

ST MARGARET'S

Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizevell



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MAY 2022

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St Margaret's Worship

The restrictions due to the pandemic continue until further notice, 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.

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).

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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People of hope ...

At some point, every day, my thoughts focus on the people of Ukraine and other countries where there is war, conflict ... fighting. It is important to consider the horrors of war, not to shut those thoughts away. To continue to be people of empathy and compassion we must never be afraid to reflect on the lives of people traumatized by war. Some have the fear that by doing so they might be too frightened, too traumatized themselves, to live their ordinary lives. If this was the only focus of your attention then I would agree but we have the capacity to live with hope and hope brings an understanding that there is joy in this world.

At Easter, and throughout Eastertide, Christians celebrate the joy of the risen Christ, new life overcoming the pain of the crucifixion. Christian faith is a faith based on being able to look at, and experience, pain and anguish and respond with compassionate love, a love that is based on Christ's resurrection. The reason that Christians recall the resurrection of Jesus Christ every year is not solely focused on Christ alone. It is a celebration of a faith that we are all bound up in, all of us are called to new life here on earth and in heaven.

I am moved when I see an account of something beautiful happening even in the most traumatic of situations, for example, of the violinist who played folk music whilst people sheltered underground to try and keep safe from the bombs. It is those moments when I experience the new life that Christ shows us, a life of joy and hope.

In Leiston, though we are physically far away from the traumas of war, it is important that we live our daily lives trying to bring moments of joy and hope to others. This can be in the smallest of moments, or act of kindness, through to large collective gatherings where we celebrate communal activities. At the beginning of this month (30th April, 1st and 2nd May) there will be an Art and Flowers festival in St Margaret's Church, celebrating the creativity of artists, craftspeople and the joy of flowers. At the start of June there will be the Jubilee celebrations in the Victory Road Recreation Ground, with a parade on the Saturday concluding with a short service of worship.

May the resurrection hope of Easter fill all our lives with the need to bring new life to this world, to bring comfort and aid to those who are struggling and to celebrate joy with everyone around us.

God bless you and keep you.
From Richard
Rev Richard Finch

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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray all for those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

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Pondering Prayer

As I write this we have just passed through Lent and into Passiontide when we consider the events of Good Friday and look forward to Easter. All 4 gospels recount the events of the trial of Jesus Christ and his eventual crucifixion.

In the Gospel of John, we come across the intense prayers of Jesus. All 26 verses of Chapter 17 cover so many of the aspects of prayer. Imagine what he must have been feeling, obviously aware of what was about to happen. His hour had come and suddenly he feels

frightened. The human Jesus. Was he having doubts? He doesn't run away, but turns to his Father in Heaven, to God, and tells Him what he has accomplished; how he has made his Father, the only true God, known. He had taught the disciples all he had learned from the Father. They now knew exactly who he was.

Jesus then goes on to pray for all those who have followed him, not for the world, but for the 'special ones' and asks for them to be protected from evil and be with them as they go out into the world. Jesus also prays for those who will listen to the disciples so they too may know the Father loves them as much as he loves Jesus himself.

Add to the above the versions of Jesus prayers in Gethsemane from the other three Gospels. He tells the disciples to pray that they might not enter into temptation. (Luke 22). In Matthew 26 Jesus prayer includes "not as I will but as though wilt" three times.

In Mark 14 Jesus prays that if it were possible that the hour might pass from Him, "Remove this cup from me; yet not what I will but what thou wilt"

Study the Gethsemane prayers carefully. Understand that so much of it is summarised by the Lord's Prayer. – 'Lead us (them) not into temptation; deliver them from the evil one; yours is the kingdom, your kingdom come, your will be done'. It is all there. Something to really ponder. But there is also the cry from the cross, "My God, why have you forsaken me? (Psalm 22). Jesus suffering, frightened, in pain, just as we would be had we been the crucified. Yet through it all again the teaching of the Lord's Prayer comes to the fore, "Father, forgive them." When we suffer by the actions of others those are often the most difficult of words to say.

So much pain and anguish our Lord went through at that time but through it all he did not lose his faith in his Father's Will. He achieved God's purpose, so that we might eventually have our risen life too.

Ponder and pray the words of Cecil Frances Alexander's well known hymn. "There is a green hill far away" The words are simple, but deep in meaning.

Br. Christian

MAY

How quickly these months come round. The countryside and gardens are at their best this month. The blossom on the trees and shrubs and the fresh green on hedges and the wonderful sight of the bluebell woods – it's wonderful! I never tire of the smell and peacefulness of it all. Also there seems to be more cowslips about this year, which is good as for a while we didn't see many. My sister-in-law took a lovely photo on her phone of some really big clumps of them while out for a walk. I'd love to be able to go for a long walk but I'm not able to, so I listen to where people have walked and we discuss the different pathways and where some of the paths lead to so that's better than nothing and with all these modern phones I can see the different places, so we get through that problem.



It was lovely to meet up at the Church last month for our Ladies Group. The church looked really nice, how the seating is arranged for safety and such as feeling of peace came over me, it helped so much as things haven't been too good.

We had a nice chat and Marian produced an Easter Quiz which we all learnt something from. It was so nice to be among friends so, "Thank you, Pat and Marian" for a relaxed afternoon. Now hopefully we shall go to the Flower Festival which is always really good. It's nice to think things are starting to get back to normal (or the new normal) and improving. Covid hasn't gone away but all you can do is take care but I'm still very unsure about things in life. As I write this it's a sunny day, warm everywhere, looks lovely so take each day as it comes. The Lord will hear our prayers.

Margaret Clarke

THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF MALCOLM PICKERING

Service of Celebration led by the Revd Richard Ellis

at St Margaret's Church Leiston on Sunday 29th May at 1.30 pm

Malcolm was Vicar of Leiston from 1999 to 2004. He died in February 2020 but, because of Covid, his family are only now able to gather and celebrate his life.

We would love to welcome all who knew Malcolm to join us for an informal service followed by refreshments in the church.

It would be helpful for us to know numbers for seating and catering, so please contact Jean Pickering on 07842 821071 or pickering_jean@yahoo.co.uk **by 15th May** if you would like to come.

We request that you dress for a happy celebration of life, rather than for a funeral.



The next Meeting of the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group will be held at Leiston Community Centre (next to the Fire Station), King George's Avenue IP16 4JX on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.30 pm when Nicky Reynolds "Soil Sisters" will discuss the ***Women's Land Army in Suffolk.***

Nicky Reynolds has been an avid collector of Women's Land Army ephemera and uniforms for over twenty-five years. Several years ago, she met Vicky Abbott, who has been collecting for over ten years, and the two combined their collections to put on a display at a show in Norfolk. They stood back and looked at their display and realised that, between them, they had quite an impressive amount of Women's Land Army history. They spoke about how it would be gratifying to do something worthwhile with it, and to perhaps even look into their own home county of Suffolk to further discover the role the women played locally.

Nicky took an interest in the Land Army at a very young age and can even remember dressing as a Land Girl in a carnival. She met her husband, Nick, who was interested in military history and keen to support Nicky's interest in the Land Army. Similarly, Vicky's former partner was an avid military collector who encouraged her interest in women's roles during the war. She also grew up on a farm and so felt a certain affiliation with the Land Girls. Nicky and Vicky both have family members who served, which has further encouraged their interest.

This event is free to members and is also available to non-members at a cost of £3.00. However, at a cost of £6 for a full year's membership, why not consider signing up with this growing band of family history enthusiasts now.

Further Programme:

Jun 20 7.30pm – Endell Street Hospital (founded by Louisa Garrett Anderson) by Wendy Moore – **via Zoom**

Jul 18 7.30pm – Tracing a House History by Gill Blanchard – **via Zoom**

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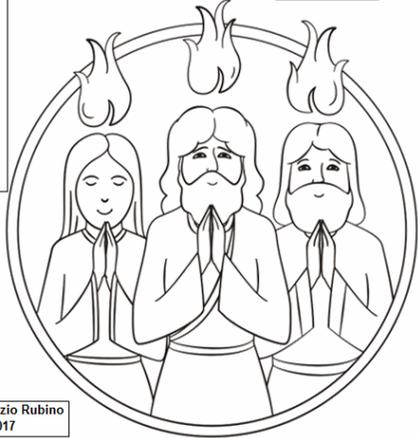
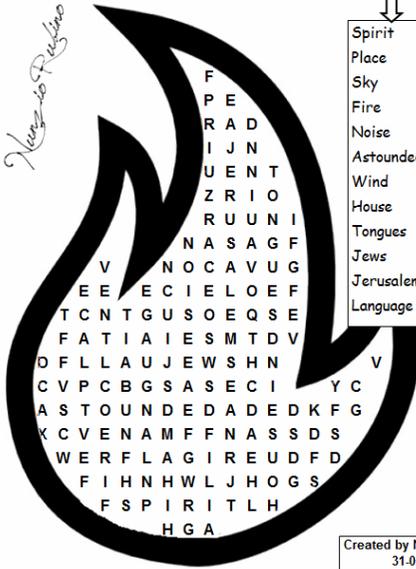
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PENTECOST QUIZ



1. What Christian holiday does the holiday of Pentecost follow?
2. According to the Book of Acts, how many days after Jesus ascended into Heaven did the disciples celebrate Pentecost?
3. While everyone was gathered together in a room celebrating the feast, what sound was heard all around them, as described in Acts?
4. How does the Bible describe what happened to the disciples when the Holy Spirit entered them?
5. Acts describes which one of Jesus' disciples taking the opportunity to stand up and speak to the crowd of people?
6. When Peter was speaking to the crowd, what does the Book of Acts state he said would happen to the old men in the city?
7. In Acts 2:21, what did Peter say would happen to those that call upon the Lord?
8. Who did Peter describe in Acts 2:25 as sitting at the right hand of God?
9. According to Peter in Acts 2, what did God tell David would happen to his enemies?
10. In which city did this first Pentecostal celebration described in Acts take place?

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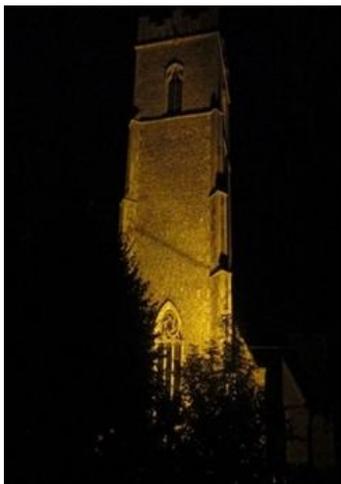
Sat 30 April 10am-4pm

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Mon 2 May 10am - 4pm

Refreshments, Raffle and
Retiring Collection

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



During April the lighting of the Church Tower was sponsored on

Thursday 7th April

In loving memory of Jackie Mann

Friday 22nd April

It's three years now, but still missed so much, Jason. Love Mum

If you would like to mark a special occasion by sponsoring the lighting of the Church Tower for a donation of £5 per day, please write the details in the diary provided in church, then place the completed payment envelope in the wall safe. Many thanks.

*If you would like to arrange to light the tower during the lockdown period, please contact Sandra direct (contact details page 2)

Services of Celebration and Thanksgiving/Funeral

1st April 2022

Kevin "Spud" Barrie Murphy

6th April 2022

Helen Edith Rivett

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION THURSDAY 19TH MAY

This collection will take place at the East of England Co-op, Leiston On Thursday 19th May from 9 am to 4 pm. If you are able to give an hour or even half an hour of time to help with this very worthwhile collection please contact Pat Carter, by telephone 8321852 or email pm42carter@gmail.com.

Thank you, Pat

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

- 1 Passover
- 2 A young donkey
- 3 The people greeted Jesus by covering the road with their garments and palm fronds.
- 4 Peter
- 5 Malchus
- 6 Three times
- 7 30
- 8 By giving Him a kiss
- 9 He hanged himself
- 10 Bought the potter's field where strangers were buried.
- 11 Alexander and Rufus
- 12 "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews"
- 13 "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"
"Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise"
"he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!"
- "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
- "I thirst"
- "It is finished"
- "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit"
- 14 "Truly this was the Son of God"
- 15 Three hours (from noon to 3 pm)
- 16 Mary Magdalene

THANK YOU



"Thank You" for the lovely flowers I received following the APCM when my decision to 'retire' from the role of churchwarden was announced. However Richard tells me that my term of office will formally end at the Archdeacon's visitation in June hence my use of the inverted commas around the word 'retire' and my continuing appearance as churchwarden on page 2.

Pat

MEMORIAL TREES PLANTED IN CHURCHYARD

Following the sad loss of our dear friend Betty Harland in September 2018 Sandra Harle suggested St Margaret's should have a living memorial to her as well as the lovely painting which hangs in our vestry.

After much discussion at PCC meetings it was decided a tree should be planted in the churchyard. These have to be planted at the right time of the year to ensure a good root system developed. Time passed and in the meanwhile the Pickering family asked if they could plant a tree in the churchyard to remember Malcolm. They are also arranging a memorial service (please see page 7 for an invitation to that event).

Sadly another of our previous Vicars died, David Lowe in December 2020 and another tree was to be planted. All the families were consulted as to the type of tree they would like to commemorate their loved ones.



The trees with stakes and all necessary fixings were purchased and Richard Finch planted them in a line at the lower end of the churchyard towards Waterloo Avenue on 17th March. As you can imagine as young trees it is very difficult to get a decent photograph but I have done my best. The three trees are a *Sorbus cashmiriana*, a *Malus x purpurea* Crimson Cascade and a *Sorbus aucuparia* Cardinal Royal. The photograph shows the *Malus x purpurea* Crimson Cascade planted in memory of David Lowe.

SHEILA MACKINNON

Leiston St Margaret's Church has lost one of its most cherished members. Sheila, the wonderful cook, always with a smile on her face and so neatly turned out, with her hat at just the right angle. Sheila slipped away on 21 February at the age of 95 years.

I first came across the MacKinnon family when I began my secondary education at Leiston Grammar School. Sheila's son David had also started at the same time and for all the time we were at the school we were in the same year. Later, when Angus and Sheila moved to Leiston from Aldeburgh, I met them also and Sheena. My late husband Fred and his family lived in the same road as the MacKinnons. Sheila was born in Aldeburgh, as my mother-in-law used to say "She was one of the Aldeburgh girls" as she was herself. After she left school she trained as a hairdresser at Joyce's.

Sheila always had a love of dance, ballet, tap or ballroom so local dances held during the war years were a highlight of her life. At one of the dances, aged 16 years she met a handsome young Scotsman called Angus who loved to dance. He was billeted at Aldeburgh whilst on tank training with the Sherwood Rangers. After very few dates Angus was posted overseas and three years of postal communication ensued. After the war on demob Angus moved from Scotland to Suffolk and started work at Richard Garrett's in Leiston. Sheila and Angus were married at Aldeburgh in 1948.

The couple set up home in Aldeburgh and first David and then Sheena were born. Angus worked at Sizewell A power station and then other power stations. After school David joined the RAF and married Midge and lived in Scotland. For a time the three remaining members of the family worked at Adair Lodge, Sheena whilst waiting to start nursing, Sheila in the kitchen and Angus in the garden. Sheila and Angus continued to work there until their retirement. After a while they moved to Leiston to be nearer Sheena and Simon and their family.

Angus and Sheila enjoyed numerous holidays with the family or with "Happy Wanderer" in the United Kingdom and abroad. Sheila and Angus attended St Margaret's and were faithful members of the church. They celebrated their Golden and Diamond weddings in church. They were both members of the Royal British Legion and Angus carried the branch standard in Aldeburgh for many years. He also joined the Leiston RBL Branch committee so I saw him regularly at meetings.

In 2009 the couple moved to Charles Miller Court. What a treat it was to go there to the Christmas service which St Margaret's choir led and for which Sheila baked her lovely cakes and tasty cheese straws and scones. Sadly Angus died in February 2011. Sheila stayed at the Court until 2019 when she moved to Smyth House, where she was looked after extremely well and was with her friend Hilda again. Sheila came to services at St Margaret's and lots of the social events until sadly failing health meant a move to a nursing home. Her final days were spent in hospital.

Sheila was a grandmother to Kirsty, Lesley, Graeme, Hannah, Tom and Matt and great nanny to Andrew, Archie, Emma and Ted Angus, her Leiston great grandson.



Sheila had a long and full life, being involved in the Women's Institute, amateur dramatics, the RBL Women's Section, the Anglo Scottish Society, keeping herself busy with knitting, sewing, flower arranging. The church was a big part of her life, at Aldeburgh as a Sunday School teacher and at Leiston filling a very important role serving tea, coffee and cake. Whenever there was a church function Sheila could always be found selling cakes and scones.

Sheila's love for and pride in her family was clear to see. It was lovely to see her opposite to me in church, always so well dressed and glamorous, with everything matching, even her nail varnish. And that lovely smile!

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

Dear Friends

May'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.

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St. Margaret of Antioch



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