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Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



APRIL 2019

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

9.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
10.30 FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE & J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

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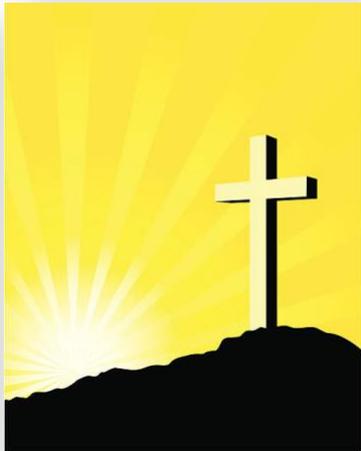
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Christ is risen ...

This year April is our most holy month. Easter Day falls on Sunday 21 April when we shall be celebrating the good news of the risen Christ.

The good news that Jesus Christ brought to the world is that through his signs of love we are brought into the fulness of God's creative intentions. In the accounts of the first chapters in the book of Genesis all that was created was 'very good' and that humankind, male and female, was created in the image of God.

Jesus Christ's sign of love was that he was killed on a cross and showed by this act of selfless love that sins (that which stops us fulfilling the intention of God for us to be in the image of God) are forgiven – there is nothing to hold us back from being a loving human being, that is why we call that day 'Good Friday'.



Then on Easter Day Jesus Christ showed another sign of love. By rising to new life he showed the world that nothing separates us from the love of God, death is an end to this human life but it is not the end to being close to God.

This good news is the reason why we have extra services in church leading up to Easter Day. In the days of Holy Week we go back to the accounts of the last days of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, we feel his pain and anguish and we are like his family and friends who watched helplessly as he was killed.

Then we experience the joy and wonder of Easter Day. We decorate the church with flowers and sing 'Alleluia', we share gifts of chocolate and greet each other with expressions of joy.

Everyone is welcome to join the people of St Margaret's Church as we journey through the last days of Lent, through Holy Week and arrive at Easter Day.

God bless you.

From Rev Richard Finch

Church services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 14 April – 10am Holy Communion. With a procession as we recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Crosses made from palm leaves are given and blessed for our use.

Monday 15 April – 8pm Night Prayer

Tuesday 16 April – 8pm Night Prayer

Wednesday 17 April – 5pm Evening Prayer

Maundy Thursday 18 April – 7pm Holy Communion. We remember the meal that Jesus shared with his friends and his commandment that we must love and serve each other.

Good Friday 19 April – 2pm A time of reflection on the meaning of the Cross. Through readings, prayers and hymns we journey with Jesus as he was tortured and killed on a cross.

Easter Day 21 April – 10am Holy Communion – We celebrate the risen Christ.



A JOINT CONCERT BETWEEN THE LEISTON WORKS RAILWAY AND LEISTON ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

This is being performed by the ever popular keyboard player Tom Horton on the magnificent St. Margaret's church organ. Tom, of course, is no stranger to Leiston, as he is very well known for his musical talent at Leiston Film Theatre for the annual pantomime. This concert will take place at Leiston St. Margaret's Church on Saturday 18 May 2019 at 7.30pm. Tom will be performing a variety of music from musicals, films and light classics. The LWR are very much looking forward to working with the church for what will be their second collaboration.

Tickets for this event are £8 each, including light refreshments, and are available by contacting either Stephen Ginger on 01728 831902, Sandra Harle on 01728 833578 or Jim Girling on 07800 500 278.

Pondering Prayer

“Is this not the sort of fast that pleases me: to break unjust fetters, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and to break all yokes? Is it not sharing your food with the hungry, and sheltering the homeless poor.”

Isaiah 58: 6-7

As we watch the news on television there are so many examples of injustice, of people under terrible pressure; of people in need of food, clothing and decent homes. Of course, good things are also taking place. There are many charities covering a wide range of need, both at home and abroad. We have much to encourage us in the new developments in the field of medicine. New frontiers have been opened up in science and education. More and more is being discovered about past generations, which causes us to wonder at the skill of people who did not have the benefit of modern technology.

In many ways the world is getting smaller and yet in other ways a yawning gap is opening up as we lose the art of communicating with one another, evidenced by the sad state of our parliament.

The Lord Jesus promised, “I came to give life in all its fullness” (John 10:10) Part of that fullness is our generosity in prayer and compassion for others.

As Easter people let’s take note of the injustices in our world and turn to prayer, asking for God’s solutions. When we hear of oppressive circumstances, let’s pray urgently for change.

As we thank God for the Food Banks, let’s also pray for a fair level of support for those who are out of work, or on a low wage; and as we pray for the sick and the disabled, let’s pray that the amount of support they receive will reflect the extra needs their level of disability places upon them. We hear much about the need for more affordable housing. Pray for new ventures to be developed through which safe and welcoming communities will be created.

A praying people will be used by God to bring about a better society. Paul wrote to Timothy, “Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity” (I Timothy 2:2) May God grant this in the Name of Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

Revd. Pauline Florance

GOD'S PARROT

The Saturday edition of the newspaper I take always has a Faith page, with interesting articles by people of many different faiths. A few weeks ago there was a particularly interesting piece by a clergyman who posed the question "How impressed will God be by us all chanting words out of the service order, rather like a parrot?" Now I have nothing against parrots. They are beautiful and intelligent, and to me they are right up there with baby elephants among the most wonderful of God's creations. But you don't meet many parrots in St Margaret's Church - unless we are all parrots without realising it. Because when you think about it, we do all chant the same words, and sing the same lines of the hymns, without having the chance to think about what we are saying or singing. For me, the task is to speak or sing at the right speed without falling behind everyone else; there is just no time to ponder deeply upon the words and what they might mean to me personally.

But there's another way of doing it, of course, which wouldn't occur to your average parrot. Every week we have the service sheet to take away, and I confess that I have occasionally smuggled a hymnbook home for a week or two. This gives us the chance to study the readings in conjunction with our own bible, and to consider the words of the hymns instead of just trying to work out what the tune is. And don't the hymns come alive when you do this! Yes, some of the words are puzzling or repetitive, but there are some wonderful anthems for us to live by. For example, can anyone read the words of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" without shedding a wistful tear or two? Even without the glorious tune (preferably the English version), this is a hymn which surely encompasses all that we wish for.

And there's another thing. Getting together with our fellow parrots in the beautiful cage of St Margaret's reassures us that we are far from alone in our beliefs. The fellowship which we encounter there week by week surely inspires us to greater thought and study about the things we have heard, however briefly, in Church. As the doors open and we fly away, we take with us the inspiration of our gathering of common worship which will last us through the week until we meet again.

So yes, guilty as charged. I am God's Parrot for an hour every Sunday. And I don't think He minds, for I am sincere in what I am chanting or singing, to the extent that I can understand it. But for me the real work starts when I get home and go through the readings to find out what they mean when I read them slowly and look up the comforting explanatory notes which my Bible contains. And if I can remember the tunes, I can even sing a hymn or two very quietly to myself while pausing at the bits which mean the most to me. How many parrots would do that? May our eyes remain bright and our feathers never fall out. **Peter Roberts**

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



During March the lighting of the Church Tower was sponsored on:

Sunday 3 March

Happy 60th Birthday, Phil
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Thursday 7 March

In loving memory of Paul Snowden

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 put the completed payment envelope in the wall safe.

Many thanks.

LADIES GROUP GAMES AFTERNOON



On Monday 18 March several members of the Group met at the church to enjoy an afternoon playing board games, the older the better. Marian had brought a shove ha'penny board along with a bag of suitable coins to use in place of pre-decimal half pennies. Pat brought some of the games her children (now

42 and 40) had played when they were young. Everyone played the games but with not too much regard to the rules.

Our next meeting will be an Easter Craft afternoon with our friend June Smith on Monday 8 April at the church meeting at 2 15 pm. All welcome.

Pat Carter

APRIL

'April brings the Primrose Sweet
Scatters daisies at our feet'



These were little verses we used to say for each month of the year, but I can only remember January to May.

With the weather more changeable now it's a bit different; this year we've had snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils all out together. Going through Snape towards Friday Street, one garden is blue with scillas now out which lots of people think are bluebells. It's a haze of blue.

I came across a tin of Kleeneze Wax Polish in the cupboard last week, it was still soft enough to use. I must have had it several years but I was able to polish a wooden table and dressing table and the result was a smell of lavender and shiny furniture.

In the final year at Primary School in Miss Last's class, we took in polish on Fridays to polish our desk lids. I can remember one girl always had Mansion Polish which smelt nice, lots of us had Pelaw Polish from the Co-op, but I thought her desk looked shinier!

I loved polishing and it was my job on Saturday to do Mum's floor to earn pocket money. We all had our jobs to do. Betty was busy shopping for her Mum and Aunt. Others would be sweeping or scrubbing doorsteps Bill used to get coke from the Gas Works in a sack for his mum and neighbours. We didn't get much money but we all had to do it. We also ran errands for people so we were all learning to help others who couldn't get out much.

If you can help somebody it brings happiness to everyone.

Margaret Clarke

'EASTER FLOWERS'

Many flowers which appear in late March and early April have become known through the centuries as 'Easter Flowers', and associated with the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord.

The Passion flower, for instance, has always been known as 'Easter's own flower', for in it can be seen the crown of thorns, the scourge, the five wounds (the five stamens) and the petals dyed with blood. The Arum lily, the Wood Sorrel and the Wild Orchid, according to tradition, grew near the Cross. Their petals were spotted with drops of blood, and these drops have ever since remained dried on them.

Originally, we are told, the drooping Violets were upright white flowers, growing around Jerusalem, but when the Virgin Mary passed by them, weeping, on that fateful Good Friday, they bowed their heads in sorrow; their white petals changed to purple, and ever since they have worn their Royal mourning, their heads still bowed in remembrance of the crucified Christ.

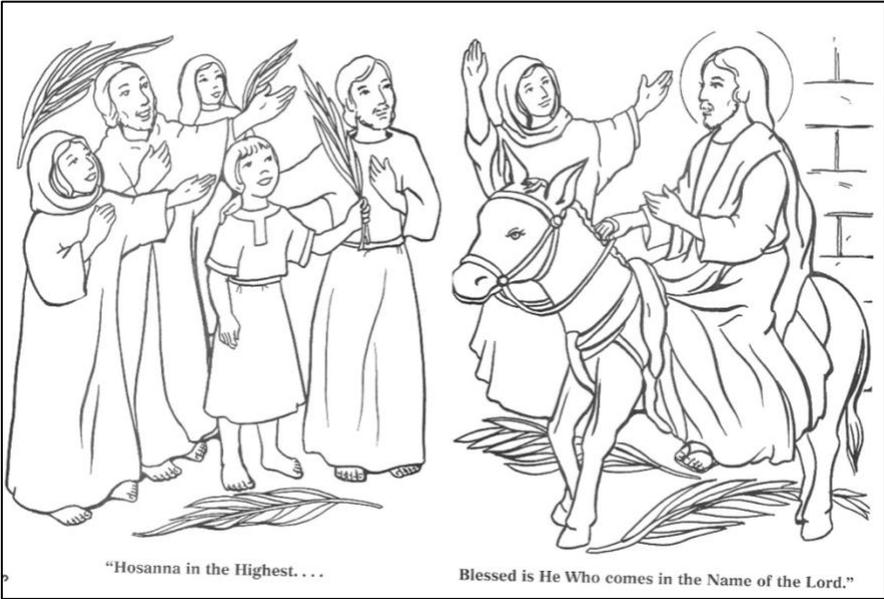
The Shamrock, with its threefold leaves and flowers, was regarded as a symbol of the Holy Trinity, and was supposed to bring great good fortune to those who were lucky enough to find one.

The Marigold was named after the Virgin Mary, and the Lady's Slipper and Lady's Smock are also named after her. The ordinary field Daisy was said to be God's gift from Heaven to the earth He loved.

Cowslips were known to our ancestors as 'Heaven's Keys' because of the belief that St. Peter was told that people were trying to enter heaven by a back way. The news so agitated him that he dropped his keys to earth, and forthwith a bunch of cowslips sprang up marking the place where they fell.

The Purple Anemone has been known as the 'Pasque flower' for centuries. It was said to have grown at the foot of the Cross, and closed its eyes in grief and awe, opening them again on Easter morning.

Submitted by Sandra Harle.

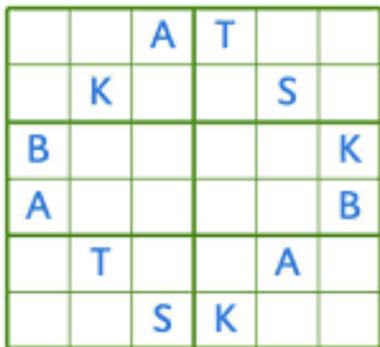


Find the 10 differences



Easter Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters B A S K E T
 . Don't guess - use logic



The Resurrection

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 16:1-8



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INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR APRIL 2019

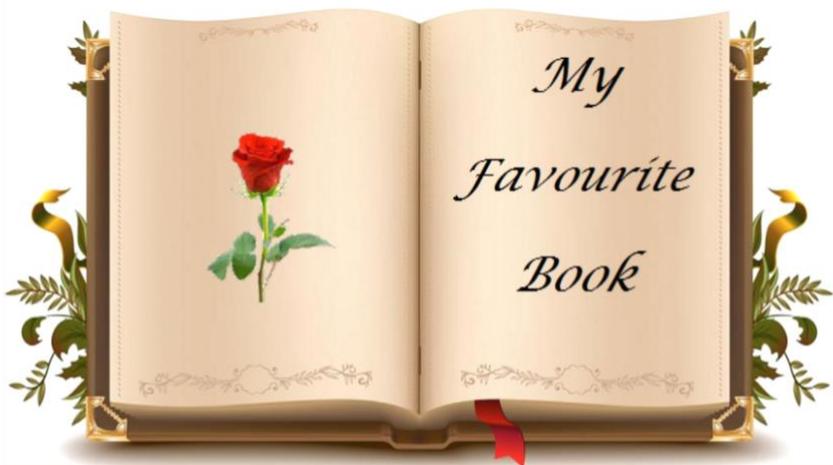
Dear Friends

April'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

Jim & Pauline Florance	Roy Hubbard
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Joe Diegnan	Matthew, Vanessa, Alex, Kierah & Sasha Newman
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Daryl, Helen & Chloe Cartley	Adrian & Jackie Shotter
John and Joy Kemp	Stephanie, Craig, Isla & Edie Shotter
Mary Joel	Kim, Dan & Indi Rose Keeble
Kate Kersey	Jan Snowden
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KAGERA LENT LUNCH 2019



The Diocese of Kagera, which is part of the Anglican Church of Tanzania, is the link diocese with Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Bishops Martin and Mike made it the focus of their Lent appeal this year. This year 25 years of working with the Kagera Diocese is being celebrated. To support the appeal a simple lunch was held at church on Saturday 23 March at 12 noon. On the menu were three tasty, delicious homemade soups, Leek and Potato, Spicy Tomato and Lentil and Butternut Squash and Ginger made by Sheena, Morag and Lesley. Baskets of wonderful homemade bread rolls accompanied the soup. Tea and coffee concluded the meal which had given an excellent opportunity for catching up with news and sharing fellowship.

Twenty-three people took advantage of this delicious lunch offer and the sum of £140 (with £16 Gift Aid) has been sent to the Bishops' Appeal. Kagera, in northwest Tanzania, is a beautiful region, mostly of steeply hilled savannah country. However, it is poor and remote. Its 1 million people typically live on less than £1 a day, mostly through subsistence farming. Malaria and HIV/Aids are major problems. The funds raised will support priests, subsistence farmers and young people, and empower them to build a more hopeful future. The vision of Kagera Diocese is 'Life in its fullness' (John 10:10) and through the link we can help them achieve it. It is a three prong aim - to help young people build a better future through education, to help farmers survive climate change and to help priests lead their people out of poverty.

In Our Special Prayers

Magda

Jill

Jason

Pam

Gemma

Frances



Funerals

Monday 11 March

Clive Adrian Wilgress Miller

Thursday 14 March

Leon Clark



Baptisms

Sunday 3 March

Ava Middleditch



CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019

The street collection in Leiston to raise money for Christian Aid will take place on Saturday 18 May. Are you able to give one hour or even half an hour of your time to help with this very valuable collection to help others? I have permission from Suffolk Coastal District Council and Leiston Co-op to have collectors in the street and outside the front and car park entrances to the Co-op store.

If you can help please contact the local organiser Pat Carter on 01728 831852 .

LEISTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The Leiston Good Neighbour Scheme (LGNS) provides free voluntary help to people who are socially isolated in Leiston, Sizewell or Knodishall.

For example, volunteers can visit someone for a chat, help to fill in a form, support and/or accompany them to go to an activity, do a minor repair, collect a prescription, walk their dog, or carry out a small amount of shopping for them. They can visit regularly, just once, or as needed, depending on what someone would like. Volunteers can also do a one-off garden tidy for someone who is no longer able to manage this for themselves. We do not, however, provide transport (for example to take someone to hospital) because this service is carried out by CATS.

We currently have 17 volunteers who have different skills to offer, and have carried out over 30 activities with people so far. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering with us. You can choose what you would like to do, and how often – for example, some people like befriending, and others prefer to give practical help.

We had a stall at the Coop on Saturday 23 February to raise awareness about the scheme. The raffle raised over £40, and we would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket.

We now have some cards to advertise and promote LGNS, and will be placing these in local shops, business and public places in the next few weeks.

Our phone is held on a rota basis from Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, but you can leave a message at any time, and someone will call you back as soon as possible. The phone number is 07724777465. You can also use email: leistongoodneighbour@gmail.com

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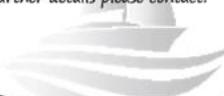
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