

ST. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



April 2015



CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

9.00 Holy Communion Service

A Traditional Service using Common Worship

10.30 Family Praise & Worship Service

An all-age Informal Service for the whole Family.
Praising the Lord through Drama, Readings & Music

SECOND & FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 Parish Sung Eucharist Service & 'JAM' (Jesus & Me) Sunday School

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 'Welcome to the Table' Family Communion

A new simple Family Communion Service
where all are welcome to the table

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 Parish Sung Eucharist Service & 'JAM' (Jesus & Me) Sunday School

6.30 Community Healing Service - Next Service on Sunday 26th April
Listen to the healing word of God through Prayer

WEDNESDAY mid-WEEK Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion Service - Next Service on Wednesday 22nd April

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

JESUS HAS RISEN FOR YOU



Alleluia; Jesus is alive! There's something about good news that's hard to keep to yourself. So it is of no surprise then to discover that the first response of an excited and overjoyed Mary Magdalene, who was the first to find the empty tomb and the first to see the risen Jesus himself, was to go and tell the other disciples the good news. The first response of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and at the breaking of bread with a stranger, was to return immediately to Jerusalem and tell the others the good news. There is nothing forced or reluctant about their sharing of the good news, because good news is hard to keep to yourself.

When I first became a follower of Jesus, I was so thrilled to discover what God had done for me on that first Easter morning that I began to joyfully share it with strangers on the streets, on trains, and on buses. In fact wherever there were people, I saw an opportunity to share the good news of what Jesus had done for me and for all people, often whether they wanted to hear it or not!

Although I had much to learn about sensitivity and wisdom, at the time it felt like it was the most natural thing to do; I had some good news and I wanted to share it. There have of course been seasons when I have become dulled in my passion for evangelism, yet after all these years, after all these Easters I've celebrated, my first response is still one of excitement. I'm still overjoyed to seek opportunities to tell others the good news. Why? Well simply because I want them to know him too!

I understand that for many followers of Christ the prospect of sharing the good news can appear scary and is only done by those of a bold nature. However, in the same way that we are happy to share the good news of receiving a very nice Easter egg quickly and spontaneously and quite naturally with those around us, so too we need to naturally or supernaturally tell others the simple good news of Jesus: who he is and what he has done for you.

The humble Easter egg is not only a symbol of the empty tomb, but also a symbol of the great possibilities found within it. Just as the Easter egg contains a variety of different chocolates for us to enjoy and share, so too the empty tomb and risen Jesus offer us all a variety of different opportunities to enjoy and share. I pray that the risen Lord will bless you with a spirit of excitement this Easter and that in some small way, you too will be overjoyed to share and receive the good news.

Alleluia, Jesus has risen for you.
For you he has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Happy and Blessed Easter adventures to you,

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

THE CHRISTENING

We recently attended the Christening of our Great Grandson at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Westonzoyland Somerset. St. Mary's Church goes back a long way in history, to the Battle of Sedgemoor.

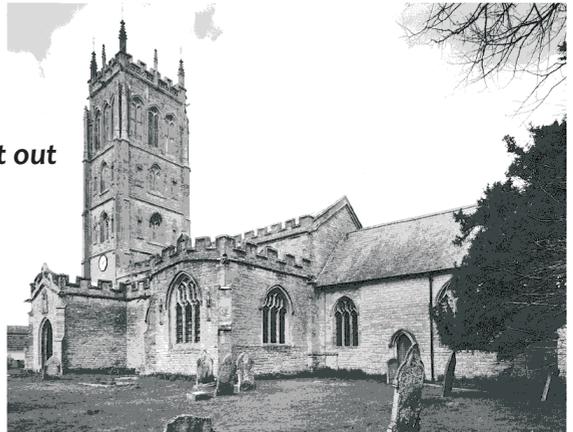
This was a War fought on the Somerset Levels where 500 prisoners were herded into the Church. One escaped through the North Door of the Chancel. Later the Wardens paid for the repair of the door key to the North Door, and Frankincense, Pitch and Resin to fumigate the Church when the prisoners were removed.

In the 18th Century the Vestry was given a new roof and a new Bible was bought for £4 in 1722, and in 1729 a gallon of wine for Communion. In the 19th Century the Church was restored and more Services conducted until the First World War.

In the 1930's the Church was the subject of a National Appeal when its magnificent roof was restored and the Church repaired and refurbished

The Christening was held first and while we had the Service the children had a play area or picture to colour in of the Church, or cut out candles representing the Christening. They were all very good and the Vicar looked at the pictures afterwards asking them questions regarding the meaning of a Christening and the verse below.

***We light a special Candle
The Light of God can never be put out
We make the sign of the Cross
This is the sign of Jesus
It shows that we belong to Him.***



Margaret Clarke

St. Mary the Virgin, Westonzoyland, from the south-east

Join the Easter Celebration

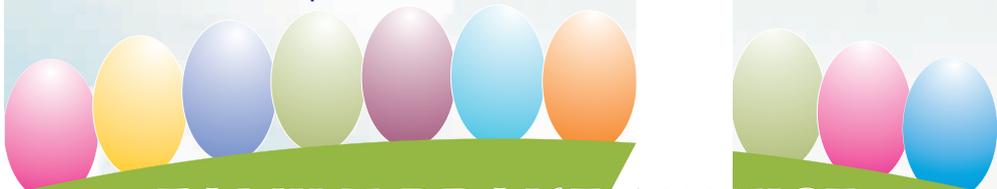
Easter fun for all the Family!

'Decorated Hard-Boiled Egg Competition!'

Enter your decorated hard-boiled egg
into the Best Decorated Egg and
Egg Rolling Competition!

'Easter Bonnet Competition!'

Decorate and wear your Easter Bonnet
with all its frills upon it, and enter the
Easter Bonnet Competition!



FAMILY PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday 5th April at 10.30am

Other Family Services Sun 3rd May & 7th June

St. Margaret's Church

Church Road, Leiston

Come along & rejoice together!

THE GALE OF JANUARY 18TH, 1881

An eye witness account from 1881; when two vessels were wrecked opposite the "Tea House" Sizewell, where the Crews received every possible attention.

Part 1.

On January, the eighteenth day,
The year of eighteen eighty-one,
"The roughest day," the old men say,
"They e'er remember looking on;"
Onward towards the land, the gale
resistlessly in fury sped -
telling plainly the saddest tale
of seamen number'd with the dead.
Fearful the wind, still worse the sea,
As white with foam it onward roll'd
Bearing ships to the dreaded lea -
Majestic, awful to behold.
At daylight, near in shore was seen
A smack, the "Leader" was her name,
Struggling like a skiff between
The angry billows of the main.
To face the gale in vain she strove,
In vain her weary crew work'd on,
Dreading so much the shoal might prove,
Too soon, their entry to the tomb.
Soon on the beach she came a wreck;
By help on shore from willing hands,
As sea on sea roll'd o'er her deck,
Each of the crew in safety lands.
Hourly still the gale increasing
Higher the mountains billows ran,
Crowned with foam, ever breaking
Much further than the eye could scan.
Three ill-fated craft far out at sea,
Against the elements fought on,
Struggling hard to 'scape the lea
They were surely hastening on.
On shore, we watched their coming end
As helpless to the land they drove,
Thought I, "May God His mercy send,
And surer refuge to them prove".
One noble barque, the "Palestine,"
Tight craft as ever put to sea,
The foaming breakers soon entwine
Rolling in fury on her lea.

"Haul out the rocket cart, and haste
"The steeds from out their stable warm,
"Make fast the gear, it must be faced.
"The blinding surf and howling storm.
"Spare not the lash, when life's at stake,
"Push on with more than common speed,
"Rough is the road, but we must make
"Little of troubles such as these."
High in the rigging we could see
The crew, for safety stand aghast,
Well knowing what their end might be
If they upon the rocks were fast.
But being light she came in shore,
As close as any ship could be,
The seething waves across her pour -
So grand, yet terrible to see.
Watching the mighty waves recede,
On shore a rope from her was cast,
And hauling taut we now proceed
The warp to bend securely fast.
"Haul out!" as loud as we could shout
Was scarcely heard above the blast
"And make secure to rigging stout
High upon the quivering mast."
This done, on shore the other end
Was held by twenty men or more,
And forth our only means we send
Of help above the billows o'er.
High o'er her decks the briny spray
Upon the beach in torrents flew,
Scarce one of us near by could stay
Though eager all to save the crew;
Through the rigging with deaf'ning roar
Heedlessly the wind rushed on,
And from her yards the canvas tore,
Carrying it like clouds along.
Across the watery chasm swung
Drench'd, the shivering worn-out crew,
Nine lives in all. What joy among
The saved, and those their friends so true.

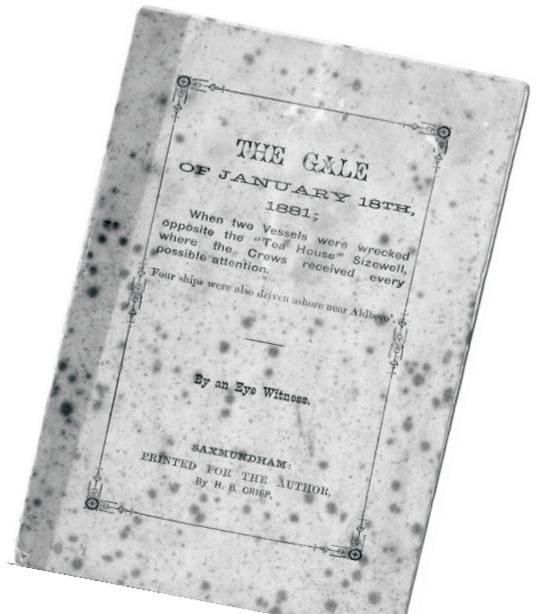
Friends to those, who in danger's hour,
 When face to face with death they stand
 Implore of men to use their power
 To bring them once more safe to land.
 Small is the succour man can lend
 'Gainst the mighty ocean's power,
 If God did not His love extend
 And prove a sheltering tower.
 Near by upon the cliff there stands
 A shelter for poor shipwreck'd men,
 There true kind hearts and loving hands
 To their immediate wants attend.
 May God give each a thankful heart
 To praise Him for His mercies great,
 Nor let them o'er forget man's part
 In saving them from such a fate.

Part 2.

An Eye Witness account of four ships also being driven ashore near Aldboro'

In Aldboro' bay in height of storm
 Two ships upon the beach were borne
 There in time the crews were saved -
 From a threaten'd watery grave.
 As night came on, a night more drear
 Than had been known for many a year,
 The drifting snow one blinding sheet,
 Warn'd the traveller to retreat,
 And seek a refuge in his home,
 To escape the untimely doom -
 That hung o'er those with failing strength
 Struggling but to sink at length.
 To waken here no more on earth,
 No more to hear the joyful mirth
 Of children dear to him as life,
 Or welcome voice of loving wife.
 His shroud the snow of spotless white,
 His grave unknown, till morning's light
 Reveals the footprints leading on
 To the travellers's icy tomb.
 How sad the end of those who shar'd
 A death, so hard to be compar'd,
 Who laid them down alone to die
 No creature near to hear their cry.

A ship in dreary midnight's hour
 Yielded to the reigning power;
 All efforts of the crew were vain
 To clear her of the leeward main.
 At morning's dawn one vessel more
 Was found a wreck upon the shore;
 By masts and spars a perfect wreck
 surrounded stood the crew on deck.
 Benumb'd with cold, near frozen they
 longed for the breaking of the day,
 But sad to state when night was o'er
 Two of their comrades were no more.
 Both crews at length were brought to land
 through Providence, by friendship's hand,
 His ship the captain would not leave
 Till those on shore the dead receiv'd.
 As men in battle, on the shore,
 Trees were levelled by the score,
 Stacks overturned, roofs laid bare,
 Damage great done everywhere.
 Troubles these seemed great to some,
 Viewing the mischief that was done;
 But what are troubles such as these
 Compar'd with dangers of the seas?



Photograph of original booklet printed for the Author
 by H.B.Crisp, Saxmundham
 Sent in by Jill Mower

Cooking with the Bible



Chocolate Hot Cross Bun & Butter Pudding

6 chocolate hot cross buns

30g unsalted butter, softened

125g roughly chopped good-quality dark chocolate

1 vanilla pod, split, seeds scraped out

600ml single cream

600ml double cream, plus extra to serve (optional)

Zest of 1 orange

4 eggs

170g caster sugar

1/4 cup (60ml) brandy (optional)

Icing sugar, to dust

Method:

Split the hot cross buns and butter each half. Lay the bases in a 2-litre baking dish, sprinkle with the chopped dark chocolate, then place the bun tops on the bases.

Place the vanilla pod and seeds in a saucepan with the creams and zest, and heat over low heat until just simmering. Remove from the heat.

Beat the eggs, sugar and brandy until just combined, then pour into the warm cream, stirring continuously. Strain the custard evenly over the buns and set the pudding aside for 30 minutes for the buns to soak up some of the custard. (The pudding can be prepared to this stage several hours in advance and refrigerated - just bring to room temperature before baking.)

When ready to cook, preheat the oven to 170°C.

Place the pudding dish in a large roasting pan and pour enough boiling water into the roasting pan to come halfway up the sides of the pudding dish. Place in the oven for about 45 minutes or until the custard is set. Dust with icing sugar and serve with extra cream if desired.



CENTENARY COOKBOOK

2014 was a very special year for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich of which St. Margaret's is a part, as it was the diocese's centenary year. To help celebrate this momentous year we at St. Margaret's Church have created a cookbook full of tasty recipes for you to try.

Help us celebrate this special year & also raise funds for St. Margaret's Church. Pick up your copy of the cookbook now!



Makes an ideal gift for a friend, loved one, or simply why not treat yourself!

You are helping to support your local Church continue with the important work it does.

**Available after each Sunday's 10.00am Service
or
Pop along and pick up your copy from
Margaret's Church Shop, here in the heart of Leiston**

I will sing UNTO THE LORD (Ps 104 : 35)

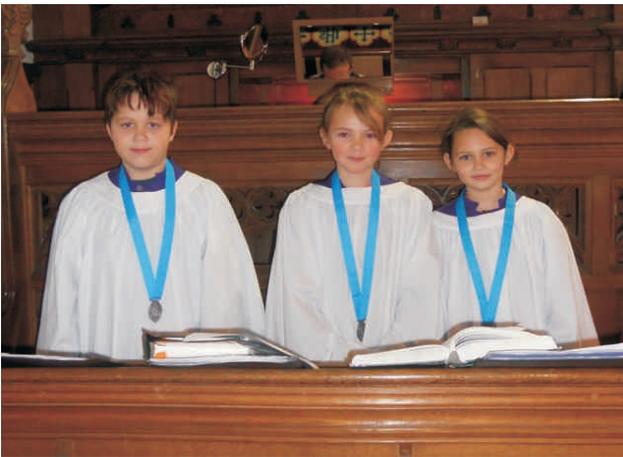


The central purpose of music at St. Margaret's is to glorify God. In enhancing the praise, worship and prayer format of the spoken liturgy, the music aims to balance the joyful and uplifting, along with the contemplative and the reflective.

St. Margaret's has had a committed, loyal and well established choir for many years now, indeed its origins can be traced all the way back to the mid nineteenth century. The robed SATB choir of today, which is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music not only perform settings, psalms and anthems at the Sunday Eucharist, but also sings at various special services and feast days.

We also aim to encourage others to join in and discover that singing is

 Do you enjoy singing? Are you in good voice?
Fancy joining our choir?
Then please speak to Jonathan, our Director of Music
Rehearsal each Thursday: 6pm - 7pm 



enjoyable & really good fun. It is with great joy therefore that we welcome our three latest members to the choir. Amy, Archie and Grace have recently joined the choir as junior choristers and bring lots of enthusiasm with them. It is a pleasure to have them as part of the team and we hope and pray that their time in the choir will be lots of fun.

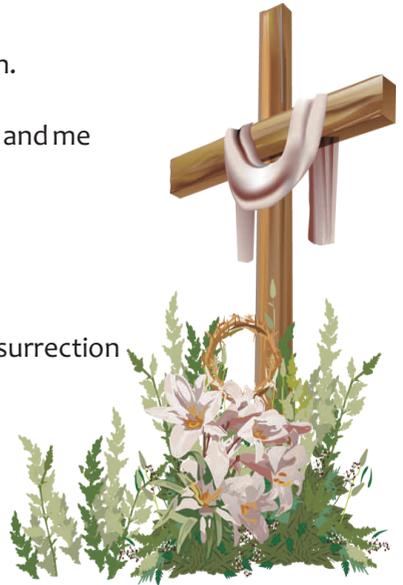
J.S. Williams - Director of Music, St. Margaret's Church

EASTER MEDITATION

There was once an Eden, a perfect place, full of love, no room for hate;
But man rebelled and tasted the forbidden fruit,
Greed, mistrust and hate ensued.

Eden was raped, God's gifts misused
But the Creator's hand outstretched forgave,
He sent His Son into the world to save
his people who were lost, ensnared, enslaved.
The people mocked and jeered the Son,
He was stripped and spat upon, made a figure of fun.
They took Him to Golgotha, nailed Him to a tree,
There He hung and bled and died, sacrificed for you and me
Yet still we mock Him by the way we live,
Because we have failed to truly forgive
Those who hurt us and cause us harm:
But Christ forgave us and in dying
Blessed us with His healing balm.
So let us all remember that first Easter morn, the resurrection
the significance of that empty tomb
May the Easter message richly impart
the joy, the love our Saviour gives,
Let us honour our Lord by the way in which we live.

By Malcolm Andrews - Sent in by Hilda Woodhead



I miss coming to Church very much but my back is very painful and I couldn't sit in the chair for the whole service, but my thoughts are always there with you.
From Hilda, with love

Hilda Woodhead

CHRISTIAN Aid Collection - SAT 16TH MAY

The Leiston collection to raise money for Christian Aid will take place on Saturday 16 May. Are you able to give one hour of your time to help with this collection?

If so please contact the local organiser Pat Carter on 01728 831852

Pat Carter

St. Margaret's Church



Join us for a mid-week
Holy Communion

10am every Wednesday

Next Service: Wed 22nd April

'Come and let us celebrate together, The Lord's Supper'

Holy WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Sun 29th March at 10am - Parish Eucharist & Palm Sunday Procession

Thurs 2nd April at 7pm - Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing

Fri 3rd April at 2pm - Good Friday Hour at the Cross

Sun 5th April at 6am - Easter Sunrise Service at St. Margaret's Church

Sun 5th April at 9am - Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Sun 5th April at 10.30am - Easter Sunday Family Service of Celebration



St. Margaret's Church

Leiston-with-Sizevell Community Healing Service

Every Fourth Sunday of the Month at 6.30pm

Next Service: Sunday 26th April

Come along and listen to the healing word of God, to rest in his presence
in worship and be enfolded in his arms of healing through prayer.

FAMILY SERVICE - PETER WRESTLES WITH LENT

On Sunday 1st March St Margaret's church family service journeyed into the adventures of Jesus and his disciple, as they journeyed towards Jerusalem and Jesus' death on the cross.

As we Journeyed into the word of God, we found a rather worried looking disciple named Peter wrestling in his mind over what on earth was going to happen to Jesus in Jerusalem and why? As we listened to Peter's wonderings we were suddenly transported into Peter's mind where we found Su and Mo the wrestlers, wrestling with Peter's thoughts.

Jesus had said to his disciples that they would have to deny themselves if they were to follow him, however Peter wrestled with how he was going to do this. But as Peter soon discovered, what Jesus meant by denying themselves was that Peter was to **L**et go of the bad things in his life and **E**mbrace the good things. He was **N**ever to give up on doing his best for others and was to always **T**rust in God who says that he would always be with him.

As Peter wrestled with his thoughts, we too began to discover what Jesus meant for us to do during this time of Lent. To **L**et go of the bad things for us. To **E**mbrace the good things, to **N**ever give up doing our best, and to **T**rust in God who promises to always be with us, which spells **LENT!**

Reverend Martin Phillips-Last



Come along & join us EVERY 1st Sunday of the Month at 10.30am
Next Services: Sun 5th April, Sun 3rd May & Sun 7th June

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER 2015

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer service was held at Leiston United Church, High Street, Leiston on Friday 6th March at 2pm. Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, interchurch, organisation which enables us to hear the voices of women, from a different part of the world each year, expressing their hopes and concerns and bringing them before the rest of the world in prayer.

The service was written by the women of The Bahamas. The theme of the service is taken from St John's Gospel, chapter 13 verses 1-17. 'Jesus said to them: "Do you know what I have done to you?" and it challenges us to demonstrate the same radical, unconditional love for others that Jesus showed when he washed the feet of his disciples.

A beautiful collage about The Bahamas was made by the United Church and members of the churches in Leiston took part in the service. Paper footmarks were given to all attendees and they were invited to write a few words on them to illustrate how they could follow in Jesus' footsteps and His example of loving service to others. Afterwards lovely refreshments were served in the hall while we enjoyed fellowship together.

A collection for the Women's World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland & projects run by Christian charities around the world amounted to a total of £96.85.

The service for 2016 will be written by the women of Cuba and will be held on Friday 4th March 2016, at St Margaret's Church.

Pat Carter

Dates for your Diary!

APCM - 15th April, 7.00pm

FLOWER FESTIVAL - 2nd - 4th May

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION - 18th May

ST. MARGARET'S SUMMER FAYRE - 13th JUNE

JAM

Jesus and Me

Come along, meet new friends and have fun finding out about Jesus with a new style of Sunday school for kids of all ages.
Every 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday @10am

Next JAM Sessions:

22nd March ▪ 29th March ▪ 12th April ▪ 26th April
9th May ▪ 24th May ▪ 31st May ▪ 14th June

... come and join the fun, everyone welcome!

CRAFTS

memory
verse

DVD'S

GAMES

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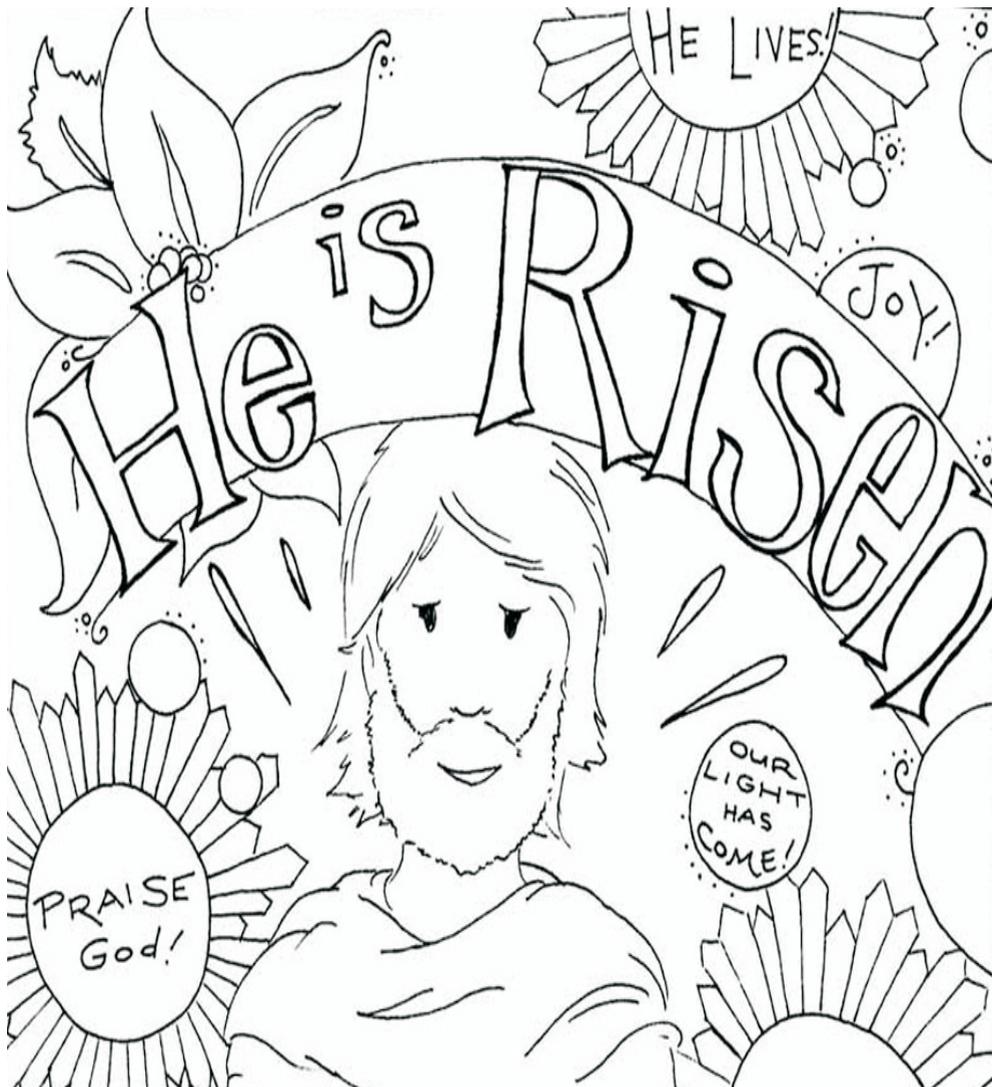
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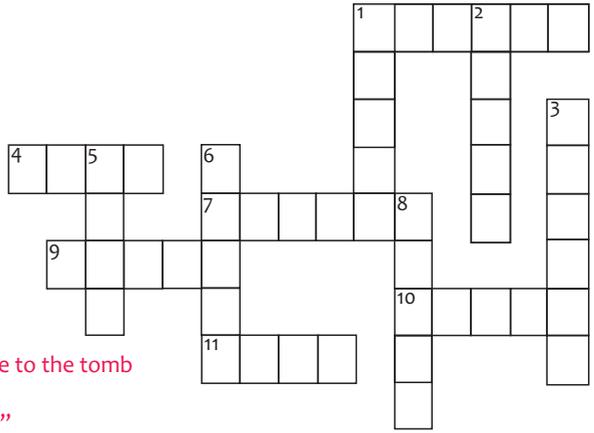
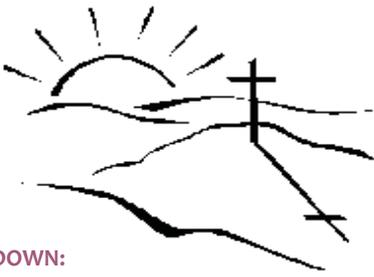
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Kids Zone

Welcome to
'your page'
full of fun
activities to enjoy!





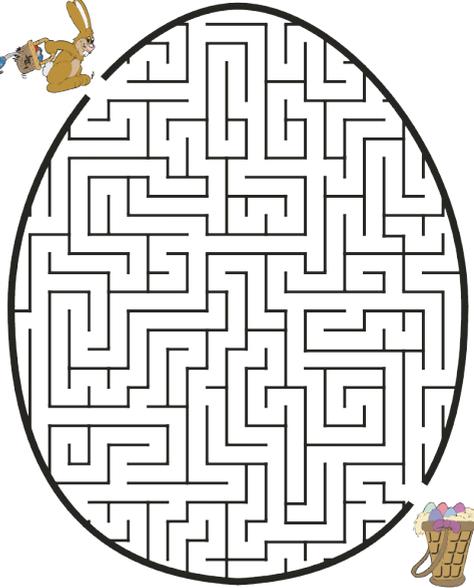
DOWN:

1. Opposite of dead
2. The tomb was opened by an
3. The angel came down from
5. The name of the two women who came to the tomb
6. The Saviour of the World
8. "Here is not here. He has" as he said"

Jesus	Heaven
Snow	Risen
Mary	Easter
Angel	Stone
Alive	Cross
Afraid	Tomb

Across:

1. The guards were when they saw the empty tomb
4. A place where the dead body of a person is laid to rest
7. The day we celebrate the resurrection is called
9. Jesus was crucified on the
10. When the women visited the tomb, the had been rolled away
11. The angel's clothes were as white as



HAPPY EASTER

Easter Sunrise Service



Sunday 5th April

6.00am

**St. Margaret's Church
Church Road, Leiston**

**He is Risen, Alleluia
Come and celebrate together!**

FROM THE KITCHEN WINDOW

Looking out onto the garden from the kitchen window, the tall conifer at the far end is barely visible. A thick mist has fallen and covered the usual scene.

All the early signs of spring have been shrouded by a heavy veil and an eerie silence hangs in the air: the birds no longer sing.

Yet as I gaze out, I know the mist will lift, the shrubs and trees will be revealed and the birds will sing. The beauty of God's creation will emerge once more.

Faced with a problem, or a situation that needs to be dealt with, there are times when the answer cannot be seen at first. Just like the early morning mist hiding the beauty of the garden, a veil of uncertainty conceals the answer. We feel alone, in a dark and empty space. Which path should we follow; will our steps lead to the answer we seek.

The following words written by Minnie Louise Haskins have been a source of comfort on many occasions and will no doubt continue to do so.

“And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year.

“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown”

And he replied,

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God

That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way”

These words remind me that rather than thrashing around looking for an answer to a problem, it is wiser to have faith in God, allow Him to guide and in time find that elusive answer and the peace that comes with it.



LADIES GROUP MEETING - 16TH MARCH

The Group met in church to make Easter flower arrangements under the leadership of June Smith of Knodishall. We had been asked to bring oasis, greenery and a bunch of daffodils each and any other Easter decorations they wished to use. It's always a bit nerve-wracking not knowing if anyone will turn up when you have arranged for an outside speaker or demonstrator. I need not have worried – ten ladies turned up to see what they could make with their greenery and daffodils.



The terracotta pots which Sue had provided for our Christmas arrangements were once again used to good effect. First the pots were readied with trays and wet oasis. The daffodils were tied with raffia and a depression was made in the oasis. The bunch was then attached to a stick which allowed the daffodils to stand up with the ends of their stalks in the depression. Greenery, including ivy leaves, was placed around the base of the flowers to cover the oasis. Finally finishing touches in the shape of chicks and other Easter decorations were attached. June had kindly made some bunnies which she offered to us, also some baskets which could be filled with small eggs.



June had also brought some twigs, a basket and greenery. She soon converted these into a lovely arrangement. We were given pretty papers to wrap small eggs in and then we were able to hang them on the “tree”. A simple idea that some thought would be good to make for their own homes over Easter. Once the majority of the arrangements were finished tea, coffee and biscuits were served. Martin came in and seemed very impressed with the arrangements and the mimosa! We took our arrangements home, promising to return the pots and trays to Sue.

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th April when we are planning a charity event. Other plans for the year include a treasure hunt, walk and fish and chips and afternoon tea.

Maundy Thursday



2nd April at 7.00pm



*Service of Remembrance
with Foot Washing*

St. Margaret's Church
Leiston

NOTES FROM PCC MEETING 11TH MARCH

The meeting opened with prayers at 7 pm. Martin welcomed Brenda Hopkins who is a Local Giving Advisor. She talked to us about ways to increase giving. She left the meeting after this with thanks from Martin and the PCC.

Sandra Harle has stood down from leading the Sunday School. Martin expressed huge thanks for her as she has kept thing going with cramped space and increasing numbers. Some of the older children have now joined the choir. Sunday School will be relaunched in April with JAM (Jesus and Me) led by Kathryn Phillips-Last and Sandra Ellis.

2014 Parish share has been paid in full. Margaret's Shop has given £2,000 so far this year. The Valentine Bake Sale raised £94.00 and £3,728.43 has been received through the Gift Aid Scheme.

All eight bells will be rung on 27th March at 2pm to enable the architect and structural engineer to test the theory that the bell frame may be causing a problem when the bells are rung. A further estimate will be sought about proposed purchase of microphones etc. Bishops have completed the organ repairs. The raised floor board on the ramp at the back of the church is to be replaced.

A new style of service will take place on third Sunday of each month where all are welcome to receive communion. School assemblies are taking place each half term. Alde Valley High School is working on designs for banners for the Archdeacon's approval.

Forthcoming events include the Flower Festival 2nd to 4th May, Archdeacon's Visitation on 18th May and the Summer Fete to be held in the Church and Churchyard on 13th June. The date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting was fixed as Wednesday 15th April in Church starting at 7 pm.

A cupboard is to be purchased for the storage of music and books. The meeting closed at 20.30 pm.

Pat Carter



St. Margaret's Church

Church Road, Leiston

GOOD FRIDAY

Hour at the Cross

3rd April at 2pm

A Service of Meditation & Reflection

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR APRIL 2015

Dear Friends,

April's magazine continues to focus on monthly prayer time. Below is the St. Margaret's church family group for this month. Please remember each family group appears in the Magazine every three months. This is not to say you are not in our thoughts, you remain in our church family's prayers always, however this will allow for our growing church family, and also for us all to focus our thoughts and prayers specifically on those listed for that particular month.

If you would like to be included in our family monthly prayers, or have any queries please contact Revd. Chris Gonin on 01728 635549. 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'll add you to our 'special prayers' section.

In our Church Family Prayers

Richard & Sandra Ellis

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Christopher, Anna & Ada Ellis

Michael, Anika, Darcey & Jack Ellis

Chris & Elspeth Gonin

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Jean Crowter

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Sue Geater

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Daphne & Terri Roper

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Betty Harland

Joan Mower

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Liz Mills

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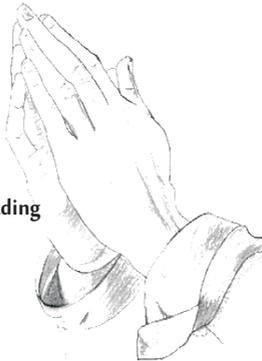
Grahame, Sylvia, Linda & Susan Hawes

Kirsty, Shane, Ceylon, AJ & Logan Stone

Jane Perrett

Paul & Judy Brett

Judy Foster



Special Congratulations

Warm congratulations to Michael & Anika Ellis on the safe arrival
of their new bundle of joy, Jack Benjamin,
and to proud grandparents Sandra & Richard Ellis
from all your church family here at St. Margaret's Church.



In our Special Prayers



Joan Whale
Leah Crudginton
Jean Cracknell

Sally Hitchcock
Kane
Mary Allum



Burial of Ashes - March 2015

Hilda Mary Norman 10th March



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16

Strength

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow;
the same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you tomorrow and every day.
Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you
unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace, then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and
imaginings, and say continually:
"The Lord is my strength and my shield.
My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped.
He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him."

Annon.

LET US PRAY

BLOSSOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED

It's such fun choosing bedding plants for the garden and then seeing, once planted, how good they look. One of the first things God said to human beings was to “be fruitful and multiply.” Of course that was about genes and extending the human race.

The Lord Jesus used the analogy of him being the vine; our Heavenly Father being the one who tends the vine and those of us who love the Lord Jesus being the branches.(John 15) Fruitfulness is the only effective use for a vine. It isn't any good for making furniture as some woods are. In order for fruit to grow the channel has to be clear for the sap to flow through the vine, down the branches into what look like tiny knobbly bits, which expand and ripen as the sun bathes the hillsides on which they grow. As we celebrate the Easter season, we have much to thank God for in that the Lord Jesus is no longer limited to one geographical spot, but has limitless effect as his “branches” have spread across the world. The promise in John 15 verse sixteen tells us that if we produce fruit that will last, the Father will give us anything we ask in his Name.

The apostle Paul speaks in his letter to the Colossians about his ongoing prayer for fruitfulness in their lives. “Since the day we heard about you,” he says, “we have continued praying for you.”

What did he pray? He asked God to make known to them what he wanted. Wouldn't it be great if we prayed for one another to have great wisdom and understanding in spiritual things so that we will live the kind of life that honours and pleases the Lord in every way. The outcome Paul saw was that they would produce fruit in *every good work* and grow in the knowledge of God and he was convinced God would help them to keep going when the going got tough and enable them to thank God with joy in their hearts.(Colossians 1: 9-12) In other words, they would blossom where they were planted. I'm eager to do the same.

As we pray for one another, let's also pray especially for the persecuted church that they may experience abundant grace and resurrection joy in these days of extreme pressure.

PSALM 4 - A COMMENTARY

'I love you' are magic words when they are meant. They are at the heart of any relationship that is precious to us. Presents which are substitutes for love rather than the means of conveying love are not as meaningful. In this month's Psalm we have this contrast between those who trust God's love as unconditional – taking us as we are warts and all. Our response is to love him unconditionally not simply offering him gifts – maybe expressing our love through gifts – but saying I love you in your awesome wonder.

The Psalmist challenges those who are wealthy and well to do – successful in business who mistake their wealth given to God as a substitute for love. He reminds us all in the modern version v2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory – how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood. Here this RSV translation makes the point better. The things of this world useful as they are should not be substitutes for love. Finally in the prayer book version verse 6 the Psalmist writes 'I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.'

Our relationship with God depends ultimately on the words 'I love you' which lays me down in peace.' These words are another form of magic for us to be at peace – marvellous words from the service of compline.

Rev. Chris Gonin

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP

During March & April the lighting of the tower has been sponsored on:

- Friday 6th March - Monday 9th March in memory of Paul Snowden.
- Sunday 8th March to mark the 80th birthday of Helen Thackeray
- Saturday 14th March in memory of Jean Wark
- Saturday 21st March by Maureen Fox, to mark Niamh's birthday
- Sunday 22nd March by Cathy Dickson to mark Eamonn's birthday
- Saturday 28th March for Joan Huxley
- Sunday 29th March by Hilary Slaughter, to mark their wedding anniversary
- Friday 3rd April to Tuesday 14th April in memory of Richard Bloomfield
- Friday 10th April to celebrate Peter Mower's 90th birthday
- Saturday 11th April in memory of Dereck Hinsell

If you would like to mark your own special occasion by sponsoring the lighting of St Margaret's Church Tower for a donation of £5 and see the details of your special occasion appear in the Church Magazine please contact Martin on 01728 561149

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

THE BATTLE OF NEUVE CHAPELLE 10-13 MARCH 1915

On 8th March a multi-denominational Service of Remembrance was held at St Margaret's Church, Leiston to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Neuve Chapelle which took place from 10th to 13th March 1915. Neuve Chapelle is a small sleepy village just north of Bethune in Northern France. The 4th Battalion the Suffolk Regiment was a territorial force and men from Richard Garrett Engineering Works of Leiston joined up in H Company. The battalion was ordered to reinforce the Indian Army Corps.



Leiston Royal British Legion Band leads the parade to the Church



Suffolk Regiment standard leads the parade to the Church

At the battle of Neuve Chapelle for the only time in the war the British broke the German line but whilst waiting for reinforcements the Germans also brought in troops and the line was repaired. The battle lasted only three days but it was a warning of what was to come – success at the beginning which led nowhere and then attacks going on blindly when they had obviously failed. British casualties numbered about 13,000 and German 14,000. In JS Waddell's Memorial book one can read that *“the Battle will live long in the memory of Leistonians. The gallant 4th Suffolks were again in the thick of the fight and suffered heavily, some 70 local casualties being reported; about 18 or 20 of those killed; amongst them Captain Stephen Garrett of the H Company”*.

When the parade arrived at the church the Suffolk Regiment standard was placed on the altar and wreaths from the Leiston Branch RBL, Leiston Town Council and the Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association, which had been carried on the parade, were laid by the altar. The Leiston RBL Band played the hymns during the service which was attended by 150 people, adults and children. A fitting tribute to the men of Leiston, wounded or killed, in this battle.

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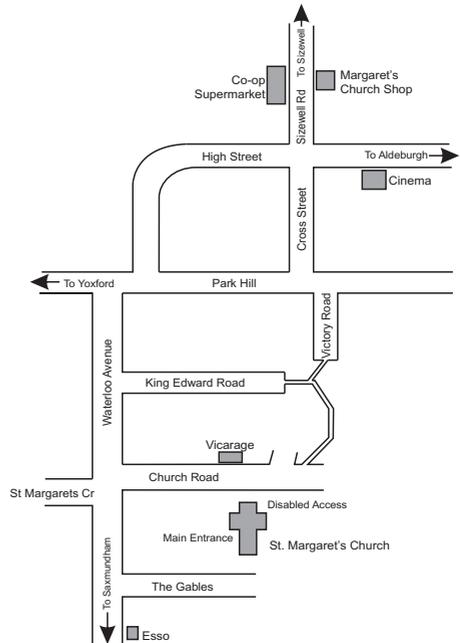
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