

ST MARGARET'S

Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



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Thank you, Brian, for sending me this.

THE COVID INSPIRED "CAN DO" ACRONYM IS AS FOLLOWS:

CONNECT - making time for calls with family & friends I am socially distanced from, or having a virtual lunch with a friend

ACTIVE - getting outdoors for some fresh air

NICE - being kind to someone: something as simple as texting a neighbour who may be lonely

DISCOVER - being curious to learn

OBSERVE - enjoying the colour of leaves

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Do you ever look back on your life and see where God had a part? Ways in which he may have been helping, guiding and preparing us for the events in our lives that were yet to come. For me there are a great many that come to mind but I want to tell you about one that is relevant for me now.

I'm sure many of you still remember Dick Norburn a retired priest who lived in Middleton and assisted our then vicar David Lowe here in Leiston both at services and in the community. I know he often had long conversations with my dad and before I returned to live in Leiston had suggested that I should consider becoming a Reader. I don't know what dad had been telling him but at that stage Dick had never even met me! However, in 1992 after dad passed away it was decided with the agreement of the family that I should move back to Leiston and live with mother.

When training as a Reader and afterwards both Dick and David were of great help in my training for which I shall ever be grateful. By the turn of century Dick and Bar decided it was time to fully retire and this would be at a retirement home in Canterbury where I believe he was also an honorary Canon. (Someone tell me if I am wrong). Before they left Dick and Bar invited Patsy and myself to Middleton where he offered me some very useful books, a great deal of music which it was thought Aaron would appreciate and last but not least a Prayer Desk in need of restoration. All gifts were received with grateful thanks.

The intention I had at the time was to restore the Prayer Desk but for many reasons I failed to get round to it and it languished in the back shed giving me a conscience every time I saw it. Then...just as the lockdown began this year Patsy and I had commissioned Helen at Sandlings to reupholster some of our bedroom furniture and were so impressed by the work Patsy and I together decided to ask her if she would do up the Prayer Desk. It was returned looking like new and with a reupholstered kneeling pad (plain wood would have been hard on the knees). It began its new life in a bedroom but has now been transferred more permanently to my study/office.

Since it was returned the Prayer Desk has had daily use, a constant reminder to pray regularly but also, for me, that God cares and influences all our lives and so often we fail to realise just what He is doing. When Dick gave me the Prayer Desk all those years ago I had no idea how important it was going to

be or that it was God’s doing. If I wasn’t aware before, one thing this pandemic has taught me is that God is not deserting us, He prepares us – He did not cause the pandemic, human failure did that – but He has been preparing us in ways that will help us through this disaster, and as we look back in years to come I am sure many of us will start to realise how much.

Meanwhile I will continue to use my Prayer Desk for Compline and pray for all those in this Parish and throughout the world who have suffered in any way as a result of Covid 19. Jesus never promised that life would be easy. The promise was that “I will be with you always until the end of time”

Matt.28 v 20

Bernard



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Pondering Prayer

As we continue our discourse into praying the Lord’s Prayer we come next to “And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”. Trespasses, sin, debt, wrong-doings appear in various translations of the prayer but basically have very similar meanings. They refer to a flaw in our conduct or nature; as a violation or transgression, or an act by which we have robbed God and thereby fall into his debt for our wrongdoing and for which we can only appeal to His divine pity. We need correction and forgiveness to bring us back into harmony with our Father’s will. Forgiveness is not, however, the same as being let off and there is a price to pay. As Jesus explains, “For if you forgive others the wrongs they have

done, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs that you have done.” (Matt 6.14f)

There is no free ticket to forgiveness and it is made plain in the parable where the unthankful servant finds that all the debt which had been forgiven him by his master is rolled back to him because he in his turn behaved unforgivingly towards his fellow-servant. (Matt 18. 23-end) God deals with us as we deal with our fellow-beings and if we wish to know how the face of God looks towards us we must examine ourselves to see how we are treating others.

Going to church or just saying our prayers is never going to be enough, we not only need to pray the words Jesus talk us, but also live them.

I know we are all weak and forgiving others is not among the easiest of things to do. Many difficulties may come to mind, so we need to ask God for help. There are those who may offend us and cause us to despise them but we need to overcome. And so we pray:

“Heavenly Father, without you we are weak. We honestly seek to do your will and to be faithful servants but we need the strength and guidance of your Holy Spirit. Help from the moment Father, to be stronger in our will, courageous and forgiving towards those we look down on, abuse through gossip, or desire to get one over on them. Help up to be more like Jesus so that we too can say: “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”

Br. Christian

AUGUST

Another little footnote regarding the celebration for VE Day.

The over 80s were invited to an afternoon tea in a marquee. I was looking forward to that, not only for the tea but for the chatting and listening to the different stories of the older people and how things were and they have such a way of telling you – you’re spellbound. There was so much history attached to the Rec as we called it then.

During the latter part of the War the Rec was ploughed and vegetables were grown to help the War effort as food was in short supply for a long time even when the War ended. Bill (Margaret’s husband) can remember this Bertie Smith worked for Mr Geater and he ploughed it with a red David Brown tractor, leaving the two air raid shelters near the Primary School.

After a few years it then was back to the Rec with tennis courts, yacht pond and swings, the air raid shelters filled in. Two toilets built were on the corner near the school.

Now present day it has more things to play on and is an ideal place for different venues. Lots of memories over the years as well.

MARGARET CLARKE



Local History Book “From Flint Knappers to Atom Splitters” by DY & K May relates that in May 1941 the dropping of German bombs on the Recreation ground was witnessed. Two boys, P Ross and Peter Page, playing football, were killed. One of the boys was hit by a clod on the back of the neck and was killed instantly and the other one was hit in the face. Lenny Fisher was buried alive but had a very lucky escape eventually died on 18 January 2000, aged 75. The school caretaker had shouted to them to go down the shelter, because there were shelters on the Rec, but they didn’t go – they kept playing football. The bomb left a large crater in the middle of the ground and Betty Reeve remembered that, to everyone’s surprise, the deep hole turned up a wonderful crop of large poppies. The seed must have lain dormant for years.

THE VALUE OF A SMILE

(Author unknown)

A smile costs nothing, but gives much.
It enriches those who receive,
without making poorer those who give.
It takes but a moment,
but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.



None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it
and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.
A smile creates happiness in the home,
fosters goodwill in business,
and is the countersign of friendship.
It brings rest to the weary,
cheer to the discouraged,
sunshine to the sad,
and is nature's best antidote for trouble.



Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen,
for it is something that is of no value to anyone
until it is given away.
Some people are too tired to give you a smile.
Give them one of yours,
as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Thank you, Eileen, for sending this.

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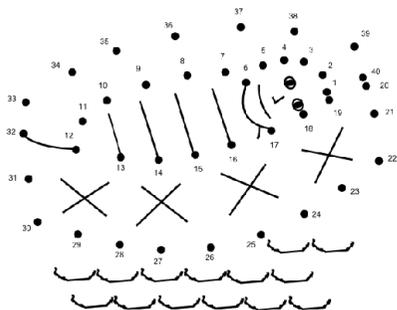
Summer Word Search

Bible Puzzle

Baby Moses Dot-to-Dot

Moses' mother Jochebed protected him from the people who wanted to hurt him.

Connect the dots to see where she put him.



How does God protect you?



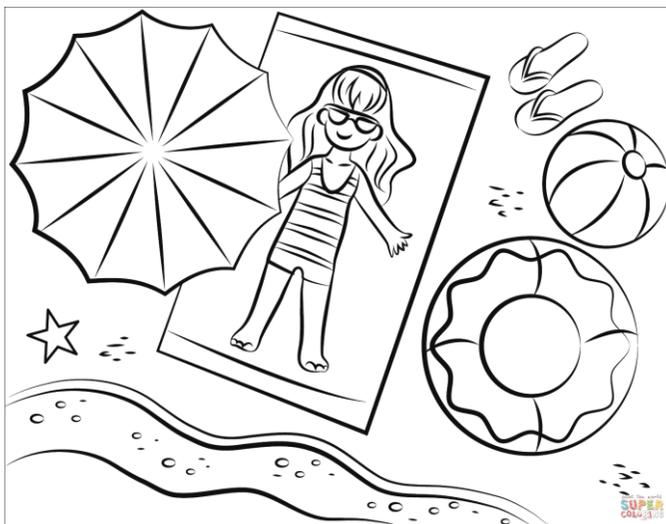
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ALPHABETICAL BIBLICAL PLACES

A	Where the disciples were first called Christians	(Acts 11.26)
B	Where Nebuchadnezzar was King	(2 Kings 25.1)
C	Where Jesus taught in the synagogue	(Mark 1.21)
D	Where Saul was going when he was converted	(Acts 9.3)
E	A Village near Jerusalem	(Luke 24.13)
F	A Harbour in Crete	(Acts 27.8)
G	The district around Nazareth	(Luke 4.14)
H	Where David was anointed as King of Israel	(2 Sam 5.3)
I	St Paul taught in the Synagogue at this town	(Acts 14.1)
J	Where the traveller was going in "The Good Samaritan"	(Luke 10.30)
K	A Brook	(2 Sam 15.23)
L	St Paul cured a cripple in this town	(Acts 14.8)
M	St Paul went there because of a vision	(Acts 16.9)
N	Jesus lived here	(John 1.45)
O	Mount near Jerusalem	(Matthew 21.1)
P	Leading city of Macedonia	(Acts 16.12)
R	An island in the Mediterranean Sea	(Acts 21.1)
S	The region between Galilee and Judea	(Luke 17.11)
T	A coastal town	(Matt 15.21)
U	The birthplace of Abraham	(Genesis 15.7)
Z	Hill of Jerusalem	(1 Kings 8.1)

The name of each place you're looking for starts with the question letter and can be found at the given Biblical reference.

Thank you, Jill, for sharing this quiz with us. Jill tells me she used this with the Christian Youth Fellowship Association (CYFA) group which she helped run at St Margaret's.

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TO ALL READERS

This month I have been inundated with material to include in the magazine. Thank you to everyone who has sent me articles and items of interest. Please keep sending me items you think may be suitable for a wider audience, my contact details are on page 2.

The Children's Society

Many of you have collection boxes in your homes and August would normally be when I would ask for the boxes to be returned to me for counting. However, The Children's Society informed me several months ago that, due to the coronavirus pandemic, they had put their box collection activities on hold and that they would review the situation in due course. As a result of this, I haven't yet received the usual resources from them for counting and depositing donations.

I would, therefore, ask that you just continue to pop your loose change into your box until I hear further from the charity itself. If it's completely full - for which many thanks - and you would like it emptied now, then I will, of course, be more than pleased to do that and to hold onto your donations until further notice. You can either drop it off at my house (4 Lime Tree Avenue) or alternatively I'm happy to collect it from you.

Many thanks for being a box holder, and for your kind and generous donations to this worthwhile cause.

Sandra Harle

INVITATION TO ANIMAL BLESSING

On Sunday 2nd August @ 11am in Theberton Churchyard.
Everyone Welcome - with pet or no pet.

Please enter by Jubilee Hall car park and leave by church gate.
Chairs two metres apart, hand sanitiser on entry.

You may wear mask and gloves if you wish. We will ask you for your name and phone number on arrival, just in case.

First service at Theberton since lockdown, first service there led by the new Vicar

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



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

17 July. Alan two years ago you left us, hope you can help Jason have a good birthday.

20 July Remembering my dad (Ernest Roper) on his birthday. Love from Terri

22 July Remembering my dear Dad's birthday (John Geater). Love from Susan

31 July Remembering my beloved husband Peter on his birthday Love Joan

**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 Harle (contact details page 2)

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Hilda wishes to thank Lesley and Mike for their many cards which were much appreciated. Sending Christian love to all my Church friends.

ONE RESULT OF LOCKDOWN

I'm sure everyone has used the lockdown time to clear a cupboard or wardrobe, or even their bookshelves. I certainly have done all three. I came across a charming book called "Pastoral Pedals, Pints & People" subtitled "A True Rural Encyclical" written by The Rt Revd John Dennis while he was Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich. It was written when the Bishop spent thirteen days "in the saddle" to mark the seventy-fifth birthday of the Diocese. During these days he was greeted at all the churches he visited and was often accompanied for part of his journey by groups of parish cyclists.

On Day Seven – 4 September 1989 he approached Theberton via Southwold, Walberswick, Dunwich, Westleton, and Middleton. His account continues "While I was in Theberton church, saying a prayer and meeting the folk, the Rural Dean, David Lowe, was busy shedding his bike and getting himself ready to jog. He is the first person to have thought of doing that alongside me. His daughter Penny, and Teresa Roper, Leiston choir mistress and Postmistress, jogged with him and he kept up a steady pace the three miles or so from Theberton, round the bend, hugging Leiston Abbey, and down to Leiston church itself.



In Leiston church, where again the bells were ringing to welcome me, we said Evensong together and then went over to the Vicarage garden for refreshments before heading for Aldeburgh and the end of the day."

PS I think the Bishop may have promoted our Terri from Postie to Postmistress

*Thank you, Hilda, for providing these recipes for us all to try out.
Enjoy!!*

SOMERSET PASTY

Shortcrust pastry

4 cooked new potatoes, chopped
1 onion, chopped and fried
2 tbsp grated Cheddar cheese
Hard-boiled egg, chopped – or a raw egg
Chopped parsley or mixed herbs

Method

Make pastry using 8oz flour and 4oz butter (or use one packet of readymade pastry).

Roll out the pastry and cut into circles using a small saucer or large pastry cutter.

Mix the ingredients for the filling together and divide between the circles.

Brush the edge of the pasty with water and fold in half, crimping the edges with your fingers and enclosing the filling.

Repeat for the other circles of pastry.

You can decorate the pastries with scraps of leftover pastry.

Cook the pasties on a medium-hot oven for about 20 minutes.

CHEESE RAMEKINS

½lb grated Cheddar cheese

1 egg

2 tbsp butter, softened

6 crusty bread rolls

Method

Mix the grated cheese with the egg and butter, seasoned with pepper.

Cut the rolls in half and scoop out the crumbs.

Fill with the cheese mixture.

Bake in a hot oven for about 20 minutes.

IN AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN



Last month when I called at Jean and Brian's home to give them the Church magazines which they deliver, Jean asked if I'd like to see the clematis in their back garden. I agreed and was amazed at the beauty of the plant climbing against their back fence. I asked Brian to send me a photograph thinking I would put it in this magazine. When I arrived home, I went outside and looked at the clematis I had climbing up the balcony support at the rear of my home. I took a photograph and sent it to Brian and Jean. We thought both climbers were lovely. Do you agree? Brian and Jean's in on the left above and mine on the right.

MORE WORK FOR THE LITTLE GREY CELLS! Answers

- 2 Cleanliness Is Next To Godliness
- 3 Give Someone Enough Rope And They Will Hang Themselves
- 4 A Fool And His Money Are Easily Parted
- 5 Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover
- 6 Great Minds Think Alike
- 7 Heart Is Where The Home Is
- 8 In For A Penny In For A Pound
- 9 In The Land Of The Blind, The One Eyed Man Is King
(Apologies – I typed I N L O and it should have been I T L O)
- 10 One Good Turn Deserves Another
- 11 As Snug As A Bug In A Rug
- 12 Spare The Rod And Spoil The Child
- 13 Pride Comes Before A Fall
- 14 What The Eye Doesn't See The Heart Doesn't Grieve Over
- 15 Blood Is Thicker Than Water
- 16 Charity Begins A Home

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR AUGUST 2020

Dear Friends

August'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	Bruce Songer
Simon, Sheena, Tom & Matt Merrett	Stephen & Gail Southgate
Sheila Mckinnon, David & Midge Mckinnon	Naomi Kerans
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David & Cindy Fittsell	Helen Rivett
Emma Fittsell	Judith & Mike Stigwood
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Stephanie Luckhurst	Luke, Asha & Jai Mewett
Joan Whale	Clare & Kane Hambridge
Paul Espindola	Peter & Jenefer Roberts
Ann & Peter Essex	Charles & Pauline Stride
Mary Murphy	Steve, Christine & Nathan James
Jo Tozer	Derek & Sheila Stiff
Sue, Dale, Ewan & Cameron Threadkell	Eileen Free
Joan Huxley	Philip, Ian & Susan Huxley
	Hannah, Stuart & Teddy Tilbrook
	Lynn and Dave Blake, Gemma, Craig, Florence and Arthur

CHURCHGOERS!

Ten little churchgoers went to church when fine,
it started to rain and then there were nine.

Nine little churchgoers stayed up very late,
one overslept so then there were eight.

Eight little churchgoers all set for heaven,
one told a pack of lies and then there were seven.

Seven little churchgoers heard of Sunday flicks
one thought he'd like to go and then there were six.

Six little churchgoers kept the place alive
one bought a TV set and then there were five.

Five little churchgoers loyal to the core,
the Vicar upset one and then there were four.

Four little churchgoers argued heatedly
over ceremonial, then there were three.

Three little churchgoers sang the service through
got a hymn they didn't know, and then there were two.

Two little churchgoers each bought one more,
so their numbers doubled and then there was four.

Four sturdy churchgoers simply couldn't wait
till they found four others and then there were eight.

Eight eager churchgoers searching round for souls,
praying, working, witnessing; drew others in by shoals.
Shoals and shoals at every service, cramming every pew,
O God, supply this grace and seal in OUR CHURCH TOO!

St Margaret of Antioch



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NOTICE: Items for September's magazine

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

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