

ST MARGARET'S

Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



NOVEMBER 2022

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St Margaret's Worship

Places of Worship can be used for services carefully following all the government rules, including; social distancing, wearing face coverings, hand hygiene etc. At St Margaret's we continue to offer a service of Holy Communion in church at 10am each Sunday. On 13th November this service will be at 9 30 am and the Remembrance service at 11am

There is a short service of Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 9.30am; this is held by telephone conference call. A service of Evening Prayer is held on Wednesdays in church at 5pm (enter the church by the south door). The church is open for private prayer and quiet reflection from 10 am to 4 pm, Monday to Saturday.

Our Good Morning news sheet, readings and other resource material and information are shared by email every Saturday.

If you wish to join our mailing list or the Tuesday Morning Prayer please contact me (email: vicarleiston@gmail.com or telephone: 01728 830421). Richard Finch

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FROM THANKSGIVING TO REMEMBRANCE

In the church year, October is the traditional time when we give thanks for the harvest, for all those who work incredibly hard to supply the food on our tables, those who work in the fields, on the seas, in manufacturing and in the distribution chain. We also give thanks for the bounty of God's love for us, for the world He has given for our enjoyment, from the majesty of the highest mountains to the tiniest flower.

The month of November is the time for remembrance, particularly remembering all those who have died in the service of their country, keeping the world safe for everyone to live in peace. We also remember those who were left with injuries and life changing problems and this unfortunately continues to this present day.

Armistice Day is remembered on 11th November, the day of the ceasefire that ended hostilities between the Allies and the Germans in 1918 which stopped the fighting and allowed for terms for a permanent peace to be discussed. In Leiston this takes the form of a simple, but very meaningful ceremony on the Victory Road recreation ground at 11 am on that day. On Remembrance Sunday the Leiston Royal British Legion Band leads a parade to St Margaret's Church where wreaths are laid at the town's war memorial and a service held in the church.

The poppy's origin as a symbol of remembrance lies in the landscapes of the First World War. Poppies were a common sight, especially on the Western Front. The brutal clashes between the opposing forces tore up the fields and woods and left a devastated landscape. But in the warm spring of 1915 bright red flowers began to peek through the battle-scarred land. Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian doctor, spotted a cluster of poppies that spring shortly after the Second Battle of Ypres. Struck by the sight of bright red blooms on the broken ground he wrote a poem, "In Flanders Field" commemorating the fallen soldiers buried under those poppies. Sadly he did not survive the war, dying of pneumonia and is buried in Wimereux Cemetery in Northern France as I discovered when I went to that cemetery to visit the grave of one of my ancestors.

Sandra and I have, this morning, placed a display about the Royal British Legion and the annual Poppy Appeal in the window of the Leiston Co-operative Funeral Service window. One of the items on display is a copy of that poem. Next time you are in Sizewell Road you might like to take a look.

Pat Carter, Lay Elder and Leiston and Sizewell Poppy Appeal Organiser

Pondering Prayer

Positive and Negative are words which describe two opposites. It can relate to electricity and I think we all know what happens if we try to meet a negative with a positive wire and that such an action can be fatal. Two other opposites are Love and Hate, love being positive and hate being negative: one brings good (Love) and the other evil (Hate). As we know hate can also be fatal so is best avoided. So let us ponder a little on the positive and negative of prayer, and praying with words that are positive and associated with love and goodness.

For prayer to be positive it should centre on love and this is best done by phrasing our words as positives and avoiding using any negative connotations. For example praying for peace in the world and naming the countries but at no time use the word war – which is an evil and therefore negative. Words such as hate, oppression, etc. should be avoided.

In praying for the sick, pray for healing, name those who are special to you, but avoid using the word suffering which denotes pain. We want the suffering and pain to end, God will know that, and the way we overcome their pain is to pray the positive love words. At the same time we pray for the doctors, nurses, carers and all who seek to bring comfort and healing, that they will be loving, kind and successful in their work.

When we pray for the positives, the benefits, there is no need to mention the negatives.

I once read a book called *The Secret* in which it speaks of a power in the world which can be tapped. It has always been there and many of the greatest people we hear or read about in history recognised this and cottoned on to it. Philosophers like Plato and others like Pythagoras and many other great thinkers. The writer also mentioned Jesus in his list. As Christians we should be aware of how true it is as we already recognise that the power he refers to is God, our Father. The same book instructs the reader on the importance of using positive words in order to bring positivity into the world. So in whatever we do or say should as far as possible always be using positive words indicating love, and by that means bringing only

love into our lives and that of others, for it is only with love that the world will succeed. The apostle John writes:

“My dear friends, let us love one another because the source of love is God. Everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God, but the unloving know nothing of God, for God is Love.” 1 John 4 v7-8.

The whole of chapter 4 is, in my opinion, among the most illuminating in the Bible. We pray:

Loving Heavenly Father help us all, throughout the world to truly love one another and to work together in all things for the common good and to bring your peace, healing and relief to all. This we ask in Jesus Name. Amen.

Br. Christian

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NOVEMBER

Once again we remember the people who gave their lives for their country and those who are still suffering from recent wars and still it goes on. Why don't these people live peacefully instead of warring - it's the innocent people who suffer all the time.



I think a lot of people will be missing the late Queen this year as she has always been at the Cenotaph; in later times on a balcony with members of the Royal family. She was such a wonderful Queen and the respect and dignity at her funeral showed how much people loved her. It was such a perfect send off, and so hard for her family having to share their grief. At the end of the day, she was a Mum, Grandmother, Great Grandmother.

As I write this we are having a lovely spell of sunny weather, our sister-in-law took us for a lovely day out to Huntingfield and we visited the lovely church in the village. I expect a lot of you have seen it, the wonderful ceiling painted by the Vicar's wife many years ago. You look through a mirror which shows you all the figures etc. The pews all have carvings on the end, just so much to look at. Across the road was the old school and a nice pub where we had a meal. I love these places and so much history. We had a lovely ride through the countryside and it's surprising how the fields go up not flat. The different colours of the trees, all shades and chestnuts laying on the ground ready to pick. It's a great year for them and conkers in spite of the hot weather. Remembrance comes in many forms and that day will be one we will remember.

Margaret Clarke

RBL POPPY APPEAL COLLECTORS AWARDS

On Friday 23rd September a Poppy Appeal Collectors Awards Evening was held at Leiston Community Centre. Covid19 had prevented the event taking place for the last two years. During the evening seven awards were made. Those gaining awards were Lesley Hill (5 years), Sandra Harle (15 years), Linda Hawes (15), Michael Taylor (15 years), Janice Cook (25 years), Margaret Ryan (25 years) and Trevor Peskett (25 years).



Trevor Peskett receives his award from John Farmer, President Leiston RBL Branch

A bring and share supper with wine and fruit juice was enjoyed during the social time after the awards had been presented by the President of Leiston RBL Branch. A raffle was held and £62 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

Poppy appeal goods will be available to buy at the East of England Co-operative Store, Leiston, during the day on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, Saturday 5th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November. Poppy boxes will be found in lots of the shops and businesses in Leiston and Sizewell along with some streets having house to house collectors, not forgetting the schools. Please give generously to enable the RBL to support our Armed Forces community through thick and thin – ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten.

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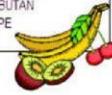
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OCTOBER'S WORD SCRAMBLE – Answers

1 Corinthians 2 Galatians 3 Phillipians
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12 Colossians 13 Jude 14 Thessalonians 15 Ephesians 16 Mark

LEISTON CHRISTIANS TOGETHER HARVEST THANKSGIVING

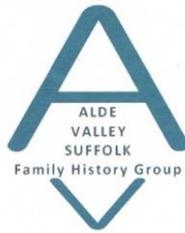
A service of thanksgiving for harvest was planned by Leiston Christians Together for Sunday 11th September. However because of the death of Queen Elizabeth II it was postponed and held instead on Sunday 25th September at 3 pm in the recently created Church Square alongside the Leiston United Church.



Members of all five Leiston churches were present and took part in the service, giving readings, leading the prayers and provided a short address. Rev Adam Earle of the United Church compiled the service and also provided a musical accompaniment to the hymns. The Baptist Church provided a PA system. After the service the congregation went into the United Church to enjoy a bring and share tea.

People from the churches in the Christians Together Group will be praying for the people in Leiston and Sizewell using named streets in the town on a rota basis each month.

The next event to be led by Leiston Christians Together will be the community carol service on Christmas Eve in the Old Post Office Square at 6 30 pm.



From Rose to Wattle

40 years of Family Letters to/from Australia

A thought-provoking account, by our own Chris Broom, of the impact of global events on a rural community, as revealed by a remarkable collection of letters spanning 40 years, exchanged between a family of free settlers in New South Wales and those who remained in England. The talk will invite attendees to test their own knowledge of history, and highlight uncanny parallels between current world events and the constant struggle to survive in 19th century Suffolk.

This will be only our second "hybrid" talk — so over Zoom AND physical — at our new venue, Saxmundham's Fromus Centre (behind the Library) Saxmundham Hub, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL — NOT in Seaman Avenue, which closed in November last year. 21st November at 2 30 pm. Attendees over Zoom should book in the normal way after the October talk has taken place, but please before 5:00pm on Friday, 18th November. In-person attendees can just turn up — at £1.00 for Members, £3.00 for visitors, and with free tea/biscuits.

Further Programme:

1st Nov Drop-in (1st) Tuesday - Between 2-4pm on the first Tuesday of every month members of AVSFHG are at Leiston Library to offer free advice and guidance on family history - Leiston Library, (opp. Long Shop Museum), Main Street, IP16 4ER

5th Nov Drop-in advice and personal-research sessions, every 1st and 3rd Saturday - Old Council Offices, Main St (opp. Long Shop Museum), Leiston, IP16 4ER

19th Nov Drop-in advice and personal-research sessions, every 1st and 3rd Saturday - Old Council Offices, Main St (opp. Long Shop Museum), Leiston, IP16 4ER

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



During October the lighting of the Church Tower was sponsored on

Sunday 9th October

Pat

It's been 3 years and it's safe to say, I still think about you every day, I might not hope or even pray I just love and miss you in my own special way, Tony

If you would like to mark a special occasion

by sponsoring the lighting of the Church Tower for a minimum donation of £7 50p per day, please contact Sandra direct (contact details page 2)

Services of Celebration and Thanksgiving/Funeral

13th October 2022

Michael Stanley Smith

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

On Friday 9th December, we plan to hold our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle in the Co-op Store.

Firstly, we will need donations of seasonal food and drink to make up the hampers. Items can be brought to church on Sundays or given to either Sandra (4 Lime Tree Avenue) or Pat (42 Haylings Road).

Secondly, we need help to sell tickets throughout the day. We will start at 9am and finish at about 5pm, when the winners will be announced. Please let Sandra know (833578) if you are able to spare some time to help raise much-needed funds for our church.

With thanks, in advance, for your support and generosity, Sandra Harle

St. Margaret's

Church Road, Leiston

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday
5th November
10am - 2pm



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SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The 41st Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride took place on Saturday 10th September. Just because the title starts with the word Suffolk doesn't mean you have to ride or stride in Suffolk and Paul, one of our riders called at churches in Kent instead. We had more people than usual taking part; one strider and five cyclists plus one pillion passenger. As our church organiser I set up the signing in desk and refreshments in St Margaret's and once the next signer-in arrived I drove to Framlingham with Marian and we set off to visit the six churches in that town. The Baptist church signing in point was at Thomas Mills High School so we were able to leave the car there. The chapel in Framlingham College was the next place to be visited.

The view of "the castle on the hill" from the college



Our six participants in the event this year raised an incredible £709. If you sponsored someone – THANK YOU, if you sat in the church and greeted our twenty-one visitors – THANK YOU, if you rode or strode – THANK YOU.

Sponsorship received (in alphabetical order of first names):-

Adam Farrington £140, Helen and Chloe Cartley £85, Helen Taylor £159, Pat Carter £90, Paul Marshall £80, Terri Roper £155.

Thank you to you all especially our new riders, Adam (who visited 24 churches) and Helen T (who visited 14).

Guess who thought the object of the day was to get as many stickers as possible for the back of your seat? All this while Mum cycled thirty miles!



PLANTS TO WELCOME NEWCOMERS



Stephen and Gail Southgate from Aldringham love growing spider plants. As you can see these were magnificent plants. When a small housing estate was built in their village they took spider plants as a gift to each of the houses to greet the new residents.

This idea has now been taken up to Buckton Place, the new estate between Highbury Cottages and the houses at the end of Waterloo Avenue.

On Sunday 25th September a group of us joined in a simple mission to welcome these new neighbours after the morning service at St Margaret's. Stephen and Gail supplied the trays of plants (seen in the photograph above), during the service Richard blessed the plants and then we set off to deliver them. With each plant was a message of blessing and some information about our church. Also a label which had written on it "May the peace of God rest in this home and the love of God forever hold you tight."

We were met with interest by the residents and amazement that we had taken the trouble to go and see them and give them their gift. There were further visits on the evening of Thursday 29th September and the following Saturday afternoon. On a subsequent visit to the estate it was lovely to see a spider plant in pride of place in the front window of one of the houses.

THE BEAUTIFUL INTERIOR OF HUNTINGFIELD CHURCH

After I read Margaret's letter I realised that perhaps not everyone has had the pleasure of a visit to Huntingfield Church. I was there on a u3a church crawl in June this year. Below are a two photographs I took there.



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

Dear Friends

November's magazine continues to focus on monthly prayer time, with the St Margaret's Church family group for this month as shown below. There are three family groups with each one appearing in the magazine every three months. However, you remain in our thoughts and prayers always.

If you would like to be included in our family monthly prayers, or have any queries please email stmargaretsleiston@gmail.com. If you feel you would prefer to be remembered in a particular month then please let us know. Also, if you have a specific need for additional prayer time then please let us know and we will add you to our 'special prayers' section.

In our Church Family Prayers

Martin Phillips-Last	Stephen & Gail Southgate
Simon, Sheena, Tom & Matt Merrett	Naomi Kerans
David & Midge Mackinnon	John & Sue Last
Hannah, Stuart & Teddy Tilbrook	Judith & Mike Stigwood
Phil, Sue, Joshua, Charlotte, Connie & Greg Watson	Maureen Fox
David & Cindy Fittell	Wayne, Ben & Niamh Fox
Emma Fittell	Fi Long
Paul, Alexander, Aidan, Cory & Amyleigh Fittell	Allison King
Jonathan, Kathryn & Joshua Williams	Luke, Asha & Jai Mewett
Mike & Lesley Cassie	Clare & Kane Hambridge
Stephanie Luckhurst	Peter & Jenefer Roberts
Joan Whale	Charles & Pauline Stride
Paul Espindola	Steve, Christine & Nathan James
Mary Murphy	Derek & Sheila Stiff
Jo Tozer	Eileen Free
Sue, Dale, Ewan & Cameron Threadkell	Lynn and Dave Blake, Gemma, Craig, Florence and Arthur
Joan, Philip, Ian & Susan Huxley	
Ann Essex	

St. Margaret of Antioch



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NOTICE: Items for December's magazine

Please note that all articles, adverts etc. will need to be submitted to Pat Carter by **18 November** for inclusion in the December Magazine. Thank you.

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