

ST MARGARET'S

Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



A very warm welcome to Richard and Morag

AUGUST 2018

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 5 AUGUST

9.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

10.30 FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST

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

SUNDAY 19 AUGUST

10.00 'WELCOME TO THE TABLE' FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAY 26 AUGUST

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

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Where to begin?

When we started unpacking the boxes after our move to The Vicarage, Morag and I made the sitting room our first target. If we could make that room comfortable then we had a place of retreat as we tackled the rest of the house. We did and the house is now, almost, in order. We were greatly helped by the cards and words of encouragement from many people from the church and local community. We can't answer each of you individually so this is our expression of thanks to you all.

What about ministry as a Parish Priest, where do I start? The Service of Licensing was a great occasion, an opportunity to publicly endorse my appointment and to pray for our ministry in Leiston and Sizewell. The key words in the last sentence is that this is 'our ministry' – not mine. I will have a role to undertake and tasks to perform but the Christian Ministry in Leiston and Sizewell is collective. This ministry has been happening for many hundreds of years and will continue long into the future.

Morag recently led a group in pilgrimage to the Holy Land. As we travelled around Israel and the Palestinian lands we reflected on the ministry of Jesus Christ, of the Apostles and of the people of the Old Testament. Jesus did not minister to people on his own. A community was created consisting of; disciples, supporters and friends. Each person having their own talents and gifts to minister in the way that was needed.

As I begin my part of Christian ministry in Leiston I am aware that it will take some time for it to take shape, that I need to know about Leiston, Sizewell and the church. Morag and I will enjoy exploring the area, getting to meet people and maybe occasionally appreciating a mug of tea, drop of ale or wine.

Jesus made a statement about the purpose of his ministry. He used the image of being a shepherd leading and protecting his sheep and he said: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (from John's Gospel, chapter 10, verse 10). As Christians we want everyone to have that abundant life, freeing us from anything that burdens or inhibits our life now and for ever. That is a big task, which is why it never ends and we do what we can to help make it happen. So, we will set ourselves manageable tasks, encouraging each other through our care, prayer and by worshipping God together. I look forward to meeting everyone. Please bring a friend to church on Sunday so that I can meet even more people.

Yours, in Christ. Rev Richard Finch

PS If there are events in church or in the community, or tasks that the 'Vicar does' don't assume that I know about them, tell me. I would rather be told several times than not at all



SUMMER FETE

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our Summer Fete on Saturday 28 July such an enjoyable and successful event. Thanks to everyone who donated items to sell, all those who ran stalls, all those who came along to spend their money and to everyone who helped to set up beforehand and/or clear up at the end. The sum of £721 was raised for church funds.

We were very pleased to be joined for the first time, but hopefully not the last, by local folk group Syzewell Gap who provided wonderful foot-tapping entertainment throughout the afternoon. A real treat for stallholders and visitors alike!

Sandra Harle



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Love and Best Wishes to two remarkable ladies on their 80th birthdays. Betty's birthday is 2 August and Margaret will be celebrating on 30 August.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



Monday 2 July

Dearest Jason – Always in our thoughts. We love and miss you so much.
Mum, Dad, Kelly, Gary, Ricky and Families

Tuesday 17 July

Jason's 50th Birthday

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



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Summer Concert



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In Our Special Prayers

Betty

Hilda

Stella Watson

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Baptism

Sunday 1 July

Chloe Abigail Cartley



Funerals

Monday 2 July

Douglas Denmark

Monday 2 July

Donald Benjamin Bridges



Pondering Prayer

“ Go, then, to all peoples everywhere
and make them my disciples”

Matthew 28:19

Over the summer months various Christian groups are holding Camps, beach missions and holiday clubs all over the country. On 12th July Leiston Town Pastors were called upon to supply prayer partners for the team reaching out at Latitude. Several of our church members were active during that night, praying for God's blessing on the team and all who gathered. God answered prayer in many ways.

Some Town Pastors worked at a cafe where many valuable conversations were held. At night, when many young people had imbibed too much alcohol they were brought to the hospitality tent where Town Pastors attended to them and helped them find their way back to their tent. Sadly, a group had travelled from London with the express intent of selling drugs on site and it was maybe an answer to prayer that a bag of drugs was found and after security investigated, those responsible were expelled. The Town Pastors patrolled walking many miles making themselves available to young people who needed them and we can give thanks for the many ways in which God blessed others through their ministry.

Scripture Union are running camps at Southwold from 28th July - 11th August and at Cromer from 18th-25th August. Scripture Union are seeking prayer partners for what they are calling their “95 Campaign”. They have chosen this title because 95% of British young people do not attend church. So the SU staff are fulfilling the command to *go* where the young people are and reach out through After School Clubs and introduce Bible teaching through having fun together. Scripture Union estimate this 95% equates to around *12 million* young people under 18 who need to hear about God's love for them, so there is a massive challenge ahead.

This is very close to my heart because I did not grow up in a Christian family. It was through the loving ministry

of a Christian teacher and the teaching I received at a Christian Camp on the Yorkshire coast that I became a Christian and longed to serve the Lord.

Will you pray over the coming weeks for many young people to begin their faith journey with the Lord Jesus?

Pray for wisdom for those leading the camps.

Pray for harmony and courage among the teams.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's blessing upon our country.

St. Paul told Timothy in the New Testament to teach faithful people who would teach others in turn.

Pray that this will happen and that many new leaders will develop through this work – and may God bless you as you do so.

Revd. Pauline Florance

THANK YOU, CHRIS

For many years Reverend Chris Gonin has contributed a variety of articles to the church magazine, most recently his informative comments on the Psalms. He has now decided to take a well-earned rest from his writing.

I would like to thank Chris, as a former editor of the magazine, for all the 'pieces' he has written over the years. I think we have all learned a great deal from him and share a feeling of gratitude to him.

Well done , Chris, and Thank You!

Vaughan Windle

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

38TH RIDE AND STRIDE – 8 SEPTEMBER 2018, 9 am to 5 pm

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1973, and makes grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repairs, improvements and restoration. Since its inception it has raised more than £5 million to make grants to more than 700 churches. This year during the Ride and Stride over 700 churches and chapels will be open in Suffolk, with more in adjoining counties. Last year over £144,000 was raised by the event.

Suffolk started the sponsored Bike Ride in 1982. Since then the event has grown steadily and in 2018 at least 33 counties, including those adjoining Suffolk, will take part on 8 September. This means that cyclists and walkers may cross county boundaries and their sponsor forms will be signed in the same way. Now there's a challenge for someone – our parish is on the very eastern edge of the county and equidistant from both the Norfolk and Essex borders! I put out this challenge last year and no-one took me up on it. What about YOU this year? You are permitted to drive or use public transport to reach your first church or chapel and/or to reach home from the last place of worship you visit.

As well as cyclists and walkers getting sponsorship, recorders in churches can also seek sponsorship if they wish. To make sure everyone can find our church we have been given distinctive orange balloons which will highlight the whereabouts of all the churches and chapels taking part this year.

One thing we are asked to emphasise the need to THINK SAFETY ALL THE WAY. Only competent cyclists and able walkers should take part. Young children should be accompanied by responsible adults. All cyclists should wear bright clothing and protective helmets. Never ride more than two abreast and keep in single file when there is other traffic. It is an offence to ride an unroadworthy bicycle. Simple tools should be carried in case of emergencies.

By tradition we have always offered cold drinks, biscuits and sweets to our visitors. The sponsor money raised by our church members is passed to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and they return half of this to each participant's nominated place of worship. Sponsor forms, lists of places of worship and a sign-up list for recorders are now available in church.

Pat Carter

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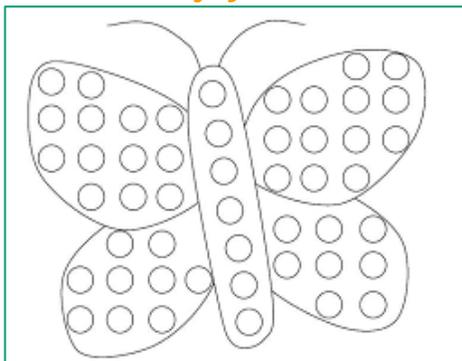
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Many of our readers will remember these local businesses. Westbrook & Sons of Market Place, Leiston is of course the location of Margaret's Shop. Only one business remains which is of course W.D Titlow & Son Stationers who have now moved back to their original premises.

Kids Zone

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





Bible Pathway Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

JOSEPH

Match the question with the answer on the right.

QUESTIONS

- ___ What was the name of Joseph's father?
- ___ What was Joseph's first dream?
- ___ How did Joseph's brothers get rid of him?
- ___ What was the name of Joseph's master in Egypt?
- ___ What did Joseph do for Pharaoh?
- ___ How old was Joseph when he began working for Pharaoh?
- ___ Why did Jacob initially send his sons to Egypt?
- ___ What did Joseph accuse his brothers of at their first meeting?
- ___ What did Joseph tell his servant to hide in Benjamin's sack?
- ___ Where did Joseph's family live after they moved to Egypt?

ANSWERS

1. To buy grain
2. Potifar
3. Grain money and a silver cup
4. Land of Goshen
5. Interpret his dreams
6. Jacob
7. Being spies
8. Bundles of wheat bowing down to other bundles
9. 30 years old
10. Threw him in a pit and sold him to strangers



MYSTERIOUS WORD: _____

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ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR AUGUST 2018

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	Magda Chandler
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BOOK SALE WEEKEND

Quality Second-hand Books: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's,
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SAXMUNDHAM W.I. SCARECROW TRAIL in the High Street

Saxmundham W.I. have contacted local businesses, organisations and schools to invite participation in the Scarecrow Trail from Wednesday 24 October to Saturday 27 October 2018. We are asking for scarecrows to be made and then displayed either in shop windows or in front of businesses, for a donation of £5. Some will be displayed in front of the Market Hall, Saxmundham.

School children are invited to enter A4 size paintings or drawings of a scarecrow:

4 – 6 year olds, 8 – 11 year olds and 12 – 16 year olds. Full name, age and address on reverse of pictures, which will be displayed and judged in the Market Hall on the Saturday morning from 9.30 – 11.

On Saturday 27 October, in the Market Hall, between 9.30 – 12 the W.I. will be serving teas, coffees, cold drinks, hot dogs and cakes. The scarecrows and paintings will be judged and prizes, which have been donated, presented at 11am. The event is being held to raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. They will have a stall in the Market Hall on the Saturday.

For further information contact Margaret on northumbrian64@hotmail.com Tel [01728 604406](tel:01728604406)

AUGUST

It was so lovely to see the Transformation Art Exhibition held in St Margaret's Church in June.

The children from the Primary School and Alde Valley Academy put on a wonderful display of Art. We had a booklet explaining why each student chose a particular subject. There were sculptures of a big blue boot, a dog's head, cats and puppets with incredible detail. The paintings were so real - faces and eyes, hair plaits, shoes and feet. I kept browsing as I didn't want to miss anything. The imagination of these youngsters brought things to life. It's a wonderful gift to get your mind and hands to create such art, and also the encouragement of the teachers.

The exhibition deserved publicity. Leiston puts on excellent shows, musical evenings, fetes and many of the youngsters are in the Pantomime at Leiston Cinema. Lots of good things go on.

That morning looking at all the Art in the peace and stillness of our Church, I looked at the window behind the altar and said a silent prayer. For a while I forgot everything. Well done to all the youngsters.

Margaret Clarke

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

It is time again for the Children's Society Boxes to be collected in and counted. I would be very grateful if you would take your Box into Margaret's Shop or alternatively hand it directly to me. All boxes need to be returned as soon as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all boxholders for your continued generosity and support for this very worthwhile cause.

Betty



NOTES FROM PCC MEETING 18 JULY 2018

Richard, at his first PCC meeting since his installation, led a short service of remembrance for Alan Fox and to pray for Maureen and the family.

The formal meeting followed with Richard in the chair and prayer at 7 pm, with 12 members present plus Marian Peskett (Minutes Secretary). Richard expressed sincere thanks for his warm welcome and for the work of the Churchwardens and PCC members during the interregnum and to all those who had helped in so many ways.

The financial report was presented – copy issued to those present and attached to minutes. Parish Share payments are being made according to Diocesan Action Plan. Kay had done some work on accessing charges for electricity use, she was thanked for this and said she will do further calculations.

Correspondence from Leiston Town Council stated regret that no grant could be made to offset cost of replacement window at Margaret's shop.

Fabric Report Meeting to discuss small repairs with third builder to be held shortly. Cost of choir screens discussed – more prices required. Quinquennial inspection is due this year. Archdeacon has advised that faculty would not be required if a piano was installed.

Sunday school is enjoying work with Old Testament stories. Display could be available for Margaret's shop window.

Future Events

Summer Fete 28 July 2 pm to 4 pm

RBL Band Concert 5 August 3 pm

Praise in the Garden 2 September 3 pm

Ride and Stride 8 September 9 am to 5 pm

Parish Outing to Ely 15 September

Craft Fair 6 October Visiting bell ringers from Southwold

Church Services

Remembrance Sunday (100th Anniversary of end of WW1)

Lights to Remember All Souls Day

9 Lessons with Carols

Crib Service Christmas Eve

Leiston Primary School Christmas Service in church

Carols in Old Post Office Square – led by Baptist Church

Next PCC Meeting 19 September 7 pm

Other Matters

Training for all posts will be given in the future – starting with new Eucharistic Assistants training and refreshers for existing Assistants

Orders of Service to be updated

Art Exhibition very successful – brought visitors to the church

Possible opening of the church during the week to be discussed further

Pat Carter, Secretary to the PCC

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Leiston Christians Together are holding a 'Harvest Songs of Praise' on Sunday 2 September at 3pm in the United Church garden (inside if wet).

The service will be followed by a 'bring and share' tea. Do please join us if you can for this service of seasonal worship, followed by warm fellowship over a cup of tea and delicious refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sandra Harle

LADIES GROUP AFTERNOON TEA AT SIZEWELL

For our second visit to Sizewell this year we met on the other side of the road. Sue and Anthony Hawkes had invited us to their lovely garden at Woodbine Cottage to enjoy a shared afternoon tea on Monday 16 July. Once again, their gazebo was up and it was certainly needed on such a lovely hot and sunny day. In spite of the remarkable weather we have been having this summer the garden looked well and Sue's pots were very pretty. Seeing the lavender bordering the front drive one could almost have thought their garden was in Provence. The bees and insects were certainly enjoying visiting the flowers. The sky was a brilliant blue, even if the grass was more brown than green. We were joined by Helen who had walked down with Chloe to enjoy some sea air.

After everyone arrived and we'd all had a chance to chat, Sue brought out the tea and coffee along with cold drinks some members had brought to share. We were invited to go indoors and collect some food to eat and what food. We were able to choose from salmon sandwiches, egg and cress sandwiches, cheese biscuits, shortbread biscuits, a beautiful coffee and walnut cake and of course, scones with cream, jam and strawberries and other delicious things. What a spread! And to top it all Sue produced some delightful jellies with fruit encased in them – so cool on such a hot day.



We had a lovely afternoon catching up with friends and, for some of those there, meeting Richard's wife Morag for the first time. A bottle of wine was presented to Sue and Anthony before we left to thank them for their hospitality. We don't have

a formal meeting in August but I'm sure there'll be lots of informal meetings in the church and the town. We will meet again on Monday 17 September when hopefully everyone will come with ideas of what they would like the Group to do next year.

Pat Carter



Jason celebrating his 50th birthday with the congregation after the Service on Sunday 15 July.

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children have been learning about Joseph, the son of Jacob, and his brothers. They spent a few Sunday services on this and at the end of the services they showed the congregation their work and told them what they had learnt. These are a few



of the things that they made. They made Joseph's decorated robe by gluing lots of multi-coloured feathers on to a large robe shaped piece of paper. They made Joseph Dreamers out of two paper plates. On one they drew coloured pictures of Joseph's dreams and on the other they drew a coloured picture of Joseph asleep and put the words 'Joseph Dreamer' on it. They cut out a window in the plate with Joseph on and fitted the other plate to the back of it with a paper fastener. They were then able to rotate one of the plates to show the different dreams that Joseph was having through the window. They coloured in pictures of Joseph's brothers standing around a well and coloured and cut out figures of Joseph. They cut a slit in the well and then slid Joseph into it. They were then able to move him about to make him look like he was climbing out of the well. **Linda Hawes**

TIMES PAST



This photograph was taken exactly 30 years ago! The 'grown-ups' are from left to right (front): Jean Downey and Barbara Lowe; lounging behind them is Betty! The occasion was a Church Outing to Fritton Lake, Summer 1988. A great day out which was enjoyed by all.

FROM 'AUGUST' by William Morris (1834-1896)

About the edges of the yellow corn,
And o'er the gardens, grown somewhat out-worn
The bees went hurrying to fill up their store;
The apple-boughs bent over more and more;
With peach and apricot the garden wall,
Was odorous, and the pears begin to fall
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Please note that all articles, adverts etc. will need to be submitted to Marian Peskett by **18 August** for inclusion in the September Magazine. Thank you.

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