allotments which have become overgrown. Checks are to be made to see if the tenants still want them.

VILLAGE TREES

We noted the dead cherry trees in Parsonage Lane and Maldon Road have been left in situ.

VILLAGE RIGHTS OF WAY

The access to footpath 44 has become dangerous. The fence is still down across the bridleway. Highways have been notified.

351 BUS ROUTE

Reports of delayed and cancelled buses continue to be monitored. Regular users are of the opinion that this bus service is getting worse.

QUEENS 90TH CELEBRATION

A decision on the surplus funds was deferred to our next meeting.

ACCOUNTS

Expenditure agreed this month:

£659 - MDL (grass cutting)

£120 - PKF (annual audit)

£79 - BT (telephone and broadband)

£49 - Water (allotments)

£34 - Electricity (office)

Income received this month:

£6,211 - Precept

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall committee is considering installing outside security cameras with a website link.

The parish council notice board is to be installed next month.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Cllr Grundy outlined the reasons why the City Council is keen to introduce a two weekly black bin collection.

PRECEPT REFERENDUM BILL

The EALC's objections to proposals by the government to extend council tax referendum principles to some or all local councils were discussed and supported

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were received for comments:

16/01611/LBC - The Limes, Main Road: Replacement windows on 1st floor front of house facing the road.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

The date for November's surgery is 19 November (10.30 to 12 noon). Cllr Andy Wallace will be in attendance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 10 November at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

Please Can Anyone Help

I was one of the sellers at the car boot sale on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August 2016.

I regretfully sold an Australian 3D image glass Ornament of Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House.

If you can help me recover it please would you phone 01277 356816

SUPPORTERS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2016

The Church Support Group was set up in November 2014 and an Executive Committee was formed at the same time. Our committee met for the first time on the 21st May 2015 and has continued to meet regularly since, as required. The fact that it is over a year since that meeting until today, our first A.G.M., is an indicator that we have been rather wrapped up in sorting things out.

Initially, we had to get consensus on our objectives and plan ideas on fund raising, making the church more attractive to visit and used more. We then turned our attention to reaching out to those responsible for managing the church. We did this by inviting the treasurer to talk to us about the state of church funds, co-opting a member of the PCC and then inviting Revd Celia to discuss our plans and make sure we did not contravene any religious conventions, this resulted in us co-opting her onto the committee and she has worked closely with us ever since. I would like to thank her for the valuable role she plays in being the link with the church management hierarchy and the school (which has a new head teacher and secretary). We then hit an obstacle because the members of the PCC did not stand again and the church wardens resigned. This meant that the people managing the fabric of the church were no longer there. After long negotiations and meetings with the venerable Elizabeth Snowden, the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, we were able to

establish that a small PCC did exist and we could all continue with our work together. I would like to mention that Archdeacon Elizabeth has been very supportive and has acted in a constructive way so we could move forward.

What we did discover was that there was a long list of outstanding repairs that require immediate attention and we realised we had to become more involved in the management of the whole church structure to ensure it remained open, despite it not being in our remit. I would suggest we need to get approval for this action from you all today.

While all this was going on the team were "champing at the bit" to get things done. Harold immediately started getting light bulbs fixed, rose beds dug and plans for the gravel path and managing the compost in the church yard and provided a step ladder, all at his own cost. This was at the same time as getting the bank account set up and the finances sorted. David was off sorting dangerous gravestones, weed killing, cleaning up the porch, filling holes in the drain and sweeping it clean. I could go on more about all the things they have done, so thank you Harold and David.

On top of this we organised four fund raising events to raise money and fill the church. Thanks to Penny, David and Tim Boem.

The ownership of the church car park changed and we needed to negotiate to continue usage. That was not only

agreed, but the pot holes were filled in, the area resurfaced and the notice board refurbished. Thank you to Gary Sharpe for his co-operation.

We began to realise that there were ongoing maintenance issues, such as sweeping the drainage gully, and we needed to set up a rota and appeal for volunteers. A report in the newsletter produced good results and Christopher Woods volunteered to be on our list, Jean Offord took on the upkeep of the remembrance garden and Patrick Wreathal offered to do maintenance work on the church yard. I have already met with him on a site visit and he will cut back the rear hedge that is overhanging the graves. These offers of help not only lighten the load, but they give encouragement and moral support, so thank you very much.

We are in the process of re-doing the gravel path to and around the building, putting a drain in to stop the porch from flooding and putting up fencing to contain the compost with a sign asking people to take non-compostable material home to make the area more attractive, and we have not spent any of your money yet. In addition we are helping to manage the huge list of essential repairs starting with work to prevent damp in the South aisle.

It is essential that I give a special thank you to Penny for her extensive work translating all our talk into a recognisable printable version for our records. Finally I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Michael Scott



Harvest thanksgiving flower displays for the font and the porch - 16th October



The Margareting flower team excels again! These stunning arrangements were prepared for October's Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The team's creative talents could be seen throughout the church on window ledges, pillars, doors and convenient floor spaces. The church looked beautiful with autumn colours displayed everywhere. With thanks to Mike Parkes for the photos.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The church will be running three stalls - a craft stall, a cake stall and a tombola. Donations for the cake stall and for a bottle tombola would be much appreciated. Bottles for the tombola as soon as possible to Penny Savill (telephone 01277 356182). Cake stall donations gratefully received on the day.

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

On Monday, 21 November we look forward to welcoming Val Villa to our meeting. Val who was awarded an MBE this year for services to the community in Chelmsford is an engaging and interesting speaker. All are welcome. The title of Val's talk is 'A Year as Mayoress of Chelmsford'. Margaretting Friends meet once a month on the third Monday at 7:30pm in the Chelmer Room at the village hall. For further information telephone Lynn on 01277 355575.

CRAFTERS

A craft group meets in the Chelmer Room at the village hall on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm. Their next meeting is on Monday, 7 November. Bring along a project and enjoy company whilst you work. All are welcome.

LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club will be getting together for a Christmas meal on Saturday, 26 November at 1pm in the Vicarage, Pennys Lane. Please let Mike and Revd Celia know if you are planning to come along. Mobile tel: 0784 215 1387

EASTERN ANGLES

Eastern Angles, the pre-eminent touring company in the area, are booked to perform in the village hall on Tuesday April 25th at 7.30pm. Look out for more details next month.

OVER 60S CLUB

Meetings are held on alternate Wednesday afternoons in the village hall from 2pm to 4pm. New members are very welcome. The Wednesday dates for this month are 9 and 23 November. For more information contact June or Don on 01277 356126.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Some people may be wondering why we are fund raising for the village hall with things such as Quiz nights and the Boot sale. The reason it is more pressing at the moment is because we desperately need to **refurbish the ladies toilets** - despite us not having the funds in place, we have had to move this work forward as it was advised by Environmental Health that the lack of hot water in the ladies loo meant the hall would have to be closed down under the Miscellaneous Provisions Act. This has meant that we have had to dip

into the operating reserves for the hall. We will therefore continue trying to raise funds to replace our reserves by holding a Jumble sale on Saturday, 18 February 2017 and a Quiz Night on Saturday, 4 March 2017. In addition to help towards the cost, we regret that the charges for the hall will be increased from 1 January 2017. By the time you receive this newsletter, it is hoped the hot water problem has been solved and the refurbishment, which if not completed then, will almost be. But we still need your help and support to raise the money needed.

Village Hall

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYERS

Our annual benefice harvest supper on Saturday, 22 October at the Vicarage was attended by forty people from all three parishes and communities. It was an evening filled with fellowship, fun and much fine food all held together with laughter. Below are the harvest thanksgiving prayers written and beautifully read out by the children in church last month.

Dear Lord thank you for giving us water and food and thank you for reminding us about your Son Jesus, let us share thanks for you and happiness too. And you become stronger with more people, we appreciate you helping us and giving us Jesus. Amen

Dear Lord thank you for all the food that is to do with Harvest, also can you please make sure that other people have enough food for themselves thank you Lord. Amen

Dear God thank you for all the fantastic and delicious breads in the world. Amen.

Dear God each season brings up something new to enjoy together. With sunny days and rainy days, we watch our crops grow. Fruit and vegetables ripen ready for us to harvest. Let us remember on this day the people who may not have enough. Help us to be kind to each other in our thoughts, words and deeds. Amen

CHARITY BINGO

Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm
Margaretting Village Hall

Bring a prize, win a prize. All welcome.

Come and enjoy a fun evening with the Bingo Club Members in the village hall. All proceeds go to a charity chosen on the evening.

CHILDREN IN NEED BLACK BULL CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER
£11.95 INCLUDES SUPPER

£3 FROM EVERY ENTRY GOING TO
'CHILDREN IN NEED'

For more details telephone 01277 353141



Margaretting Village Hall

What's on November 2016

Please note bookings are weekly unless otherwise stated.

Mondays

Pilates - 9.30 - 10.30am Main Hall; 7 - 8pm Main Hall
Yoga 8.15 - 9.15pm Main Hall
Crafters 7th - 7.30pm - Chelmer Room - all welcome
Margaretting Friends - 21st - 7.30pm - Chelmer Room - All welcome

Tuesdays

Art Class - 10am - 12 noon & 2-4pm - Chelmer Room
Yoga - 1.30pm - 3pm - Main Hall
Barnraisers - 8th and 22nd - 9.30am - 12.30pm - Meeting Room
Combat Academy - 1st and 15th - 7-9pm - Main Hall - Self-defence.

Wednesdays

Over 60's Club - 9th and 23rd - 2 - 4pm - Main Hall
Dance to Fitness - 9.30-10.30am - Main Hall
French class - 10am - 12noon - Meeting Room
Bingo - 2nd, 16th and 30th 7.30pm - Main Hall
Village Hall Committee - 2nd - 7.30pm - Meeting Room
Archery Club Meeting - 2nd - 7.30pm - Chelmer Room
Jazz Band Practice - 16th - 7pm - Chelmer Room

Thursdays

Art Class - 10am - 12 noon - Chelmer Room
Pilates 9.30 - 10.30am - Main Hall
Hot Pod Yoga - 6pm - 7.30pm - Main Hall
Parish Council meeting - 10th - Meeting Room 7.30pm

Fridays

Barnraisers - 9.30am - 12.30pm - Main Hall
Hindu Dharma Society - 4th - 5.30pm - Main Hall

Saturdays

Hindu Dharma Society - 5th - 5.30pm - Main Hall
Village Coffee Morning - 19th - 10am - 12 noon - Chelmer Room
Parish Council Surgery - 19th - 10.30am - 12 noon - Parish Office
Christmas Bazaar - 19th - 1pm - 4pm - All rooms
Pirouette School of Dance - 26th - 8.30am - 1.30pm - Main Hall

Sundays

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

**For further details or queries for private functions
contact April Nixon (Booking Secretary) on 07794 187741**

NOVEMBER RECYCLING DATES

Black bins and food waste
Every Tuesday

Green box and card sack
Tuesday 1st, 15th and 29th November

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

MARGARETTING TYE

Black bins and food waste
Every Wednesday

Green box and card sack
Wednesday 2nd, 16th and 30th November

Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
Wednesday 9th and 23rd November

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

A councillor will be in attendance in the Parish Office Saturday, 19th November
10:30am - 12 noon

MARGARETTING FRIENDS

Invite you to a
Village Coffee Morning
Saturday, 19th November
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

INGATESTONE & FRYERNING VICTORIAN EVENING

This year the date is Friday, 2nd December

MOBILE LIBRARY Fortnightly on Thursday afternoons, 10th and 24th November
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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