

ST MARGARET'S

Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizevell



JULY 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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Be creative ...

At the beginning of July Vaughan Windle will be presenting, in church, an exhibition of work created by Jenny Windle. We felt great sadness when Jenny died last year and our prayers continue for Jenny's family and friends who deeply miss her physical presence.

Jenny was a talented artist, a person who observed the world around her and created artwork that captured some of those observations, the colour, the texture, the atmosphere of the moment. Personally, I am attracted by her use of colour. I am glad that Vaughan has organised this exhibition and I hope that it will be a time of joy and appreciation.

We live in a world of creation. Every moment something is being created using human inventiveness and creativity. Whether it is planting a seed in a pot, laying bricks, cooking a meal – the list is endless, the creative tasks are endless. It is not surprising that the writings of the Bible start with accounts of creation, of God creating, of abundant life and goodness. It is the foundation on which we continue to build and grow.

In the church calendar, following Eastertide and Pentecost, we enter a period called 'Ordinary Time'. The liturgical colour, our church colour for this time of year, is green. In this Ordinary Time we live and grow, the ordinary times of our lives include our daily tasks, our work, our hobbies, time for friends and family, time to cook, clean and mend. Yet, if we pause for a moment and examine carefully one detail of our ordinary life, we may observe something extraordinary.

For example, look carefully at some fruit, bought from the shop, taken home and placed on the table. Look at the colour, the texture of the fruit. Consider how it was produced and brought to the shop. When you eat the fruit be conscious of the flavour, the taste. It may be a tiny part of our ordinary lives but each part is extraordinary.

The artist observes one such moment and seeks to explore and appreciate it. We don't have to be a painter, sculptor, printer, writer or musician to do this aspect of being an artist. We can observe, appreciate and enjoy such moments and paint a picture in our minds and give thanks to God for the gift of creativity.

God bless you and keep you.
From Richard

Rev Richard Finch

Pondering Prayer

Does God only give comfort if we pray to Him?

I believe the answer to that is most definitely No. It cannot be true as many people who dispute the very existence of God do not suffer any less than anyone else, through sickness or anxiety etc. but are still able to receive comfort and healing in various ways: through friends, therapists, doctors and carers it just comes. Conversely there are those who believe in God but question if He really does offer comfort or even answer prayers.

What is it then that gives us comfort? If we are ill or injured and in a great deal of pain; if life in general is getting on top of us; family problems etc. is it perhaps not so much comfort we need, but strength to endure our suffering whether in body (pain) or mind (worry or concerns)? For all ailments, physical or mental God gave us a wonderful gift, regrettably so often ignored, the GIFT of LOVE which is permanently with us. It is there to give, and to receive.

There are two sides to God's love and healing. When we suffer we can pray for the strength to endure, for friendship and love of others. When we see the suffering in others we should then, as well as praying for them, ask what we can do to help. Life is not just about self, it is about companionship, friendship, loving our neighbour in order to help and be helped. God uses us, our hands and minds to do his work. We need to open ourselves to Him so that through us He can give the help strength and comfort we crave.

Pray for the Lord's guidance in all things, day by day. If life is going badly for you pray for help and healing, friendship and caring. When all is going well for you pray for the will to be of help to aid those less fortunate who are suffering. Good and bad times come to all of us. Give help to others and take help from others when life becomes difficult. That is where we are able to find the love of God working – through the help we give and that others give us. That is how the prayers are answered, His love through us, and comfort given even when the sufferer has not prayed.

Pray for those who do not know God, and remember always He loves those who do not believe as much as those who do. Jesus showed that compassion from the cross, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do". God is compassionate.

Br. Christian

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JULY

I can't believe we are in July, half way through another year. I thoroughly enjoyed our Jubilee weekend. Leiston did us proud and it was a lovely tea party, it was nice to see people and families smiling, having fun together. The fly past in London was spectacular and only England can offer the pomp and display at pageantry. For a while I felt we had a bit of old England back. The Queen did so well and it all seemed so relaxed.



We drove to Stowmarket the other weekend but had to make a diversion which took us round some country lanes and some of the cottages had veg., eggs, etc for sale on a stall. It took me back to when Betty had her cousin Edie to stay and we would take them for a

ride out after tea. This particular day we had gone to Iken Church and had a look round, although small it was very interesting. As we drove down the road Edie spotted this cottage with veg, jam, chutney, crabapple jelly and quince jelly, eggs - all for sale. Stop the car, Bill, she said, I haven't seen quince jelly for years. We had a good spend and put our money in the jar provided. Edie couldn't believe people were honest enough to do this but they were.

We always passed a cottage when we went to Stowmarket regularly and over the times it had Bramley apples, eating apples, plants, veg and always fresh flowers for sale. Especially in the autumn there were chrysanthemums. We never saw anyone not put money in the tin. They got pleasure doing this, we got fresh veg for less money; just simple pleasures in life.

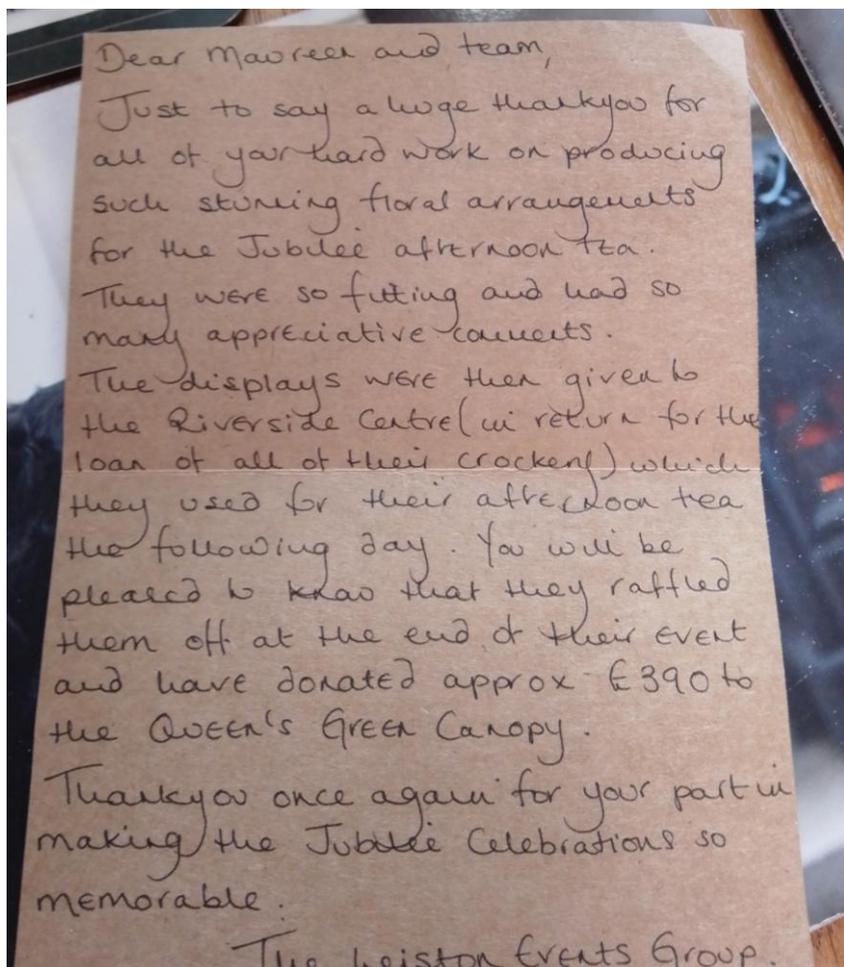


Last Saturday there was a huge bath of sweet Williams but we couldn't stop as there were cars in front and behind. My niece's husband still can't believe how people are still honest, he says it's why he loves Suffolk – it's another world. I told him it was contentment.

Enjoy the summer, keep well.

Margaret Clarke

LETTER OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED FROM LEISTON EVENTS GROUP



Dear Maureen and team,
Just to say a huge thankyou for all of your hard work on producing such stunning floral arrangements for the Jubilee afternoon tea. They were so fitting and had so many appreciative comments. The displays were then given to the Riverside Centre (in return for the loan of all of their crockery) which they used for their afternoon tea the following day. You will be pleased to know that they ruffled them off at the end of their event and have donated approx £390 to the Queen's Green Canopy. Thankyou once again for your part in making the Jubilee Celebrations so memorable.

The Leiston Events Group.

On Friday 3rd June a group of ladies (friends and members of St Margaret's church) met in church to prepare table decorations for the Jubilee Tea Party which was taking place on the Victory Road Recreation Ground the next afternoon. Two large decorations were also needed and these were made by Sue Hawkes and Maureen Fox. The saucers, oasis etc were provided and also flowers of purple and white with silver foliage. Six table decorations were made plus the two larger one. The tea party marquee had been beautifully decorated and the table flowers added to the look.

Amongst those making the decorations was Niamh Fox, who was to be the Carnival Queen, in the parade the next day. The photograph shows Niamh busy at work.



The letter shows that the flowers were much appreciated and were given to the Riverside Centre at Farnham as an acknowledgement of the loan of crockery. The arrangements were used at their afternoon tea the next day and then raffled and raised £390 for the Queen's Green Canopy.

The Bottle Tombola at the Leiston Event raised £150 60 for church funds. Thank you to all donors and supporters.

THE YARNBOMBER STRIKES AGAIN IN LEISTON

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- 1 The love apple is the original name for what?
- 2 How can you tell the age of a tree?
- 3 What plant takes its name from Italian phrase “beautiful woman”?
- 4 Which grain is used for semolina?
- 5 Harry Wheatcroft was a renowned breeder of what?
- 6 What do yew, laburnum seeds and mistletoe berries have in common?
- 7 What is Capability Brown’s given first name?
- 8 Soil can be acidic, alkaline or what?
- 9 What fruit helped Isaac Newton to develop the law of gravity?
- 10 On which continent did broccoli originate?
- 11 What herb beginning with “A” has soothing properties?
- 12 What vitamin is most prevalent in a lime?
- 13 True or false? Chelsea is Britain’s largest flower show.
- 14 What part of a flowering plant is often used to make oil?
- 15 What is the largest freshwater lake in the world by its area size?
- 16 Where is the biggest tree in the world, the giant sequoia, found?
- 17 What is the art of cutting shrubs into ornamental shapes called?

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ADVANCE NOTICE

The 41st Bike Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 10th September, 9.00am – 5.00pm. Last year the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust raised £191,187 plus Gift Aid recovery. Participants can be either riders (on cycles) or striders (on foot). Perhaps you'll decide to have a go – or perhaps you can be one of the people who meet and greet our visitors in our lovely church.

Please put this date in your diary and think about how YOU can take part.
Pat Carter

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CANCER RESEARCH UK

A collection to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity takes place at Leiston Co-op on Saturday 23rd July from 9 am to 4 pm. Are you able to help with this for an hour? If so, please contact me as soon as possible (contact details on p2 of this magazine)

Pat Carter

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ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTIRY GROUP

INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOUSE?
MONDAY 18TH July 7.30 pm on Zoom

Gill Blanchard is a professional house historian, genealogist, tutor and author of several books, including Tracing Your House History. She has a series on 'Tracing a House History' in Family Tree Magazine and has appeared in the TV series Who Do You Think You Are, as well as researched behind the scenes for the programme. Discover the main resources to find out where your ancestors lived, and trace the history of your own home. Find out which documents can be used to build a picture of what homes looked like in the past, inside and out. Discover how to find out who lived in a building at different points in time, and when, how and why it was built.

This event is free to members 'attending' over Zoom, and is also available to non-members at a cost of £3.00. If you wish to 'attend' please register via our website <https://avsfhg.org.uk/events/book/> by 5pm on the preceding Friday and you will be sent joining instructions. 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?



Jennifer Mackay Windle

Exhibition

July 1st –10th 2022

Parish Church of

St Margaret of Antioch,

Leiston 10.00-16.00 (Mon-Sat)

13.00-16.00 (Sun)

Supporting the church and

Hope after Suicide

and Mind

Exhibition of Jennifer Mackay Windle paintings

Jennifer was an American artist with a growing reputation. She died in a tragic car accident in April 2021 cutting off her undoubted potential.

Moving from oil painting to the use of soft pastels Jennifer's work was exhibited in London with the Pastel Society and the Society of Women Artists from 2009 to 2010. She published books on pastel painting for children and adults with Top That. She then began to combine this with teaching while still holding her own private exhibitions with her husband and other friends. Her last exhibition was in Aldeburgh late August 2020

A final exhibition of her work will be held from July 1st to July 10th in the parish church of St Margaret in Leiston. Jennifer's paintings will be for sale.

Vaughan Windle

NB There is a funeral in church on Thursday 7th July at 12 noon and therefore the exhibition will be unavailable from 11 30 am until 1 pm on that day.

Examples of Jenny's work



(Left) Cherries and peaches with blue bowl



(Right) Tulips and Roses



Saxmundham United Reformed Church, Rendham Road

Welcomes you to

*MUSIC OF VARIOUS MOODS FOR A SUMMER
EVENING*

Saturday 16 July 2022 at 6 pm in the church

Followed by Light Refreshments in the hall

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LADIES GROUP VISITS DUNWICH



On Monday 16th May the Ladies Group visited the lovely Dingle Tearooms at Dunwich for afternoon tea. In June we met to make the flower arrangements for the Jubilee Teas Party and in July we are invited for afternoon tea in June and Brian's garden.

FANCY DRESS AT GARDEN PARTY



Patsy Short writes - "Thanks to the Advertiser and their splendid double page article the magnificent sum of £1060 was raised for Church funds at Leiston St Margaret's Church Garden Party.

The weather was disappointing but that didn't stop the people coming along to support the event and having an enjoyable afternoon. A big thank you to everyone, the advertisers, the attendees and all the helpers. The best cook in town is Jackie Shotter and the children were all brilliant in their fancy dress and it was very difficult to choose the winners. (Red Riding Hood) Emily Harle eventually stole the hearts of the judges for the under 7's and Hannah Merret came first in the over 7's. Well done everyone.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



During May the lighting of the Church Tower was sponsored on

Monday 30th May for Pat by Tony Cooper

I wish the angel would sing a beautiful song for you my love in the most blissful way. Happy birthday in heaven, my lovely, cherished love.

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

8th June 2022
16th June 2022

Helen Mary Battle (Seven Hills)
Mavis Mary Thompson

EMPTY BLISTER PACKS

Please remember to keep your EMPTY blister packs and bring them to church so that they can be sent for recycling. The cardboard boxes can be recycled in your household recycling wheelie bin.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

Dear Friends

July'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

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NOTICE: Items for August's magazine

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

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