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JANUARY 2020

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God so loved the world ...

Has your new year started with a BANG? On television there are programmes from December 31st into the morning of the New Year with bright lights, music, cheery presenters and fireworks at midnight. For some New Year celebrations may be like the television programmes, for others the New Year will slip by quietly, either at work or at home, with no fuss.

Whatever way we mark the beginning of a new year, with fanfare or not, I would like to add something that we can all use to help us through the year ahead. It is to live with the knowledge that we are loved by God and that the love that God gives is deep, timeless and full of meaning.

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son”, (from the Gospel according to John, Chapter 3, verse 16). That giving was sacrificial, God gave to the world and the world may receive or reject. This was shown to us in the manner of Jesus Christ’ life; by his teaching, healing and forgiveness. It was starkly shown in the manner of his death, an innocent man executed because of the accusations of being a terrorist, a danger, a blasphemer. In the depths of pain Jesus called out for forgiveness for those who accused him.

This love goes back into the depths of time. The writer, John, places Jesus at the beginning of time. For John, Jesus is the Word of God, “he was in the beginning with God” (John 1:2). This shows how the sacrificial love is there right at the beginning, long before we existed God’s love was there.

This year will bring many experiences, some joyful, some sad. In all time and in all experiences God’s love is there, waiting for us to reach out and ask for that love to support us and encourage us.

However you mark the beginning of the new year I hope that at some moment you will ask God to be with you on the journey of the year ahead.

May God bless you.

From Rev Richard Finch

Pondering Prayer

“You will be led forth in peace” Isaiah 55:12

What a wonderful promise as we enter a new year! The complete verse above says, “You will go out with joy and be led forth in peace”. Reading it now as I write, the thought occurs to me that we can hold onto this as a promise or type of mantra moving from the old year into the new.

There have been many challenges attached to 2019, politically and personally. Some Christmas greetings brought us sad news along with the delight of families growing up and developing in exciting ways. There is no doubt that we live in a world filled with challenge and opportunity. We have no surer footing than to be followers of Jesus at the start of this new year.

Stepping out as his followers is not about being led into a fool’s paradise. Instead we are equipped to face all the realities of life. Indeed one of the words which delights me in Isaiah chapter 55 is the word, “instead”. Isaiah writes in verse thirteen, “Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow.

I see this as picture language. Making your way through thornbushes and briers is a very unpleasant business and clearing such ground in order to plant new crops is extremely difficult. Myrtle plants and trees are beautiful to behold and walking through fragrant pine woods is a very healing experience.

We read in Genesis chapter three that the thorns and briers are what follows from mankind turning away from God and forging paths that cause the Lord to grieve. Isaiah’s words to us however, remind us that being followers of Jesus, presents us with a different scenario. We will still encounter the difficulties and ailments and problems with which life presents us. But God offers us his “instead of”. As you move forward through this new year, will you be on the lookout for God’s “instead of” in your life and the lives of others?

As you look around, as you listen to the news and watch your TV set, will you turn the information into prayer, asking the Lord for his “instead of,” in a myriad of situations? Isaiah chapter 55 verse thirteen ends with the words,

“This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.” For the Lord’s renown; for the Lord’s glory. Is that not how the Lord Jesus taught us to pray in the Lord’s Prayer?

May you be led forth in peace as you enter the year 2020 and may your prayers bring much glory to the Lord our God.

Some suggestions for prayer

Give thanks that Bishop Stephen Cottrell, currently Bishop of Cheltenham, is to become the next Archbishop of York. Pray God will prepare him for the task and bless Archbishop John Sentamu as he retires.

Pray for God’s solution to the issue of homelessness and poverty in our country.

Pray that the Lord will show us as Christians in Leiston, the priorities he would have us focus on.

Ask the Lord to show you the “instead of” in your life, so that you will have a more fragrant and attractive ministry to others.

The next article on “Pondering Prayer” will be my last. Pray that the Lord will provide a new ‘hand’ to guide our thoughts on prayer.

Rev. Pauline Florance

APOLOGIES!

You can tell I’m a trainee Editor – I left out the following from the December magazine. I have apologised to Margaret and she has forgiven me, I know she has, as I’ve received January’s article so double delight this month!

THE CHRISTMAS CHICKEN

This story carries on from last month, when we met up with two ladies at Dunwich Tea Rooms. They were evacuees on a farm in Kent, it was near Christmas and Mum and Nan were able to visit and were made very welcome by Mary and Frank (farmer and wife). As Mum left she was given a parcel and was told there were a few goodies for them which turned out to be a large chicken, eggs and a pat of butter made by Mary. Mum always had people round Christmas Day. Nan and Granddad lived there as they had been bombed out. Mum was up early to put the chicken in the oven, she told

the family to keep their meat ration as the chicken was big enough for all of them. Neighbours gave Mum coal lumps to keep the fire going in the parlour. The war was still going on, nothing had changed but that day for a while they could enjoy a laugh together.

Next day there was a big basin of dripping which was put on toast. Mum shared cold chicken to friends and neighbours. One young girl who had recently been widowed, had two little girls and Mum sent round some eggs for them and a sandwich. Nan then made a soup from the bones with vegetables, all that was left was the white bones which were burnt. In a week that gift had given so many people pleasure. Everybody then helped each other, shared food and made sure no-one starved.

This is the meaning of Christmas; we celebrate the birth of Jesus and help each other. We didn't know those ladies but they said the story of the Christmas chicken was told to many generations.

Happy Christmas!

Margaret Clarke

JANUARY

Here we go again starting a New Year which we hope and pray will be a more peaceful and settled year. Last year was a sad time for so many people with illness and loss of so many loved ones. Many people I met up with at different functions before Christmas had all lost a dear person or relation in 2019.

We take each day as it comes and we do have happy times especially with friends and family and it's a tonic to be able to make someone laugh. We count our blessings, we have a warm house to live in and food in the cupboard, which so many homeless people haven't got. Let's pray that problem can be dealt with and many others this year.

I say this every year – January is a long month but we've got the light evenings starting and the snowdrops to look forward to. I had some hyacinths before Christmas and it smelt just like spring while they were in flower, although they can be heady for some people.

Happy Healthy New Year!

Margaret Clarke

HAMPER RAFFLE

Many thanks to everyone who donated items for our Hamper Raffle in the Co-op on 6th December, and also all those who manned the table throughout the day. As well as publicising Christmas services and events we raised £262 for church funds.



DECEMBER CONCERTS AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH



On the 15th, we were joined by the Love To Sing Choir who performed a wonderful selection of festive songs and carols, some with audience participation. The retiring collection of £413.67 will be donated to Macmillan Nurses in memory of Pat Cooper, who was not only a member of the Choir but also a good friend and supporter of St. Margaret's. The raffle and refreshments raised £226.85, which will go to church funds.

On the 22nd, we were treated to a wonderful afternoon of Christmas music courtesy of our very own RBL Band. As always, they performed a very enjoyable selection of music interspersed with amusing festive banter between the Band and their compere for the afternoon, Tim Haxell. The concert raised £306.84, which will be shared equally between the band and the church. Many thanks to everyone who supported and helped at either or both of the above, especially at this very busy time of year. Sandra Harle

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



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

3 December – In memory of John Geater

4 December – Sperry Free in loving memory on your birthday

5,6,7,8 December - In memory of Max Turner

10 December – In loving memory of Doris Lilian Hill, from your daughter Sue x

13 December – To our beloved daughter, sister and auntie Teresa. Happy 50th birthday. Have a wonderful day wherever you may be. You are missed more and more each day. Lots of love Mum, Dad, Lisa, Olivia, Sallyanne,

Harriet, Austin and Tasia-Lily xxxx

24 December – In loving memory of Janet and Charlie Buck who loved Christmas. From Carol, Elaine, Paul and families xx

25 December – Thinking of Betty at Christmas, love Brenda, Margaret & Bill xxx

26 December – In memory of Olive and Les Brundish 'Reunited' xx

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX APPEAL

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this year's Shoebox Appeal either by filling a box or by donating items and/or money. Together with our friends at Leiston Baptist Church, we filled a total of 37 boxes this year.



On Sunday 17th November the boxes were blessed by Revd. Richard Finch at the end of our morning service and then Kay, Lesley and Grace very kindly loaded them into their car to take them to the Rendlesham collection point. In the New Year, we will find out which countries our boxes have been sent to. Just another way in which we can send our love and support in a practical way to those in the world who are so much less fortunate than ourselves. Thanks again.
Sandra Harle.

AN EXCITING INVOLVEMENT WITH LEISTON TOWN PASTORS

Before putting fingers to keyboard to write for St Margaret's lovely Church Magazine, I flicked through some past editions and came across, in the June issue, an advertisement for a part-time co-ordinator of Leiston Town Pastors – a role I am delighted to say I have held since the beginning of September. I now know the post was advertised quite widely across churches in the local area in a similar way over a period of time, but not in United Kingdom Fellowship, the church I attend in Saxmundham.

When I was handed a copy by a family member who attends a different church and discovered that there had been difficulty in finding a suitable candidate for the role, I felt certain that the Lord had 'reserved' the post for me and, in His usual inimitable fashion, had found a way to bring it to my attention! I say this not to boast of my own abilities but in reverence to my God who makes my 'paths straight' when I lean not on my own understanding, but trust in him with all my heart to guide and protect me. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Being relatively new to the area and unsure where we would ultimately settle, my husband and I now feel it is right to make Leiston our home. It is a privilege and a joy to serve the Lord in this way alongside an incredibly committed and humble team of people, from Trustees to Home Prayer Partners and Town Pastors to Base Prayers, not forgetting our esteemed Treasurer, all of whom work on a voluntary basis and whose aim is make Leiston a safer place.

A prayer that came into my mind when I was first appointed as co-ordinator and which will remain my prayer for the duration I serve in this role is "Thank you Lord for the love you have shown me. Please show that love to others through me. Amen".

Margaret Graver, Co-ordinator, Leiston Town Pastors

As a newly recruited Town Pastor – voluntarily co-opted rather than press-ganged by my wife, the new co-ordinator - it seems to me a natural progression in my walk with the Lord. We are currently buying a property in Leiston, having spent most of the last three years ‘camping out’ in a caravan in Sizewell, and I see the role of Town Pastor as an opportunity to serve, to meet fellow Christians who are also involved and to become a part of my local community.

Town Pastors refer to their patrols as serving in the ‘night time economy’ which raises the question in my heart about whether I am ‘economical’, when Jesus always calls us to be extravagant with the truth about his love for the lost.

In Matthew 28:16-20 – The Great Commission – we are told to ‘go and make disciples of all nations’. As Town Pastors we are not to overtly evangelise, but the Apostle Paul urges us in Ephesians 5:16 to make the most of every opportunity ‘because the days are evil’ and we do get the chance to speak of our faith and share the gospel with people who ask us why we are Town Pastors. I see this as a very good use of my time.

My prayer is that I am not seen by those I meet on the streets of Leiston because of the hi vis jacket I wear, but because I am carrying the light of Christ’s love into the darkness of the night time economy.

Duncan Graver, Town Pastor, Leiston

LADIES GROUP

On Wednesday 11 December members of the Ladies Group met up with members of the United Church Ladies and the Tea and Chat Group for the traditional Beetle Drive and tea. After many beetles had been drawn (or not in some cases - you need to throw a 6 to start) the booby prize was awarded to Betty Dean and Pat Carter got the highest score. The next meeting will be the lunch at the Wentworth Hotel on Monday 20 January - more details nearer the time.

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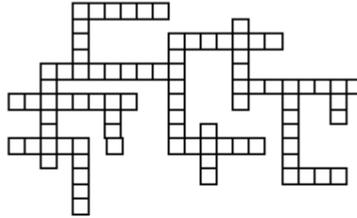
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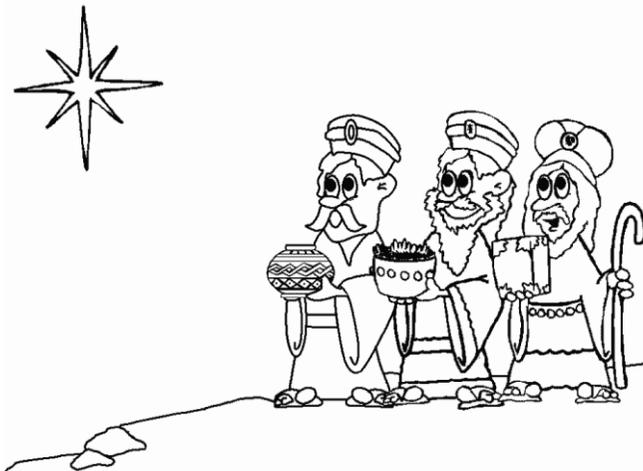
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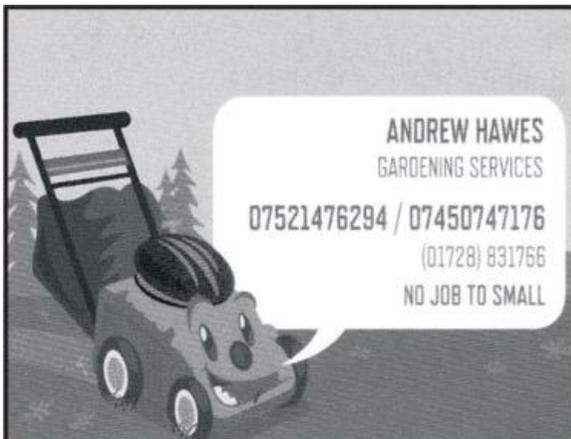
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As promised in last month's magazine a report of the AVSFHG meeting about the artistic Rope family follows. St Margaret's is very fortunate to have two windows from Margaret E A Rope with her trademark tortoise in the corners and the Bas-Relief Reredos depicting the Nativity by Ellen Mary Rope of Blaxhall (shown at the end of this article) .

ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP – NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING

The ROPE Artists – A Talk by Arthur ROPE

A full house at Knodishall Village Hall enjoyed a spellbinding talk by Arthur ROPE. A native of the parish of Leiston-cum-Sizewell, Arthur's talk showcased the work of five ROPE family artists, who worked with a range of mediums, including oil and watercolour paints, pencil, stone, metal, plaster and stained glass. Against a 'palette' of exquisite high resolution slides, Arthur's talk was a perfect blend of the ROPE family's history, the places and events that shaped each of the chosen artists' lives and a critical appraisal of their most prominent works.

The event was given extra colour by courtesy of John Day of the East Anglian Traditional Art Centre, Wickham Market, who generously brought to the meeting a number of original ROPE paintings, portraits in plaster relief and other beautifully executed pieces. The large audience also included the welcome presence of a number of ROPE descendants and members of the Blaxhall Archive Group, whose publication '*Blaxhall's Creative Past*' devotes separate chapters to the artwork of the painter George Thomas ROPE and sculptor, Ellen Mary ROPE. The combined knowledge of these attendees provided for a particularly lively and informative question and answer session.

The life and times of the railway architect Francis Thompson

The January meeting of the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group will be a talk by Bob Webb about the railway architect Francis Thompson, who was an internationally renowned architect responsible for innovative architecture in the early development of railway stations and passenger services. He was born in 1808 in Woodbridge to a family of builders. Having an interest in and understanding of architecture gained from his relatives, Thompson designed houses, commercial buildings, court facilities, and a church. Among his many publicly acclaimed buildings, major and minor railway stations, and warehouses, he designed the Canadian Parliament House – and Wickham Market Railway Station.

The talk will highlight Thompson's contribution and collaborators. Bob Webb is a founder member of Station House Community Connections, a charitable society which has brought the Station House at Wickham Market station back into use. A Campsea Ashe resident for the past 20 years, he has a keen interest in local history.

The talk will be at 2.30pm on Monday 20th January at the Waterloo Centre, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston IP16 4JB – what was previously Leiston Grammar School and the AVA Sixth Form Centre. This is a new venue for the Family History Group. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members, including tea/coffee.

Planning is also already underway for the Group's annual open day on 22nd February 2020, when the fruits of some recent initiatives will be unveiled. In addition, we will be asking local residents to contribute their memories of the impact of WW2 on Leiston-cum Sizewell ahead of the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day, to be marked by a special event in the town on Friday, 8th May 2020. More details will be communicated over the coming weeks.

For further info see our website

<http://aldevalleyfamilyhistorygroup.onesuffolk.net/> or contact Angela Skelcher on 01728 830949 or a_skelcher@hotmail.com.

Further programme:

Mon 17 Feb 2.30pm Leiston Waterloo Centre,
'Sudden Deaths in 19th Century Suffolk' - Geoff Robinson

Mon 16 March 2.30pm Leiston Waterloo Centre,
'Leonard Cheshire - Bevan Boys' - Barbara McElroy

Our **Help Centre** in the old Council Chamber in Leiston holds a wealth of information, much of which is not available online, and is open to all, free of charge, from 10 – 12 on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There will be experienced family historians ready to help and advise you, whether you want to begin tracing your family roots but do not know where to start, or you have simply reached a 'brick wall' in your research.

CAN YOU HELP?

As part of the Leiston VE Day commemorations on 8th May 2020, the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group is researching the personal details of Leiston folk who served in or were killed in WW2 – whether servicemen/women or civilians - and we are appealing for your help. Do you have any information or photographs which we could use, please? If so,

please contact our secretary Angela Skelcher on a_skelcher@hotmail.com or 01728 830949. Thank you.



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THE CHURCH HALL AND KNEES

If you are new to St Margaret's and Leiston, you may not be aware that the church had a hall (situated alongside Church Fields path where three bungalows now stand). What was it used for you may ask? All sorts of things were held there, dances, wedding receptions, church fetes, bazaar, youth groups, CYFA and Pathfinders. The Sunday School met there on Sunday morning while the adults attended matins. In the winter services were held in the hall as the church was impossible to heat adequately. Other organisations used the hall including a local playgroup.

The below photograph illustrates an occasion when a knobbly knees competition was held. Hilda was blindfolded and asked to pick out the best example of knobbly knees.



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Saturday 11 th January

Saturday 8 th February

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Friday 3 rd January

Friday 31 st January

Friday 28 th February

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ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR JANUARY 2020

Dear Friends

January's magazine continues to focus on monthly prayer time, with the St Margaret's Church family group for this month as shown below. There are three family groups with each one appearing in the magazine every three months. However, you remain in our thoughts and prayers always.

If you would like to be included in our family monthly prayers, or have any queries please email stmargaretsleiston@gmail.com. If you feel you would prefer to be remembered in a particular month then please let us know. Also, if you have a specific need for additional prayer time then please let us know and we will add you to our 'special prayers' section.

In our Church Family Prayers

Jim & Pauline Florance	Roy Hubbard
Bernard & Patsy Smith	Shirley Newman
Joe Diegnan	Matthew, Vanessa, Alex, Kierah & Sasha Newman
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Ho Ho Ho

Dear children , Thank you so very much for your lovely letters that you posted to me at the St Margaret's Church Christmas Fair. I will do my very best to honour your requests by Christmas. I was gladdened to meet all the happy smiling faces at your Church Fair. It is cold with much snow in Greenland just now, I was pleased the weather was only raining in Leiston when I visited.

Love and god Bless to you all.

From Father Christmas.

Happy Christmas





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Special Prayers

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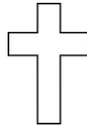
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Tuesday 3 December 2020

John Leonard Geater



Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving

Friday 15 November 2019

Olive Rose Brundish

TRIBUTE TO OLIVE BRUNDISH

Olive Brundish passed away in October. She was District Nurse and Midwife for Leiston and surrounding villages, many would remember her as Nurse Dale. She nursed the older patients and did many extra things for them, like cooking meals, sometimes washing. It was the patients who told people, Olive would never boast about doing things for others. She made every new Mum feel special and delivered most of the Leiston and District babies who are now parents and grandparents. She told me she loved her work.

She married Les and became Sister Brundish. They both were regular churchgoers and did a lot for St Margaret's Church. They had Garden Fetes in the Vicarage garden in summer and the Church Hall for Christmas. Les would have his plants, vegetables and flowers all arranged on tables and Olive bustling about helping on the cake stall

where she had baked lovely sponges among other things. She and Les both loved the Midnight Service, but she was sometimes on call, delivering babies. One Christmas she was on call for three mums in labour so she kept darting home in between to be with Les and her parents. Les wanted things to be just so, but Olive mislaid the Christmas pudding and her parents had to have tinned peaches and evaporated milk which didn't go down well with Les. She told me that story and was laughing; she had such a lovely chuckle. But she delivered three Mums their babies which she was so pleased about.

She was an Angel before she went to Heaven and is now with Les.
A lovely caring lady

Margaret Clarke and many other people who knew and loved her

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