

# ST MARGARET'S

## Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



**JUNE 2019**

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# **CHURCH SERVICES**

## **SUNDAY 2 JUNE**

9.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE  
10.30 FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

## **SUNDAY 9 JUNE**

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

## **SUNDAY 16 JUNE**

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE

## **SUNDAY 23 JUNE**

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

## **SUNDAY 30 JUNE**

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE

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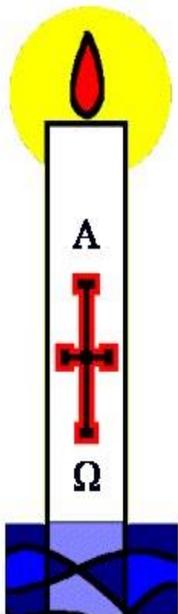
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## Risen, Ascended, Glorified ...

Some might think that the Easter festival to be just Easter Sunday (with plenty of chocolate eggs!) but for Christians throughout the world Easter stretches from Easter Day through to Pentecost (celebrated this year on 9 June).



To mark this festival period the Easter (Paschal) Candle is lit during worship in church to remember the risen Christ and we proclaim 'Alleluia' in our words and singing. These actions connect us with the first Christians who witnessed the risen Christ, joining with them in the celebration and worship.

Before Pentecost we celebrate one of the other major Christian Festivals – Ascension Day (30<sup>th</sup> May). When Christ rose to new life he told his disciples not to hold on to him, that he would ascend to be with God. We do not hold on to the body, just as when our bodies die we do not hold on to them but we move on, celebrating and remembering the lives of those whom we love.

The ascended Christ is with us through the 'advocate' (as called in the Bible), God present with us for all time in the Holy Spirit. That is what we celebrate at Pentecost, the day when the disciples were gathered together in a room in Jerusalem (they had been worshipping and praising God for the ascended Christ) and there they experienced something like a rushing wind and tongues of fire and they felt renewed, refreshed by the Holy Spirit and from that room they went out and told everyone about the wonderful news of new life with God.

This year, in addition to our church worship, we invite everyone to join with Christians Together in Leiston to a Pentecost Picnic, in St Margaret's church grounds at 3pm on Sunday 9 June. Bring some light refreshments with you that you can share, a picnic chair or a rug and join in the singing and sharing as we celebrate Christ – risen, ascended, glorified – and the power of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you.

From Rev Richard Finch

# SOME OF THE MANY COLOURFUL ARRANGEMENTS AT LAST MONTH'S FLOWER FESTIVAL



Many thanks to all who took part in the Flower Festival, arrangers, catering team and those who acted as hosts. It was a fantastic show by everyone as usual. We do have some wonderful support from within the church and from friends from other churches. We raised a total of £814 which in today's economic climate is very good.

Well done everyone. **Maureen**



# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



Sincere apologies to the families of Peter, Carol, Stewart and Catherine for omitting the following entries in last month's magazine

## **Wednesday 10 April**

In loving memory of Peter Mower on his birthday  
Jill & Helen x

## **Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April**

To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of Carol Moore (Buck)

## **Monday 15 April**

To celebrate the life of Stewart Hall  
With love from our family & friends

## **Tuesday 16 April**

In memory of my grandmother Catherine Middleditch  
Would have been her birthday.  
From granddaughter Claire Middleditch

**During May the lighting of the Church Tower was sponsored on:**

## **Tuesday 7 May**

In loving memory of my mother, Bertha Ellen Meadows who passed away on 7 May 1967  
With love from her daughter Gillian Middleditch

## Thursday 9 May

Remembering dear Jason, with love from his family and friends x

## Wednesday 15 May

In memory of Janet Buck on the occasion of her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday.  
We all love and miss you so much. Carol, Elaine, Paul & families x

*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.*

# SUMMER FOLK COMES TO ST. MARGARET'S

On Saturday 29 June at 7.30 pm we have a special concert in the Church, featuring two groups which Jenefer and I heard recently and couldn't wait to bring them to your attention!

The first group is the Norfolk Broads, a four-piece female ensemble who enjoy singing low-pitched sea shanties and folk songs in close harmony, combined with a rather mischievous sense of humour. The acoustics of St Margaret's Church will suit their singing perfectly, and they are looking forward to their first concert in Leiston. As a contrast to them, we have the Harbour Lights Trio, three local Suffolk men who provide a programme of lively folk music drawn from East Anglian local traditional songs and tunes. Refreshments will be available at half time.

Tickets for this lovely summer event are priced at £10 each, and can be obtained from Peter and Jenefer Roberts on 603772 or from Sandra Harle on 833578. If there is room, you can buy tickets on the door on the night, but it might be safest to book in advance.

**Peter Roberts**

## FOLK CONCERT



*Featuring:*  
**Harbour Lights  
&  
Norfolk Broads**

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**Refreshments  
(Licensed bar)**  
...  
**Raffle**  
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All proceeds to support the work of  
St Margaret's Church (Registered Charity No. 248919)

**Saturday 29th June 2019 at 7:30pm**  
**St Margaret's Church · Leiston ·**  
**Suffolk · IP16 4HG**

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**Tickets £10**  
*Tickets on the door or in advance*  
**Sandra - 01728 833578**  
**Peter - 01728 603772**

# Pondering Prayer

*“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound to every good work.” II Corinthians 9:8.*

I was deeply moved this past month as I read a report from the Bible Society, that Christians in Chad, in central Africa ( south of Libya) are having a tough time. Their May Newsletter reported that the vehicle they were using to bring Bibles to a refugee camp, had broken down. “After three hours working on the truck, in searing desert heat with sweat dropping off my face, I realised we weren’t going anywhere.” Ken Dachi, the Programme Manager for the Bible Society in Africa wrote.

“Night fell and tension began to rise, because we were in Rebel territory, “ he continued. Chad is five times the size of Britain and has only two hundred miles of tarmac roads. Refugees have flooded in from the surrounding nations. Terrorist groups like Boko Haram operate there and climate change has devastated the landscape in recent decades.

The team spent the night in an abandoned church and next morning hired a truck for the two hour drive to the refugee camp. Many children are being cared for there, having experienced terrible atrocities. Most of the children are orphans, yet with the help of Christians they are able to listen to Bible stories, experience God’s love and are learning to smile again.

80% of Chad is desert and before the team even reached the first stop, the truck broke down. In one of the neighbouring countries, Christians put packs of bibles on their backs and deliver them by motor bike, but if only they had a 4X4 they could transport 500 bibles at once into the remote desert areas.

Could we take up the challenge to pray for such a vehicle to be provided? Bible Society long to get their staff and pastors into remote refugee camps, where they can minister to children traumatised by conflict and violence. With a reliable vehicle they could transport their staff to nomadic, desert dwellings to teach people to run Bible-based literacy classes and put bibles into the hands of Christians who cannot get copies anywhere else.

Romans 10:15 says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news." Members of Boko Haram and other fanatical groups are determined to spread their cruel message. May the Lord give us the determination to help the national church of Chad by our gifts and by our prayers.

Pat Carter is our link person to the Bible Society. She would be delighted to forward any gifts we wish to send for a 4X4 for Chad. **Revd. Pauline Florance**

### **A Prayer**

God of peace, lead us in the way of harmony.  
May the leaders of the nations seek peace and justice;  
may our country uphold righteousness and concord;  
may we seek the welfare of all, in each village, town and city.  
Give to each of us health of body mind and spirit  
and may we be at peace with you and with our neighbours.

(from Prayers for Pilgrims. John Johansen- Berg)

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#### **Leiston Town Pastors Part-time Co-ordinator**

Leiston Town Pastors, sponsored by Christians Together in Leiston, are looking for someone with administrative skills to co-ordinate our team of pastors and prayer partners. We require a Christian who is a good communicator and an encourager.

Approximately 8 to 10 hours a week at £10 an hour. Flexible work- primarily from home. DBS check will be required. For an informal chat and further details please contact:

Carol Cotton (interim Co-ordinator):  
01728 603221 / 07714302559;  
Email: [carol.cotton@btinternet.com](mailto:carol.cotton@btinternet.com)

OR

Revd Pauline Florance (Chair of Trustees)  
01728768124 Email: [paulineb.florance@gmail.com](mailto:paulineb.florance@gmail.com)

For an application pack please send an email to [leistontp@gmail.com](mailto:leistontp@gmail.com). Closing date for completed applications is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

## **Celebrating 25 years of women's ordination to the priesthood**



On 30 April 2019 the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich hosted a gathering in Ipswich of Suffolk-based women who were ordained priest in the Church of England at the time of the first ordinations of women to the priesthood in March 1994. The picture shows those who attended the celebration, some were in Suffolk in 1994, others have moved into the area - including our own Rev Pauline Florance.

Archbishop Justin Welby said at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary service at Lambeth Palace: "Many of those here today have been pioneers as they work out what it means to be an ordained woman in the Church of England - not just for themselves and their communities, but for the whole of the

Body of Christ. Today let us bear witness to those who paved the way in 1994, as well as upholding those whose way into ministry has opened up since".

By 2016, 30% of all clergy in the Church of England were women and the number of women entering training for ordained ministry in 2017 exceeded the number of men. We thank God for all who give their lives in ministry. **Rev Richard Finch**

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## **LEISTON'S CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION 2019**

The collection took place on Saturday 18 May with collectors at both entrances of the Co-op. The total raised by the collection was £201 98, just a bit less than last year. Christian Aid works to end poverty worldwide and has more than 70 years' experience. The organisation works with those of all faiths and none. The theme for this year was "All Mums Should Live". Every day ten women die from giving birth in Sierra Leone. This money could help to build a health centre, where the roof does not leak, there are more than two delivery beds and lights at night. Thank you for giving generously and THANK YOU to all those loyal collectors who turned out to help with the collection year after year. Perhaps next year some more people will come forward to help with this very worthwhile cause. **Pat Carter**

## **I RANG THE BELL!**

Two weeks ago I completed a month of radiation treatment for prostate cancer. There is, in the radiography department of Ipswich hospital, a rather splendid ship's bell which by tradition is rung each time a patient completes their treatment. It is a small ritual that helps celebration after a period of worry and distress. This was, I found, a rather strange experience.

I think I explained in my first article that my prostate cancer was only discovered after a blood test, which I had specifically requested, to check my PSA level. I did not feel ill in any way and had no reason to suspect the outcome. Suffice it to say, however, my PSA was suspiciously high and further tests were needed.

As a result I had that dreaded interview with my doctor that confirmed that I did indeed have cancer. I took the news remarkably calmly. I listened with my wife as the treatment was described and the prognosis was given. I thank God that early discovery and subsequent scans showed that the cancer had not spread outside the prostate.

My diagnosis, however, meant that I was now a member of a not-so-exclusive gentlemen's club that no member wishes to belong to. My treatment began immediately and I was told to expect radiotherapy in a few months time. I am pleased to say that I have so far responded very well to my medication. My PSA has dropped to almost zero and I am now free to continue my life as normal. I shall be on hormone treatment for the next three years and closely monitored with blood tests for the next five.

April, then, was spent attending the clinic on a daily basis, with weekends off, for the radiation treatment. This actually takes only two minutes with a few minutes each side to get aligned on the table each time. I am now the proud owner of three tiny tattoos which are used for this process. There are no flashing lights like Star Wars lasers. I felt nothing. And the strange thing is that having not felt ill there was no sensation of 'getting better'. I am well, though, and there is no reason why I should not continue so.

I cannot be more complimentary about the treatment I received; about the courtesy, care and professionalism of the staff in the radiography department at Ipswich hospital. Their humour and optimism made a difficult time pass with a minimum of stress. Then it was over, and the bell was rung. *(Name and address withheld by request)*

## **EASTER SERVICE AT RYE**

Easter found me at Camber in Kent, spending a week visiting many National Trust gardens in Kent and East Sussex. Before I left Suffolk I had used the internet to find a church at which I could attend a Holy Communion service on Easter Sunday. The church I found was St Mary's in Rye, set in the middle of a maze of cobbled streets. The service was at 8 30 am and it was a BCP (Book of Common Prayer) service taken by The Revd Canon David Frost. There was to be a further service at 10 30 am which was a Common Worship Family Communion. There were 32 of us present plus a small baby who was very good during the service.

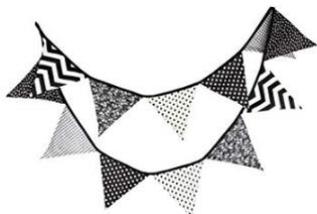
It's quite some time since I took part in a BCP service but I soon found the old language and style of service came back to me and with it fond memories of my lovely grandmother with whom I used to attend BCP services at St Margaret's. The bulk of the service took place at the nave altar but we moved to the high altar to receive our communion. We first received the wafer and then the wine was offered. I did not notice until too late that no-one consumed their wafer but waited and dipped it into the wine. I therefore was the only one to be given the chalice to receive the wine.

I returned to the church on another day to have a look around. As you entered the church by the east door you are greeted by a pendulum swinging backwards and forwards. This is the 18 ft pendulum of the clock on the church tower which dates from 1810. The clock itself dates from 1561-2 and is one of the oldest working church tower clocks in the country. It chimes the quarters and strikes the hour.

The west window over the font dates from 1933 and was donated by "Mapp & Lucia" author EF Benson in memory of his parents. The south window, known as the Benedictine window was installed in 1928 and was also donated by EF Benson but in memory of his brother AC Benson, author of "Land of Hope and Glory". On that same day I also visited Lamb House in Rye where EF Benson lived for several years.

Pat Carter

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### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

St. Margaret's Church Summer Fete  
Saturday 20 July 2.00-4.00 pm

### Full of fun activities to enjoy

#### Pentecost Word Search

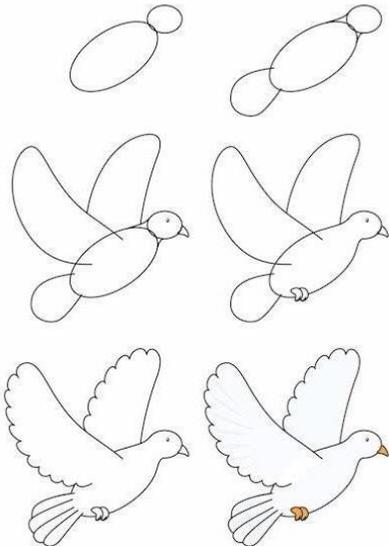


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| HOLY SPIRIT      | TONGUES OF FIRE     |
| HOUSE            | WIND                |



#### Learn to Draw a Dove



**PENTECOST  
SUNDAY IS  
CELEBRATED ON  
SUNDAY 9 JUNE**

# SUMMER WORD SCRAMBLE

HECBA	DASN
USN	IECCYLB
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SSIEPRRNL	ETERS
AOUDGLYND	HCEA LABEL
MIMIGNWS	GCPMIAN
EALK	POSTSR
NIICP	BNCAI
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## Bike Sudoku

Fill in the grid with the letter B, I, K and E making sure no letter is repeated in each row, each column and within each mini grid.

	I	E	B
E			
B	E		I
			E

	E		I
	K		
	B	I	K
	I		E



Find the 7 differences between these 2 pictures

**JAM** Jesus and Me

Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' sessions. Kids of all ages welcome!  
**Sunday 9 and 23 June at 10.00 am**

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

## INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR JUNE 2019

Dear Friends

June'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](mailto: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

Richard & Sandra Ellis	Mary, Simon, Archie & Edward Reading
Kevin, Jess & Oliver Ellis	Valerie and Maurice Allchin
Christopher, Anna and Ada Ellis	Charlmaine, Lee, Luke & Liam Wright
Michael, Anika, Darcey & Jack Ellis	Olive Wilson
James & Kristi Ellis	Vaughan & Jenny Windle
Chris & Elspeth Gonin	Liz Mills
Basil & Jean Jenkyns	Jean Crowter
Jill Mower	Colin & Penny Tipple
Sue Watt	Barbara Moss
John & June Geater	Tom & Nona Wadsell-Campbell
Sue Geater	Stephen & Claire Miles
Ron & Diana Geater	Emily & Rob Oxborrow
Doreen Bardwell	Eileen Griffiths
Sandra, Philip, Ellie & Laura Harle	David & Lynn Bailey
Daphne & Terri Roper	Kirsty, Shane, Ceylon, AJ & Logan Stone
Pam Bloomfield	Kathryn, Grace & Eve Phillips-Last
Graham, Sylvia, Linda & Susan Hawes	Ann Woods

## **ST MARGARET'S SUMMER ART EXHIBITION 2019**

Following the success of last year's Summer Art Exhibition it was decided that we should host the exhibition again this year. The great thing about the art exhibition is that it brings together three important groups from our town: The schools, The Church and The Community. Each gains from the other's involvement. The students benefit from having their work on public display which counts towards their GCSE results and boosts their confidence; The Church gains from drawing people in to see and enjoy our beautiful building which is perfect for displaying art work and the community is able to experience and enjoy the talents of our young people in a really professional display of their work. This year we have invested in our own display boards which should give an even more impressive appearance to the exhibition.

The exhibition will be officially opened on **Monday 1 July at 6.30-8.00pm** by guest artist Thomas Merrett, an ex Leiston High School student and highly successful sculptor and teacher based in London. The exhibition will run daily from **Tuesday 2 July until Saturday 6 July from 10.00-4.00pm**. Entry to the exhibition is free and everyone is welcome.

I do hope that you will be able to come along to see the exhibition to support and encourage our young people. I guarantee that you will be impressed by their talent

**Simon Merrett**

## **LADIES WHO LUNCH DO SO AT DUNWICH**

The Ladies Group had lunch at Dingle Hill Nursery at Dunwich on Monday 20 May. Three cars conveyed the group out to Dunwich. After church on Sunday I rang the Nursery to give advance warning that we intended to visit the next day. I could not believe my ears when I was told that a notification had been received that the electricity would be cut off from 8 am to 12 noon. However I was assured that the staff would do their best ..... and they did! When we arrived the power had just been put back on. The trees around the power lines had had to be trimmed back and the job had been finished in time.

We ordered our food and drinks and sat out in the sun to chat and share news. The staff were very efficient and we were soon tucking in to the delicious food and drinks. The Nursery truly is a delightful place to spend an afternoon. There were flowers, plants and shrubs to buy if one wished. The next meeting takes the form of a visit on Wednesday 19 June to Sizewell T for lunch followed by a visit to Gill's lovely house and garden. Once again, we will be ladies who lunch! **Pat Carter**

## **JUNE**

As I write this it's still May, and after a lovely Easter of sunshine, I'm now looking at the grass which is white with hailstones and several days of rain.

We managed to go to the Church Flower Festival and once again such lovely displays on a Favourite Book theme. The imagination and detail was so good. The organ playing quietly made it peaceful.

It's nice to see more cowslips this year. One year we were coming back from Haverhill with Betty after visiting her cousin Edie and Bob. Suddenly Betty asked Bill to stop the car, which he did thinking she didn't feel well – but she had seen masses of cowslips along the side of the road. She opened the door saying 'Mrs Burrows loves cowslips – I'm picking a bunch. So, I did the same for my mum. Bill in the meantime was getting worried as you shouldn't pick them. We got back in the car each with a nice bunch. Bill said 'you'll have me in prison.' 'Rubbish' replied Betty, 'it does the roots good to pick them and that was the answer to that and who would argue with Betty.

It's doesn't seem possible it is June already and it has been a sad start for so many people with illness and loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Margaret Clarke

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



### **WHAT A HANDSOME YOUNG COUPLE!**

Our warmest congratulations to Margaret and Bill on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – what a wonderful achievement.

Margaret and Bill were married at St Margaret's Church on 20 June 1959.

We hope you have a wonderful day!

*With much love from all your friends at St Margaret's Church.*

## In Our Special Prayers

Magda  
Charles

Brenda  
Anastasia

Tony  
Vicky



## Funerals

Monday 20 May  
Tuesday 21 May

Josephine Waugh  
Colin Drew



## Baptisms

Sunday 26 May

Mason Care

Sienna Mai Stannard



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**CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN** A street collection is being held in Leiston again this year to raise funds for the Campaign. I've been asked by the local organiser to help to organise the street collection on Saturday 27 July. This will be from 9 am to 3 pm. Are you able to help for an hour, or even half an hour? If so, please contact me. The local organiser tells me the Co-op have given permission for the collection to take place on their premises (outside the front and back doors).

There aren't many people who have not been touched by cancer either as individuals or their family members. Breakthroughs of cures and treatments are being discovered through intensive research all the time and research is probably the only way this disease will be conquered. As you can imagine this research is expensive so PLEASE HELP IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. Pat Carter, 42 Haylings Road, Leiston Tel 831852

# JASON

My family and I would like to thank everyone who made Jason's farewell such a special day. The sunshine of him suddenly reappeared.

He had so many caring friends and the warmth of the atmosphere was felt by so many people. He loved people, parties and music.

My sincere thanks to the two Rev. Richards, Matthew, Simon, Nathan, Sue and Pat and to Sheena and her catering team. Many thanks for all that you did. **Maureen**



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Maureen and Wayne visited Potsford Farm on 24 May, to help plant a red flowering crabapple tree in memory of Jason. The tree will be in full flower for Jason's anniversary in April. This poem was one of two which were read during the ceremony.

## **Close the Gate**

*Adapted by Avril Askew for Jason*

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head  
Your time has been and struggles enough, the tractor's been put in the shed  
Years were not easy, your challenges many, but the difficult days are now  
ended

Put away your tools and sleep in peace, the fences have all been mended  
The eggs are collected, you've watered the plants, created days full of fun  
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn, your work here on earth is done  
The sun is setting, the cattle all bedded, and now is the end of your day  
Take off your gloves and put them down, there's no more time for play  
Your labour is done, your home now is heaven, no more must you wait  
The land will remain, our memories live on, and we will close the gate

## ST MARGARET'S EAST WINDOW

As part of the MA in Christian Spirituality I am studying for I had to do a presentation on some aspect of art. I decided to do some research on the beautiful East window in St Margaret's. The window is by Charles Eamer Kempe, who was prolific in the amount of stained glass he produced. His work is distinctive in that his angels have peacock feather wings. Originally Kempe intended to go forward for ordination but later decided that if "he could not serve God in the sanctuary, he would make the decoration of the sanctuary his life's work."



I don't know whether you have looked at this window in detail but it struck me as being unusual because around the risen Christ are twelve women, they are all Saints who were all martyred (we know this because they are all holding a palm frond.) Each of the Saints also holds their emblem. Over the next year I am going to write an article each month about a specific Saint. The window depicts all the Saints robed in rich clothing rather than what would have been worn at their time. The window is a memorial to Mary Anne Garrett, the wife of Frank Garrett Senior and dated 1897. The faces of the Saints are supposed to be based on portraits of Mrs Garrett at different stages of her life. I found myself asking lots of questions and tried to do some research but found no real answers - if you have any please let me know!

The Garrett family dominated life in this part of Suffolk - Richard Garrett with his engineering works in Leiston and Newson Garrett with his Maltings at Snape are the best known of their generation, Richard's son Frank was cousin to Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and Millicent Garrett Fawcett. We see strong women and the women's suffrage movement was supported by a significant number of women from this area - the ideas they supported must have come from somewhere, and I wonder if it could have been as a result of the attitude of previous generations to women's place in society?

The design raised curiosity as women are often hidden in church, especially in art. Artists are often male, although Leiston bucks the trend with windows by Margaret Edith Aldrich Rope and the sculpture on the war memorial by Dorothy Rope. This window also raised questions of the power of money and privilege - who chose the pictures and if it was the Garrett family is it right that they were able to buy the symbolism and teaching? There is something about the worshiping of ancient Martyrs and also the juxtaposition of remembering a woman of the period. Can we recognise individuals as saints even if they're not 'official'? **Morag Finch**

# ORGAN CONCERT



On Saturday 18 May, a large audience were treated to a fantastic concert of organ music courtesy of local musician Tom Horton. Tom, of course, is no stranger to Leiston, as he is very well known for his musical accompaniment of the annual pantomimes at Leiston Film Theatre. Our magnificent church organ, more accustomed to the playing of hymns and anthems at church services, enabled Tom to perform a wide variety of music – from Bach to Broadway, and even a tribute to Doris Day! A large screen enabled everyone to watch the magic of Tom’s hands as he played and pulled out all the stops!

The concert, being a joint venture between St. Margaret’s Church and the Leiston Works Railway, raised a total of £880 which is shared equally between them. Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported this event and special thanks to Tom for providing us with such a wonderful evening’s entertainment. **Sandra Harle**

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# AND THE BELLS RANG OUT WITH JOY .....

At the Suffolk Guild of Ringers District Ringing Competition on Saturday 11 May at St Peter’s Church, Theberton, three of our ringers, Ellie Harle, Michael Rolph and Sandra Harle formed half of one of the winning teams. Congratulations to them and their team members and THANK YOU to everyone who keeps the bells ringing in our beautiful churches. **Pat Carter**



# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH & GARRETT'S

There are many items in and around the church which have a Garrett connection. In the churchyard, near the south entrance, is the grave of Richard Garrett II. With him lies his wife and a young grandson. There is a large memorial stone on the grave which is adorned with an ornate piece of ironwork which was made by Garrett's. The names of Richard Garrett III and IV are also inscribed on the memorial. They are buried at Carlton Church. Close to the memorial is the grave of Elizabeth Garrett, the wife of Richard Garrett I. Also, in the churchyard are three unusual iron headstones which were made by Garrett's. One of them is also near the south entrance. The other two are by the path leading to the south entrance and under a large tree on the north side of the church.



Inside the church are six memorial plaques commemorating several members of the Garrett family. The most impressive being the one for Richard Garrett III. It has a bust beneath a trefoil-headed canopy. The magnificent East Window is a memorial to Mary Anne Garrett. Two of the eight bells were given by Frank Garrett in memory of his brother Richard Garrett IV. Also one was given and another one recast in memory of Elizabeth Garrett, the wife of Richard Garrett III, by her children.

You can read more about the history of St Margaret's Church in the church history and guide booklet which is on sale in the church. Linda Hawes

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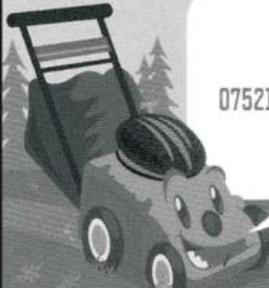
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