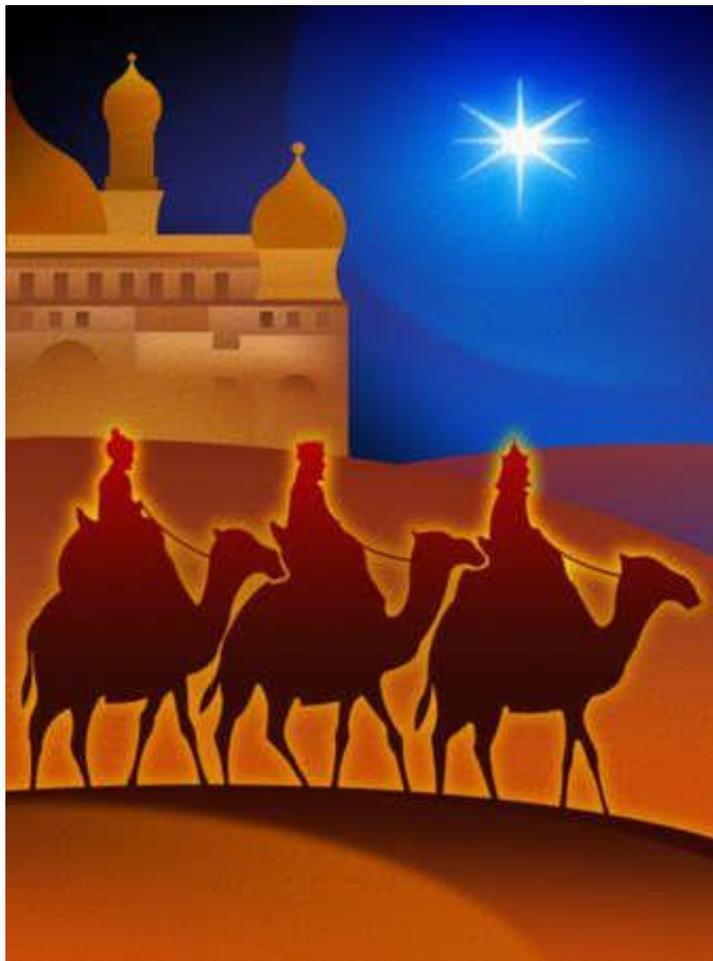


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Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY

9.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
10.30 FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY

10.00 'WELCOME TO THE TABLE' FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

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

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JUST ANOTHER CAROL SERVICE?

I'll be honest with you.

I just wasn't looking forward to turning out again, on a cold and rainy early winter evening, for the Carol Service on 10 December. I had been to the morning service at St Margaret's - inspirational as always - and the thought of driving the dark, wet and twisty route to Leiston again so soon did not appeal. After all, there was football on the telly, a bottle of good red wine needing drinking and plenty of other excuses not to turn out for what would probably be a repetition of the same old carols which we have all sung a hundred times or more.

But there was a nagging feeling that I would regret it if I didn't go, so I loaded up the dogs (they will never miss a trip) and set off in the twilight for St Margaret's. And sure enough, I was so glad that I did!

There is something about our lovely Church which dispels crusty cynicism instantly. Just the walk up the path lifted the spirits, with the majestic tower floodlit against the darkening sky and the twinkling welcome of the beckoning lights within. Inside was warmth (yes - the boiler has been mended yet again!) and a gathering of fifty hardy souls ready to start the festive season. There were people I knew from our regular services - it was good to see them again - and others whom we do not see so often but who were especially welcome on this important occasion.

And what a programme had been put together by Revds. Jim and Pauline! Far from being just "the usual stuff" it was an inspirational mix of carols, poems, readings and prayers, all wrapped up in layers of fellowship which totally defeated the gloomy weather outside. The carefully-selected carols included some which I had hardly ever encountered before, the readings were all appropriate and thought-provoking, and the poems which Jim had found from goodness knows where would have been worthy of a round of applause on their own! We had a variety of readers, so every few minutes a different voice would echo through the Church.

And the choir! Oh, the choir! Our choir is always excellent, but I have never heard them sound as wonderful as they did on this winter night. Perhaps it was the atmospheric darkness beyond, perhaps it was the seasonal material, but they were truly superb! There were towering anthems, there were bold solos and duos, and

everything in between, all directed and supported by Jonathan and our mighty Church organ.

Afterwards, there was tea and there was chat, and I eventually left in a much happier state of mind than when I had set out! If you were there, thank you for your company. If you were not, I can only tell you that you missed a treat. I hope that next year you will, like me, brave the winter gloom and head for the bright lights of St Margaret's. I don't think you'll regret it.

Happy new year to you all.

Peter Roberts

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018

Many thanks to everyone who bought the Parish Magazine during 2017. We are most grateful for your support of St. Margaret's and its outreach work both in our local community and further afield.

If you would like to continue, or start, subscribing to the St. Margaret's Church Magazine, we are now collecting this year's subscriptions by means of a payment envelope supplied with this magazine. Please enclose your £12 annual subscription in the envelope provided and then return it either to the person who delivers your magazine, to Margaret's Shop or directly to Sandra Harle, church treasurer. Cash or cheques are both welcome but cheques must be made payable to 'Leiston PCC'.

To help Marian with the task of producing another twelve informative and interesting magazines during 2018, please submit articles, photos, etc., to her as soon as possible each month but at the latest by the 18th. This can be either be by hand to 42 King George's Avenue, via Margaret's Shop or by email to t.peskett@sky.com

And, finally, a big Thank You to everyone who helps to distribute the magazine throughout the town each month. If you know of anyone who would like to have the magazine delivered, please let me know and we can add them to one of our delivery rounds.

Sandra Harle

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



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

4 December, 5 December, 6 December, 7 December

In memory of our son Max
10 September 1976 - 07 December 2009
Remembered every day with love

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

During the evening of Saturday 16 December, the Love to Sing Choir provided a large audience with a wonderful Christmas treat! A concert which brought together a wide range of Christmas songs, carols and poetry, all beautifully performed by the Choir and some joined in with by the audience. There really was something for everyone, even down to the children who each received a gift from beneath the Christmas Tree and who then created some lovely Christmas pictures and crafts at the back of the church. St. Margaret's itself provided a very welcoming venue for the choir, the audience and the various stallholders who joined us, with Christmas lights and candles ablaze both inside and out.



The audience was greeted by the bells being rung before the concert (many thanks to the ringers who came along to help us out) and treated to warming seasonal refreshments during the interval. The refreshments, raffle and stalls were organised by St. Margaret's, and the total raised, so far, for church funds is nearly £400. The Choir will be donating all the profit from ticket sales to a charity of their choice.

Many thanks to Rachael and the LTS Choir for a lovely Christmas Concert, and to all those from St. Margaret's who helped in any way to make it such an enjoyable evening. **Sandra Harle**

OLD MOBILE PHONES WANTED FOR ZIMBABWE

A lady named Temby from the church is collecting old mobile phones to take with her when she goes home to Zimbabwe on holidays. She will give them to the Bulawayo Youth Club. The photograph is of some of the mobile phones that were given to her after the Advent Sunday service to take back in December. Old mobiles can be left at Margaret's shop in Sizewell Road.



They must have their batteries and chargers and be kept together in their own individual bags. **Linda Hawes**

PSALM 85.1 – 2, 8 -13

1. Lord you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
2. You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins.
8. I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.
9. Truly his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
10. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11. Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven.
12. The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase.
13. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way

I wonder how much you love your land – or country as we would put it. Our Psalmist for the first month in 2018 begins by talking about his land as God's. This is an interesting contrast. Do we ever think of the United Kingdom as God's?

At our best as Christians we think of all we have as people of faith as a gift of God. I wonder how many individuals or politicians have expressed this sentiment about our country as we have taken part in the discussion on Brexit? The psalm challenges us to think about the love of our country. What values do we want our country to have once Brexit is complete? Will we believe 'My country right or wrong'? Are we only concerned with its financial success in the world markets? Are we bothered about children living in poverty or emotionally deprived because of a lack of support in loving families?

Or are we going to continue to care about those living in poverty at home as one example or the many refugees homeless as a result of war. As a country which has a strong element of men and women of faith we will build a country that is constantly concerned with the biblical sense of the word peace - that is shalom.

It has social dimensions to it - it has to do with righteousness and the actions of public officials. Justice and peace are embraced in countries that care about shalom both at home and abroad. If there is lack of justice there can be no peace. So in a New Year this psalmist brings us back to biblical values of forgiveness's – the desire that for men and women of faith God be allowed to save us from our sins and weakness and

bring salvation to a torn and troubled world. In our prayers we cannot fail to remember at home, situations like homelessness and poverty and abroad those who live in refugee camps or have no home at all.

‘The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase’. Maybe but he needs our help.

Ref: The People’s Bible Commentary – Donald Coggan SCM press

Chris Gonin

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – LEISTON PRIMARY

On the last day of the autumn term, well over 300 people – children and adults – filled St Margaret’s Church for a special celebration of Christ’s birth.

All the pupils of Leiston Primary School, accompanied by parents, staff and governors, had made their way through the town – some on very little legs – to share their appreciation of the Christmas message in songs and story. Everything about the morning was wonderful: from the children’s exemplary behaviour en route and in church to their polished performance of songs and readings sharing the Christmas message. The whole school had obviously worked hard to prepare for this occasion and it was a delight to share with them.

Equally rewarding was the sense of awe and wonder displayed by the children, evident in the gasps as they looked round at their beautiful surroundings. More than one remarked on the winter light streaming through stained glass windows.

It was lovely to welcome the School to St Margaret’s and we hope these events will become a regular feature throughout the year. Thanks to Mel Geater, Head of School, whose can-do enabling attitude made it possible and to Jim Florance and Sandra Harle for their contribution to a very joyful experience for Leiston children.

Lesley Cassie, Chair of Governors – Leiston Primary School

Pondering Prayer

‘Sent to bring good news’ -Luke:4:18-19

We all hope for good news, rather than sad or bad news. As I write we have just celebrated the third Sunday of Advent, when we think particularly of John the Baptist, who proclaimed the coming of the Lord Jesus. John spent time challenging people, particularly the leaders, about the state of the nation. Our focus on the third Sunday in Advent was to notice the similarity between what was going wrong then, and what is amiss in our twenty first century society.

John and Isaiah the prophet, who had lived about five hundred years before John the Baptist, voiced the gulf between God’s standard for care in the community, and what was actually taking place. Some of the so-called religious people thought fasting or other religious practice satisfied God. The prophets however refuted that saying, that far from it; what God wanted was care for the poor, the hungry and the homeless; fair wages and fair treatment of workers. (Read Isaiah 58)

Sadly our current news reports are full of accounts of injustice, people desperately needing help and the system failing them. The survivors of Grenfell Tower find it difficult to trust, fearing a whitewash; people are caused to suffer months of anguish in a justice system in which people feel that they are considered guilty from the start, instead of being innocent until proved guilty, others are being forced into homelessness due to greedy landlords charging extortionate rents, operating without conscience whilst the state system is leaving people almost penniless at a time when they most need help.

How wonderful that Jesus was sent to bring good news to the poor, the oppressed, the broken-hearted, the captive and the prisoner. The first Christmas was about God having sent his Son to actually live among us to comfort the broken-hearted and to release men and women from compulsions and addictions as well as the blindness which prevents us from seeing things God’s way.

So how do we pray at the start of this New Year?

Give thanks for those who are reaching out to the needy through Food Banks and Night Shelters this winter.

Pray for organisations like Crisis, Street Jesus, the Salvation Army and Town Pastors, helping people in our towns and cities.

Pray for men and women with compassion and excellent organisational skills to move into the areas where there are huge gaps in care.

Pray that those who are blind to the desperate plight of others will have their eyes opened.

Pray for local councillors and MP's who have compassionate hearts to be given strength to continue to lobby for change.

Pray that we as a church will be motivated by the Holy Spirit to discern the way forward, which honours God.

Ask the Lord to put upon our hearts a burden for something we can do collectively which will benefit our community.

Pray that as we look to the future and a new Vicar, we will be active in sharing and using the gifts God has given us, so that we make a good team.

As you stand at the gate of this New Year, put your hand into the hand of God so that you may tread safely into the unknown and pray, "Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

Revd. Pauline Florance

BIBLE SUNDAY 2017

Leiston St Margaret's church celebrated Bible Sunday on 29 October and donations were collected for the work of the Society. Saxmundham United Reformed Church also collected donations. A total of £75 was raised and have been forwarded to the Society. Gift Aid forms allow the addition of 25p to every pound given. These gifts help build a world where the Bible is shaping lives and communities everywhere. The Leiston Christians Together Group has a Bible Society representative. Other churches in the Group were holding their Bible Sunday services at different times and hopefully further donations will be forthcoming.

Pat Carter

JANUARY

I'm still wondering where last year went; I was going to do so much but somehow time just flew by. January to a lot of people can seem a long, dull month – I've probably thought the same in the past.

As I've got older I like January; to me it's a relaxing month after all the build up to Christmas. We can relax, the evenings get lighter and we can look forward to Spring.

People say 'I'm bored,' but they should be grateful they can get out, and be independent. After my stay in hospital seeing how some people were reliant on nurses for everything, made me count my blessings. They had to be turned regularly, washed etc. so sad, yet the nurses kept cheerful and did their best for their patients.

Life is so precious, so make the most of each day; don't get bored, be glad you can get out and about.

Our thoughts are with Betty and hope she will soon be on the mend and able to come home soon.

We hope for a Peaceful 2018 – where people can care for other people and not keep fighting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

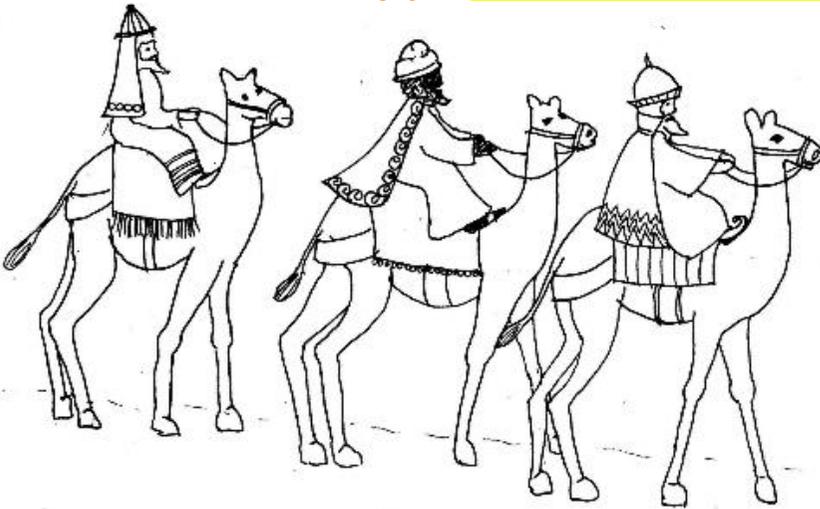
Margaret Clarke

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

A big thank you to you all for your good wishes, visits and special prayers for me while I was in hospital. I'm glad to say they were answered and I am getting stronger each day.

God Bless You All.

Margaret



The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

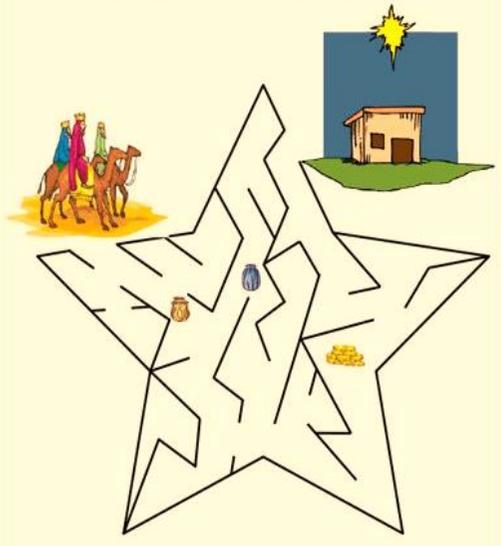
Choose the word that best matches the definition.

1. The wise men who searched for Jesus
A. Herod B. priests C. myrrh D. Magi
2. To come into existence by birth
A. die B. born C. rule D. king
3. A male ruler of a country
A. king B. queen C. prophet D. Magi
4. A twinkling point of light in the night sky
A. earth B. star C. sun D. moon
5. The direction which is opposite to west
A. east B. north C. star D. south
6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect
A. born B. incense C. bow D. east
7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
A. jewels B. rewards C. Magi D. gifts
8. A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
A. incense B. silver C. gold D. myrrh
9. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
A. gold B. silver C. wax D. incense
10. A substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
A. gold B. myrrh C. incense D. silver



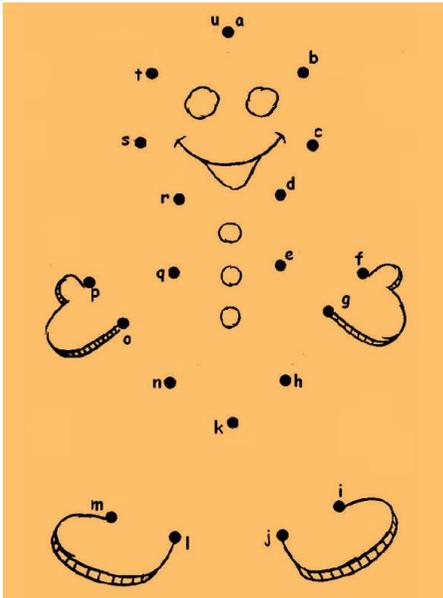
The Star

Guide the three wise men through the star maze to the manger. Be sure to pick up the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh along the way.





Find the mitten that has no pair



JAM Jesus and Me

Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' sessions. Kids of all ages welcome!
 Sunday 14 and 29 January – At 10.00 am

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR JANUARY 2018

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

Richard & Sandra Ellis
Kevin, Jess & Oliver Ellis
Christopher, Anna and Ada Ellis
Michael, Anika, Darcey & Jack Ellis
James & Kristi Ellis
Chris & Elspeth Gonin
Basil & Jean Jenkyns
Jill Mower
Sue Watt
John & June Geater
Sue Geater
Ron & Diana Geater
Doreen Bardwell
Sandra, Philip, Ellie & Laura Harle
Daphne & Terri Roper
Pam Bloomfield
Grahame, Sylvia, Linda & Susan Hawes
Ann Woods

Mary, Simon, Archie & Edward Reading
Valerie and Maurice Allchin
Betty Harland
Charlmaine, Lee, Luke & Liam Wright
Olive Wilson
Vaughan & Jenny Windle
Liz Mills
Jean Crowter
Colin & Penny Tipple
Barbara Moss
Tom & Nona Wadsell-Campbell
Stephen & Claire Miles
Emily & Rob Oxborrow
Eileen Griffiths
David & Lynn Bailey
Kirsty, Shane, Ceylon, AJ & Logan Stone
Kathryn, Grace & Eve Phillips-Last

In Our Special Prayers

Margaret Clarke recovering from operation
Betty in hospital

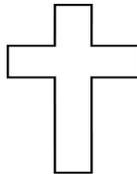
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Malcolm Briggs



Funerals

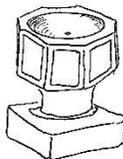
Thursday 30 November
Friday 1 December
Friday 15 December

Margaret Stocks
Ronald (Punch) James Barker
Iris (Judy) Margaret Foster



Baptisms

3 December Twins Evie Rose Southey and
Emilia Evelyn Southey



ALDE VALLEY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

‘Walking cheerfully over the world.....’

The Aldeburgh Community Hall was almost full to capacity for the Alde Valley Family History Group’s November meeting. The talk on the history of the Society of Friends, commonly known as the ‘Quakers’, was given by Ruth Hawthorn and Seija Tattersall, who provided an absorbing account of the history of the movement and the involvement of individual families in Suffolk communities.

Ruth Hawthorn first offered a helpful summary of the origins of the Society of Friends, before explaining the commitment to the Testimonies of Truthfulness, Equality, Peace and Simplicity at the core of the movement’s faith and ministry. She also drew on the motivational words of the founder, George Fox, who encouraged Quaker members to ‘walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one’.

Although membership numbers are modest (there are now only some 20,000 practising Quakers in the UK and 300,000 worldwide), Ruth explained how the movement has historically punched well above its weight, and drew attention to household names such as Bryant and May, Reckitts, Clarks shoes, Huntley and Palmer, Cadbury, Barclays and Lloyds Bank; all successful businesses established by Quakers. Likewise, some charitable organisations, such as Oxfam, also owe their existence to Quaker founders and supporters.

Ruth further explained that the ‘Friends’ still seek to play an influential role in modern day society, for example, in supporting same sex marriage for some years before it was legalised in England, and establishing an ‘alternatives to violence’ initiative in U.S. gaols. The Quaker movement was also heavily involved in early petitions for the abolition of slavery.

Seija Tattersall then went on to give some examples of the contribution made by Quaker families locally, citing the establishment of independent schools for children and adults in Leiston, and their involvement with Garretts engineering works. Among the families linked with the Quaker movement she listed Sawer, Neave, Darby, Burley and Gillott, many of whose names can be found on the modest headstones in the burial ground to the rear of the Leiston Meeting House.

For family historians with Quaker connections, the movement's extensive records are of uniformly excellent quality, many of them surviving from the mid-17th century until the present day. They are to be found in local archives such as the Suffolk Record Office and the Society's headquarters at Friends House, Euston Road, London.

After a break in December, the Alde Valley Family History Group's next meeting will be at **Snape Village Hall on Monday, 15th January 2018 at 2.30 p.m.** The speaker will be local historian, Diana Hughes, who will give a talk on the 'History of Aldeburgh'. Admission costs £1 for members and £3 for non-members. As usual, tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Chris Broom

BEST WISHES FOR A PEACEFUL 2018

Following the normal practice which Fred and I started eleven years ago, I decided to send a donation to Christian Aid in lieu of Christmas cards for my church family. Some of you, once again, expressed an interest in joining me in this venture. Rosemary Gale, Betty Harland, Doris Harvey, Sylvia and Graham Hawes, Marian and Trevor Peskett and Hilary Slaughter joined with me to send a donation to Christian Aid.

This year we have been able to send off a total donation of £95 00 to Christian Aid which will be used to help others less fortunate than us. This year, our donation will be used to fund a community kitchen to help stranded refugee families cook, eat and find strength together in Greece. It will also help towards repairing broken hand pumps and help families displaced by war to return home in South Sudan, by giving them access to safe water supplies and an emergency disaster kit which consists of a life-saving temporary shelter, food and clean water kit to be used in South Sudan.

I have been advised, by letter, that each £1 given from 6 November 2017 to 5 February 2018 will be doubled by the UK Government up to £2.7m and the extra £1 will be used to fight hunger in South Sudan. Christian Aid works with the world's poorest people in around 50 countries, regardless of race and faith. It tackles the causes and consequences of poverty and injustice. It is part of ACT International, the ecumenical relief network.

Thank you to all of you who support me at this time of year. **Pat Carter**

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The following information was received from the Suffolk Campaigns Team of the Children's Society which I would like to share with our supporters. It explains the reasons why we do what we can to support vulnerable young people. **Lorraine Lloyd**

'We recently found out that according to Suffolk Police, there were 1539 incidents of children under 18 going missing in 2015/16. This Christmas, over 2,000 children will go missing across the country – including some in your local community.

Young people running away is a cry for help, a sign that things may be going wrong in their lives, at home or school – things like neglect, violence or substance misuse. It is vital these children get support before they hit crisis point. But local services are being cut, putting them at greater risk. Without help, these children's lives can and do get worse. We need decision makers to see the impact of budget cuts, think again and review policies.

No child should feel alone, unsafe or unable to cope, especially at Christmas.'

BRIGHT YOUNG TALENT

"The Anna Airy exhibition, staged by the Ipswich Art Society, and held at the University of Suffolk, is one of the highlights of the cultural calendar. It's a showcase for bright young talent and once again Arts Editor Andrew Clark is dazzled by the work on display" says the beginning of an article in the East Anglian Daily Times.



Having visited the exhibition I can only agree – the standard of work was amazing, such talent, in so many different mediums. The exhibition acts as a show case for Suffolk's A Level art students and represents the emerging talent to be found in the county. The exhibition is staged by the Art Society in memory of the former President who championed the work of young artists. There were 180 works on display drawn from 13 schools across Suffolk with all the artists aged between 16 and 20 years.

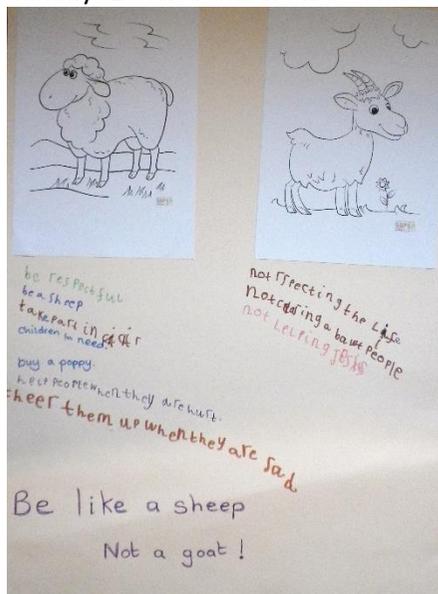
There were four prizes to be won. They were the Anna Airy Award for painting and drawing, the Ipswich Arts Society Award for excellence in any medium, the Key Arts Award for innovation and the Crystal Star Award which was to be voted for by visitors to the exhibition. The Ipswich Arts Society Award was won by Laura Harle of Alde Valley Academy, youngest daughter of Philip and Sandra Harle. Laura's entry was a lion's head. She also had a magnificent painting of a tiger in the exhibition. Laura's winning certificate came with a cheque for £250 which I'm sure will come in useful as she continues her studies. Well done, Laura!

Pat Carter



JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 26 November was Christ the King Sunday. JAM Sunday School learnt about the Gospel reading from Matthew: chapter 25:31-46. They made crowns for Jesus and sheep face masks. They had a large piece of paper with pictures of a sheep and a goat on and the words 'Be like a sheep not a goat!'



Under the sheep they wrote a list of some sheep-like things to do. Some of these things were 'be respectful', 'take part in Children in Need' and 'help people when they are hurt.' Under the goat they wrote some goat-like things not to do: 'not respecting life', 'not caring about people' and 'not helping Jesus.'

Linda Hawes

NOTES FROM PCC MEETING 15 NOVEMBER 2017

The meeting opened with prayer at 7 pm, with Peter in the chair, 12 members present plus Marian Peskett (Minutes Secretary).

Sandra presented financial report – copy issued to those present and attached to minutes. Healthy balance at present. Total agreed payment in Parish Share is £30k. Planned payments will achieve this by year end to comply with agreement with Diocese. Margaret's shop has given £2000.

Fabric Report

Pat read Simon's report. Archdeacon's approval received to carry out previously discussed minor repairs and maintenance, to be carried out Spring 2018. Agreed sound system upgrade. Replacement boiler awaited. Organ tuning to be carried out once heating sorted.

St Margaret's would be leading Christmas Eve ecumenical service, Bernard has in hand. Possibility of baby grand piano discussed.

Future Events

Christmas Fair 18 November, 11 am to 2 pm

Love to Sing Choir concert 16 December evening

Sheringham Shantymen – date awaited

Kimber's Men – Peter to contact re possible concert

Castleton Brass, Eye – Jonathan to contact re concert

Next PCC Meeting 17 January 2018 at 7 pm

Other Matters

Peter would organise notice giving each month's services for church external noticeboard. Ladies Group to make decorations for windowsills at their meeting 29 November. Fee for baptismal certificate agreed as £13 each, Funeral heating £75 (once heating working well).

Peter to produce sample Visitor's leaflets and Visitor's board

Pat Carter, Secretary to the PCC

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas Hamper Raffle on Friday 1 December by either giving donations, by manning the table in the Coop or by buying tickets.

Not only did we raise £210 for church funds, we sold handmade Christmas goods kindly made for us by Liz Outten and also publicised the various events being held at St. Margaret's over the Christmas period. The two hampers were won by Kate Wiles and David & Lynne Bailey. The rabbit's name was Mary and it was won by Debbie, who lives in Paradise Place.



Sandra Harle

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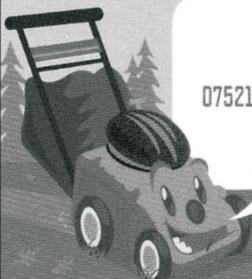
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