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Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



APRIL 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY - 1 APRIL

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE

SUNDAY 8 APRIL

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

SUNDAY 15 APRIL

10.00 'WELCOME TO THE TABLE' FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAY 22 APRIL

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

SUNDAY 29 APRIL

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

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“Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed!”, the great cry in our churches each Easter

Easter should be the most important festival in the Christian calendar because what happened that first Easter Sunday changed the world.

Jesus, had been crucified on the previous Friday basically for undermining the rules and regulations of the Jewish religious elite of the day, the Sanhedrin and in particular the Pharisees. Healing on the Sabbath, forgiving sins, standing up for the oppressed and poor offended them so much they wanted him dead. By the time Joseph of Arimathea had obtained the body and put it in his own new tomb watched by Mary Magdalene and another Mary the disciples had run for their lives and locked themselves in a room, frightened, saddened and confused. For them, it seemed, everything was over.

But then came the greatest miracle the world has ever known. Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of God proving once and for all that Jesus was indeed God’s chosen Son. We are told in the gospels how he appeared to Mary Magdalene in the garden near the tomb and to the disciples. It was then and only then that they truly understood who and what Jesus was. Had Jesus not been resurrected the Gospels along with the rest of the New Testament would never have been written. We would probably never heard of Jesus at all, even as a great teacher and healer.

Why do I say this so convincingly? Think about it. Would you have risked death by stoning and even crucifixion if you had been there and you saw Jesus dead and buried? Would you have been convinced that Jesus was indeed God’s Son, God incarnate. Would you make up a story of the Resurrection? In addition, sometime later a man named Saul was going round persecuting and killing the early Christians until one day on the road to Damascus he met Jesus – the risen Lord- who asked “Saul, why do you persecute me?” Saul, took a new name, Paul, and became perhaps the most well-known of the Apostles through his many letters and his great missionary journeys, but also suffering stoning and imprisonment.

“Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed!” believe it. Believe in God and Jesus our Saviour who promises us new life with Him after our brief period here on earth.

I have been fortunate, baptised at exactly one month old, and brought up with a knowledge of God all my life. I am grateful. During many conversations with my boss in the years before I retired we often discussed God. He did not have faith that God existed but he was convinced that there was a power, a power in the universe that the human mind could harness. I agreed and added that I believed that that power **is** the power of God.

Paul had a similar experience in Athens when he said, “*Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.*” (Acts 17:22f)

That unknown God, that unknown power to so many, is available to all and as with Paul, to know Him is a life-changer, and it was at Easter some 2000 years ago that God, through Jesus, proclaimed Himself to the world.

May you all have a happy Easter and come to truly know God more fully in your lives.

Bernard

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

Unfortunately, because of the extreme weather conditions and the treacherous condition of the pavements it was deemed advisable to cancel the service on 2 March 2018. The service had been written by the women of Suriname with the theme of All God's Creation is Very Good. This focused on their belief that the Christian faith community can make a great contribution to the preservation of a living, healthy and safe environment. The future of the earth for the next generation matters to them.

Next year the service will be held at the Leiston Baptist Church on 1 March and will be written by the women of Slovenia with the theme Come – Everything is Ready.

Pat Carter

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



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

**Wednesday 7 March
In memory of Paul Snowden – nine years**

**Thursday 29 March
In memory of Judy and Harold Foster**

If you'd 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.

PSALM 118.1 – 2, 19 - 29,

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; and his mercy endures forever.
2. Let Israel now proclaim, His mercy endures forever.
19. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may give thanks to the Lord,
20. This is that gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
21. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.
22. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
23. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25. Come, O Lord, send us now prosperity.
26. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
27. The Lord is God; he has given us light; link the pilgrims with cords right to the horn of the altar
28. You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.
29. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

David Pawson, whose book you will see I refer to, groups certain psalms together. Psalm 118 is in his group called 'God is King'. It is therefore an appropriate psalm for Easter where we are reminded of Our Lord as King. It has also provided inspiration for a modern chorus:

‘This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it’

Here it refers to a great victory for the Israelites from a menacing nation so many of which we read about in the Old Testament. Here the Temple in Jerusalem hosts a celebration lead by the King of that time. The repetition in verse '1' '2' '24' suggests a vesicle and response between

the King, the priest and the people. It is not to the secular king that we see as the ultimate hero of the victory but God himself (O give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever vss 1.29).

But the psalm points us to the New Testament and especially to the passion and events of Holy week. We meditate on our redemption through the acts of Jesus, our King in the great climax at Easter Tide.

The victory referred to in the psalm is a secular victory, but the ministry of Jesus culminating in the events of Holy Week and the glorious resurrection of our Lord and King on Easter Day is a victory for all time.

References: *Unlocking the Bible*

Pawson Collins

The Psalms *The People's Bible Commentary*

Donald Coggan

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LEISTON AND DISTRICT FRIENDS OF GUIDING

Were you a Brownie? Or a Guide? Or have an interest in supporting the local Guiding units? Leiston and District Friends of Guiding is a group of like-minded ladies who get together once a month for social activities and trips out. Indoor meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, apart from January when we don't meet, starting at 2.15 pm at the Guide Hut, Westward Ho, Leiston. When there are trips out arranged we lift-share where possible and different start times may apply. Subscriptions for the year are only £6. Most of our members live within the Leiston, Aldeburgh, Saxmundham triangle but people from further afield would be most welcome.

We are often to be seen in the Leiston Co-op selling raffle tickets for the Guiding Units. This is one of the ways we are able to support the local units and help to fund the maintenance of the Guide Hut. If you are interested in joining the Group and would like to know more please contact the Chairman, Sandra Saint on 452653, or Guide Liaison Officer, Pat Bloomer on 832507.

APRIL

As I'm writing this, the snow is falling softly, gently and silently on to the hedges and trees. Everywhere looks magical, but for people getting to work it is very hard. Then the strong winds causing snowdrifts making life even more difficult. But as usual it brought out the best in people who were ready and willing to help others, getting shopping and clearing paths etc.

I can remember as a child each household or their neighbours cleared the snow so the pavements were clear for people to walk on, plus Dad would clear a path in the yard from the back yard to the shed and toilet (most people's toilets were outside). The pipes had sacking round them plus nightlights or candles to stop pipes freezing. What would Health & Safety have to say about that!

We had to go to school; teachers lived in or near the town then, but we were often snowballed by the boys on the way. In the playground the boys would make a slide as most of them had hobnail boots, the slide would shine like a mirror. We just had to be careful and step over it. The cloakroom was cold and wet from the snow coming off our shoes or boots. We were given small bottles of milk to have mid-morning and there was often ice in the milk which would lift the cardboard bottle top. Sometimes it was slightly warm after standing near a radiator or stove. It made me gag so I couldn't drink it; I would try and give my bottle to boys who seemed to enjoy it. I did it too many times and unbeknown to me a teacher had seen me do it. He saw my empty bottle and said 'as you like your milk so much you must have one of the spare ones that are left.' He watched while I drank it (I don't know how I did it!).

This happened whilst I was at the Primary School which at that time was near the Quaker Chapel. The teachers were quite harsh. Mrs Holmes was the Headmistress and she was really lovely. A Mrs Martin was the school secretary, another nice lady.

They called this weather the 'Beast from the East' but I've called my memoirs 'A Blast From The Past.' Let's hope April will bring us some nice weather.

Margaret Clarke

Pondering Prayer

"Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121;1-2

Easter is about cleansing and healing and being set free. We read "with his stripes we are healed" in other words, the punishment Jesus took upon himself, was in our stead.

Luke the evangelist tells of ten lepers who encountered the Lord Jesus as he was travelling along the border between Samaria and Galilee. (Luke 17: 11-19) They stood at a distance, as lepers were supposed to do. They cried out (prayed) in a loud voice so he would hear them, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Jesus said to them, "Go show yourselves to the priests," which was a requirement of any leper wanting to return to their community as a healed person.

Of course, at that moment they weren't healed. It was "as they went, " that they were cleansed from their leprosy and were able to show the priests on arrival the signs of healing expected. How important it is for us to take the Lord at his word. It is as we respond to his word to us, that the Holy Spirit will bring God's blessing into effect in our lives.

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back to say thank you, praising God in a loud voice and was so filled with gratitude that he threw himself at Jesus' feet. The Lord Jesus had a poor return for pouring out healing upon these ten men, for only one returned to say thank you - and he wasn't even a member of the Jewish nation. The suggestion is that something deeply spiritual happened to this man as he was physically healed. What affect does answered prayer have upon us?

How about pondering on how much gratitude we show, to the Lord and to others for God's goodness? We come week by week in our services and pray for those we know who are in need, and for the needs of the world. Do we take sufficient care to say thank you to God for answered prayer?

As we celebrate Easter this year, may the Lord fill us with a spirit of gratitude which spurs us on to be more prayerful for our needy world.

Revd. Pauline Florance



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for an informal chat and further details.



Leiston Branch, Women's Section of the Royal British Legion

Following the recent closure of Leiston Branch, Women's Section, RBL, the Laying Up of the Standard will take place at the beginning of the

10 am Service on Sunday 15 April at St Margaret's Church, Leiston.

The Women's Section has given decades of service to the Royal British Legion since its formation. In the past it was a lively, active Branch fundraising for the RBL, as well as providing welfare support for ex-Servicemen and women and organising a wide range of social events. However, the decline in membership and the advanced years of the remaining members left them with no alternative but to close the Branch.

The Branch was formed on 21 March 1949 and celebrated its 66th anniversary in 2015. The last meeting was held on 26 February 2015 and had 14 members at closing.

The Standard will be carried at the Service by a female Army Cadet and two escorts, followed by three ATC Cadets. The Standard will then be given to the last Chairman and laid up in the Church for perpetuity. For many of those present this will be a poignant occasion.

Rosemary Snowden

ADVANCE NOTICE

On 3 June 2018 at 3.30pm St. James' Church Dunwich, IP17 3DT: A concert of Baroque music given by the **WOLLASTON CONSORT**; Julie Harmer - flute; Peter Clayton - harpsichord & organ.

A Sunday afternoon concert followed by tea & cake. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

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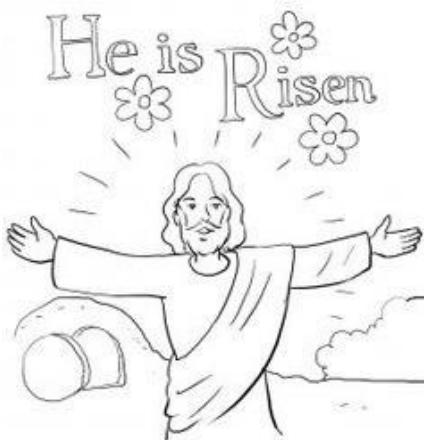
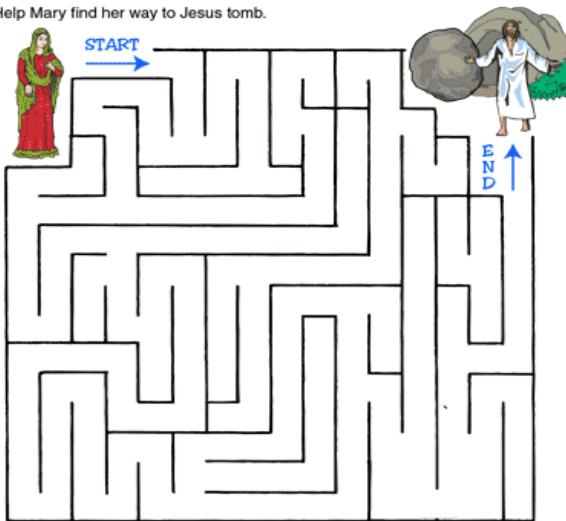
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Jesus is Alive Maze

Early Easter morning, Mary Magdalene visited Jesus' tomb. The stone had been rolled away, and Jesus was not in the tomb. She was very sad because she thought someone had taken Jesus' body.

Then Mary saw a man she thought was the gardener. She was so happy to see the man was Jesus! She ran to tell the disciples Jesus was alive.

Help Mary find her way to Jesus tomb.

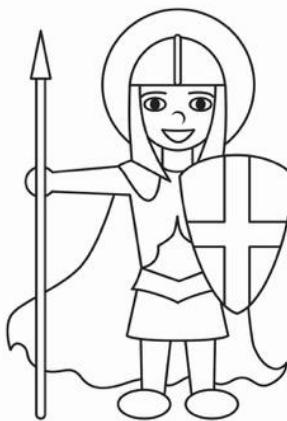


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ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR APRIL 2018

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

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In Our Special Prayers

Jill Mower

Betty

Joan Whale, Charles Stride and Patsy Smith following operations



Funerals

Thursday 8 March

Lucy Stewart





KNODISHALL CANCER RESEARCH UK SUPPORT GROUP

Many, many thanks to all the many people who have helped to make a difference towards the Research into Cancer, we have had another amazing year with our fund raising as I have just completed the yearly returns to Cancer Research UK in 2017 we raised £6,721-21. which is all down to the many people who volunteer, donations, and local businesses who kindly support us each year.

I cannot thank you enough for all your continued support, we have another exciting year ahead of us, my niece will be running the Brighton Marathon next month for Cancer Research Uk if you would like to sponsor Paula, call in at Lady Dyes hairdresser's in Leiston High Street.

9th June 2018 is our Car Boot Sale in the grounds of the Village Hall Knodishall cost £7-50 per. pitch you can book in advance or turn up on the day, we will be serving English Breakfast, snacks, teas & coffees etc.in the Hall.

28th July 2018 Street Collection, in Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham.

24th November 2018 our annual Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall Knodishall.

Also we are supporting the Macmillan charity by holding a Coffee Morning in the Methodist Hall Knodishall on the 28th September 2018 the Macmillan charity are such an enormous support to people and their families who are undergoing treatment and coping with Cancer.

The World Cancer Day on the 4th February 2018 where we collected in Tesco's Saxmundham raised £272-75 many thanks to Tesco's for their great support.

Our grand total which we have raised so far over the years amounts to £85,294-19. Wonderful!

Best Wishes to you all

Jo Mayhew Organiser

STREET JESUS

Graham Goldsmith from Street Jesus gave a talk about the work of Street Jesus and The Beehive, Nakuru, Kenya at the Welcome to the Table service on Sunday 18 March.

'Young girls, sometimes just nine years old, falling pregnant and finding themselves facing desperate and life-threatening choices which no child should ever have to face: isolation, homelessness, prostitution and abortion. This is the reality in Kenya - the child mother.'

At the Beehive, we are taking action to transform the lives of some of the most at-risk young mums and babies. Based in the town of Nakuru, The Beehive is a home which provides vital care and support. Additionally, the girls receive education, either academic or vocational depending upon their individual ability or interest, as well as learning essential life skills required by both the traditions of their culture and the demands of an increasingly-developing third world nation. The babies will also receive education once they reach an appropriate age, meantime being able to grow and progress in a loving, caring and stable environment.'

The Beehive was founded by Alan and Jane Hutt who moved to Africa from Rendlesham. They were members of All Saints Church, Wickham Market.

Linda Hawes

ST MARGARET'S FLOWER FESTIVAL



St Margaret's Flower Festival from Saturday 5 May, Sunday 6 May and Monday 7 May. Please see Maureen Fox for further details. Light lunches, various stalls and afternoon teas. Displays inspired by Television Programme

A SACRED PATH

I walk through the promise of springtime
And I see the trees in bud
I stroll through the beauty of summer
And I feel that life is good

I travel through the autumn time
When the fallen leaves lie deep
And I hurry through the winter
When the earth lies fast asleep

I listen to the west wind sing
Of the places he has known
And I watch the moon sail through the sky
Serene and all alone

And on the journey of my life
As nature plays her part
I know I walk a scared path
With an ever-thankful heart

Iris Hesselden

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

I have received a letter of thanks from the Children's Society thanking all the Box Holders in Leiston for their support last year. I sent a cheque for £296.23 which goes towards the fight against poverty, abuse and neglect in the UK. **Betty Harland**

EASTER FAIR



A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who donated and/or came along to our Easter Fair on Saturday 24 March. As always, the stalls were laden with a wide range of items to buy together with some lovely prizes in the Grand Draw. There was also a bumper bottle stall, Maureen's ever-popular tombola and the ladies in the kitchen were kept very busy serving up tea and lots of delicious cakes.

We were once again joined by Jenny and her ukulele-playing friends, who played and sang throughout the afternoon, providing such enjoyable entertainment. Many thanks to you all.

We were also pleased to see so many young families who came along to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, which took place amongst the spring flowers in the churchyard.

With your help and support, we raised £667.85 for church funds, which is £80 up on last year's event. **Sandra Harle**



LADIES GROUP

A reminder that our next meeting is Monday 16 April when we will be making a return visit to the Suffolk Punch Trust. Entry is free to those who managed to keep their ticket from our previous visit. Details regarding travel, etc. will be available nearer the time.

KIMBER'S MEN



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Linda Hawes



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