MARGARETTING NEWS
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2026

BENEFICE OF MARGARETTING, MOUNTNESSING AND BUTTSBURY CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARGARETS - MARGARETTING	ST. GILES - MOUNTNESSING	ST. MARYS – BUTTSBURY
1st November - NO SERVICE	9:30am – All Saints Service	8:45am – Holy Communion
Sunday 8th November at 10:45am - Remembrance Sunday - Margaretting War Memorial		
8th November – NO SERVICE	9:30am – Remembrance Service	3:30pm – Remembrance Service
15th November – NO SERVICE	9:30am – Holy Communion	NO SERVICE
22nd November – NO SERVICE	9:30am – Family Worship	NO SERVICE
Sunday 29th November at 10:30am – Benefice Service – St Mary the Virgin - Fryerning		
6th December – NO SERVICE	9:30am – Morning Prayer	8:45am – Holy Communion
13th December – NO SERVICE	7:00pm – Carol Service	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 16th December at 7pm – Carols at St Margarets – Margaretting		
20th December – NO SERVICE	9:30am Holy Communion	3:00pm – Carol Service
Christmas Eve – Crib Service at 3pm and Christmas Communion at 9pm – St Giles – Mountnessing		
Sunday 27th December at 10:30am – Benefice Service - St Edmund and St Mary – Ingatestone		
Christmas Day – NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	8:45am – Christmas Communion
Wednesday 31st December at 6pm – Churches Together Service – St Edmund and St Mary – Ingatestone		

Everyone is very welcome to join us for any or all our services.
General enquiries and funerals: Timothy Lee - telephone 0778 778 3860
Weddings and baptisms: Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani - telephone 0782 766 8169



ST MARGARETS CHURCH

On Sunday 27th September we had a lovely christening at St Margarets for ROSIE MAY FLINDALL. At just 6 months old she was the most placid of babies to baptise. There were over 40 of her family and friends present and all joined in the singing of the hymns *One More Step Along the World I go* and *Lord of The Dance.*

This was the third christening in 2026 and if you would like to book a christening (or wedding) please contact me.
Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani.



A Service of Thanksgiving was held at St Margarets for Brian Edward Hill-Cottingham on Friday 30th October. Brian and Elizabeth resided in Main Road, Margaretting for many years before moving to Billericay. Our thoughts are with Elizabeth, their family and friends.

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DIARY DATES - ST MARGARETS CHURCH

Remembrance Service – Sunday 8th November
10:45am at the War Memorial
followed by coffee and mulled wine at the village hall
Carol Service - Wednesday 16th December at 7pm
followed by mince pies and mulled wine
Easter Service 2027 – Sunday 28th March at 11:15am
with traditional Easter Lily pedestal
in remembrance of a loved one

MARGARETTING PARISH COUNCIL

A copy of the signed minutes is placed on the notice board in Maldon Road and outside the parish office at the village hall. Also, posted on the notice boards are the agendas, contact details for the parish councillors, parish clerk and a list of the current planning applications being considered.

Planning applications - September/October

26/0111/1/2FUL- Land West of Margaretting Hall, Church Lane
Proposal: Erection of 2 Cow Barns
26/01121/23/24FUL - Land West of Margaretting Hall, Church Lane
Proposal: Erection of 2 Agricultural Cow Barns
26/01124/FUL - Land West of Margaretting Hall, Church Lane
Proposal: Cattle Isolation Centre/Veterinary Facility
26/05176/TPO Farthings, Pennys Lane
Description of work: 5m reduction of Oak

Expenditure - September/October

Aubergine - £1,030 (new website)
Wallace Arb. - £330 (village grass cutting)
C. Kochan - £545.00 (clerk's salary and expenses)
PWLB – £400
BT - £137 (village hall broadband)
WAVE - £72 (allotments water)
The following matters were reported at the September meeting.

Village Hall report

- New televisions in the Meeting Room and Chelmer Room.
- New picnic tables, umbrellas, planters and a picket fence at the far end of the building.
- Concerns about the fallen tree at Farthings.
- Football pitch in need of drainage and using one of the sports funds that may be available.

National Planning Policy Framework

New framework policy for Grey Belt and Travellers.

New cemetery and crematorium

Proposed location.

TPO/wildlife areas in the village

Environmental Action Introduction Webinar.

Maldon Road playing field

(i) Renewal of Lease - update.
(ii) Adjacent Gardens - report of grass clippings being put over the wall onto the field.
(iii) Conifer Trees - Contact with Delta Housing about the fence where the conifers have been cut down.

Footpath Reports: Overhanging Vegetation

(i) Maldon Road - pavement opposite the play area
(ii) Main Road - path between the bus stop opposite the Black Bull and Spread Eagle Place.

Footpath No 30: Broken wooden steps by the culvert.





October Agenda Items

(i) Richard Martin of Scott Properties to attend
(ii) Community matters – Maldon Road playing field
(iii) Allotments
(iv) Ideas for community funding
(v) Refurbishment of war memorial
(vi) Pylons
(vii) Whitesbridge walk boards
(viii) Defibrillator – Margaretting Tye
(ix) Speeding
(x) Village Hall report
(xi) Village sites – trees
(xii) Roads, pavements, grass verges, rights of way, bridleways.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8 January and Thursday 11 February at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the village hall.

See separate page from the City Councillors representing Margaretting for a more detailed update on changes to planning rules and local news.

MARGARETTING HORTICULTURAL VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 3rd July 2027 ~ 12:30pm -4:30pm

In September a new Committee was formed, with many thanks to them the show will go on! October saw the beginnings of the planning for next year's show with many new ideas and suggestions being made.

So please do save the date ~ Saturday 3rd July 2027.

Thank you Margaretting for your continued support with this historic village fete. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see or can offer help on the day please do get in touch, either call 07873 366 166 or email: margarettingfunday1946@gmail.com

Many thanks, Lorna Cannon

MARGARETTING CHURCH

Our thanks to Angela Smith, Ann Moore, Chris Elsom, Dawn Anstey, Elizabeth Hill-Cottingham, Jan McTurck, Nicola Pyett, Rebecca Ebbrell and Wilhelmina Barrett for this year's harvest floral arrangements.











TWO NEW BUSINESSES IN MARGARETTING

'happy paws'

DOG WALKING & PET SITTING

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'sallyanns cakes'

Hi, I'm Sally of 'sallyanns cakes'.

I've lived in the village for 26 years now and have recently been able to pursue my long-desired dream to develop a small cake making business alongside my private counselling practice.

Sallyanns is still in its infancy, and I currently make slices and cookies that range in cost from £3-£4 each. Including ginger, lemon drizzle, carrot, brownies and blondies to mention a few. I'm happy to deliver locally if you're ordering 3 or more.

I also plan to add more varieties as demand and seasons change. I have made birthday and wedding cakes for friends and family and would be happy to quote you for your occasion.

Please contact me for a list of cake varieties and whole cake prices or to be added to the sallyanns WhatsApp group. Thank you. Sally. 07941 695 524.

If you wish to share details of a new business in the village Margaretting News would be pleased to hear from you.

MARGARETTING BOOK CLUB

Our last two books were 'Rules of Civility' by Amor Towles and 'The Siege of Krishnapur' by J. J. Farrell. Our book for November and December is 'The Great Alone' by Kristin Hannah. For more information telephone Penny Savill on 07749 880 512.

We would welcome new members.

CHELMSFORD CROQUET CLUB

We as a club would like to thank all of you at Margaretting village hall for making us so welcome this year. You have been so helpful, friendly and made us feel really wanted.

Our first season has been quite successful we have played a few matches here and finished 3rd in both leagues we entered.

As the season comes to an end next week we thank you for agreeing to us having some groundwork done to improve our playing surface.

Croquet is an easy to pick up game and is played by all ages that can hold a mallet. The only requirement is flat shoes, we can provide equipment and tuition, so please do drop by one Tuesday or Thursday morning give it a try and let us make you as welcome as you've made us. We look forward to coming back around Easter.

For any more details contact Judith 01702 294798.

Margaretting Village Hall

Remembrance Coffee Morning

Sunday 8th November 2026 10:30am ~ 1pm

Come and enjoy a chat with friends and neighbours with refreshments. There will also be a selection of artisan stalls, plants, bric-a-brac and freshly baked cakes, savoury treats, mulled wine and mince pies.

WE HAVE TWO NEW CURATES



At a special service held at Ingatestone Church on 13th September we were delighted to welcome our new curates Angela and Edison, who have now taken up residency at the vicarage in Ingatestone. And we are now looking forward to getting to know them in the coming months.

Revd Angela and Revd Edison introduce themselves.

Warm greetings to you all!

We are Revd Angela and Revd Edison, the new curates serving the five-parish benefice, including St Margarets. Originally from Tamil Nadu, India, we trained at St Mellitus College and were ordained as deacons at Chelmsford Cathedral on 13th September.

At the open day and a recent baptism, we heard your treasured memories of baptisms, weddings, worship and loved ones laid to rest here. We also heard of a member's generous gift to help the church continue.

These stories show how deeply St Margarets belongs in your lives.

Some of you shared your wish to see the church open for regular Sunday worship, as well as special occasions. We hold that hope with you and pray that people will gather to worship, find belonging and share God's love.

Thank you for welcoming us. Alongside Revd Canon Lee and the ministry team, we look forward to listening and sharing in village life.

With our prayers and every blessing,
Angela and Edison

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL
What's On November

Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club – 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall - Friday 13th, 20th, 27th
Cats Protection Christmas Market – 11am - 2pm Saturday 28th
Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing – 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 6th and 9am - 5pm Sunday 22nd
Dance to Fitness – 9.30am – 11.30am Main Hall – Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Dog Training – 5pm - Main Hall - Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and Tuesday 3rd
Essex Budgerigars – 7pm Chelmer Room – Wednesday 4th
Essex Woodcarvers – 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 1st
Flower Arranging – 11am – 1pm Meeting Room – Thursday 12th, 26th
Margaretting Horticultural Meeting – 7.30pm Meeting Room - Wednesday 4th
Village Hall Committee – 7.30pm Chelmer Room - Wednesday 18th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia – 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th, 25th 9.45am – 11.15am - Saturday 7th, 14th, 21st
Variety Band Practice – 7.30pm - 10pm Main Hall - Wednesday 11th
Village Hall Remembrance Sunday Coffee Morning – 10.30am - 1pm Main Hall - Sunday 8th

What's On December

Barnraisers, Patchwork and Quilting Club 9.30am – 12.30pm Main Hall – Friday 4th, 11th, 19th
Chelmsford Remote Control Car Racing – 5pm - 10pm Main Hall - Friday 4th
Dance to Fitness – 9.30am – 11.30am Main Hall – Wednesday 2nd, 9th
Dog Training – 5pm – Main Hall - Monday 7th, 14th, 21st and Tuesday 1st
Essex Budgerigars – 7pm Main Hall – Wednesday 2nd
Essex Woodcarvers – 9am - 4pm Main Hall - Sunday 6th
Flower Arranging – 11am – 1pm Meeting Room – Thursday 10th
Village Hall Committee – 7.30pm Chelmer Room - Wednesday 16th
Pawfect Friends Cynophobia – 6.15pm - 7.45pm Main Hall - Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 9.45am – 11.15am - Saturday 12th, 19th
Village Hall Coffee Morning – 10.30am - 1pm Main Hall - Saturday 5th

For further information please contact the Booking Secretary on 07794 187 741

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER RECYCLING DATES

Wednesday collections
Food waste *- every Wednesday*
Black bin, green box and card sack
11th and 25th November
9th and 23rd December
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
4th and 18th November
2nd and 16th and 30th December

Thursday collections
Food waste *- every Thursday*
Black bin, green box and card sack
12th and 26th November
10th and 24th December
Brown bin, paper sack and bagged plastics & cartons
5th and 19th November
3rd and 17th and 31st December

FOR SALE
Locally Grown Christmas Trees
From 21st November up till Christmas
Open 7 days a week
Whitesbridge Farm Maldon Road
CM4 9JT

Writtle Village Hall - Art Classes
If you are interested in joining an art class, please contact Susan Keeble on susankeeble2@gmail.com for details.
Beginners welcome.
website: ww.susankeeble-artist.com

MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL - QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY 2027 AT 7PM

Blow away the January blues with a fun Quiz Night evening. Test your knowledge with friends, family and neighbours or make up teams on the night. All ages welcome. £5 a ticket, bring your own snacks and drinks. Raffle prizes. **Call 07873 366 166 for tickets and more information**.

Mountnessing Village Hall, Roman Road, CM15 0UG
Brentwood Organ and Keyboard Club
Tuesday afternoons (usually the 4th Tuesday)
Concerts start at 2.15pm (doors 1.45pm).
Entry at the door is £5 for members, £7 for guests (cash please)
November 24th – Chris & Jo Powel
December 15th – Elizabeth Harrison

Ingatestone Parish Room, Stock Lane
Ingatestone Circle Dance
Folk dances from around the world
Monday 23rd November & December 14th
2:30pm - 4:30pm.
For more information and to check dates please telephone Norman 07901 826274

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