

St. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



Celebrating Epiphany - 6th January

JANUARY 2015



CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

9.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

A Traditional Service using Common Worship

10.30 FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

An all-age Informal Service for the whole Family.

Praising the Lord through Drama, Readings & Music

Baptisms are usually within this service

If you are considering a baptism please contact us to discuss this further.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 SUNG EUCHARIST SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

6.30 COMMUNITY HEALING SERVICE

Listen to the healing word of God through Prayer

(This Service will not be held during January & February - Resumes in March)

ALL OTHER SUNDAYS

10.00 SUNG EUCHARIST SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

THURSDAY MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

(This Service will not be held during January - Resumes in February)

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

Epiphany



Coming face to face with God, one might expect to at least hear heavenly choirs of angels, however Epiphany is a four week Christian festival during which we remember and celebrate that moment the Magi came face to face with a manifestation of the divine, in a most unusual form; the small and fragile frame of a child named Jesus. A surprisingly striking experience that took place in a strikingly ordinary home, involving what may at first have seemed a strikingly ordinary family, and not one heavenly choir to be heard, but it was indeed through the striking ordinariness of a small child named Jesus, that God chose to reveal to the world that it's saviour had indeed stepped out from heaven to embrace the earth.

I remember once standing in a large football stadium at a Christian concert surrounded by eager and excited music lovers, waiting for the thunderous music of Christian rock bands to begin. We had been told that the greatest of the greatest bands were coming, and as the lights went up so did our expectations and applause. Then suddenly onto the stage walked a small figure that didn't look at all like anything we'd been expecting. He wasn't jumping around, he wasn't carrying an electric guitar, or banging on a large drum, instead he held in his hands a small flute. As the stadium's applause died somewhat prematurely we watched in silence as the small figure began to play what were familiar tunes, but gently and softly, and quite differently from what we had imagined, and as we listened, we were captivated. It was not what we had expected, but as we lay aside our own expectations, we experienced through a strikingly ordinary flute, a reality of God's presence.

Maybe the Magi were expecting to find something thunderously wonderful; a king of kings, the greatest of the greatest, someone surrounded by choirs of heavenly angels. However, it was as they gazed into the eyes of that strikingly ordinary looking child named Jesus that they saw something that captivated them; the reality of God's presence, standing with them and sharing in their humanity.

Epiphany is not just some kind of New Year's resolution, to follow the Jesus that the Magi revealed to the world as God. Instead it is an invitation to us all to continue looking for our own epiphanies of him; to find the reality of God's presence in the strikingly ordinary people and experiences and places of life.

Happy Epiphany adventures to you all.

Many blessings

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

CHRISTINGLE

Jan Snowden and family would like it to be known that the oranges for the Christingle Service were kindly donated by Jeff Platt, in memory of Paul.

Jan Snowden & family



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY FUNDRAISING EVENT THANKS

We are delighted to report that, thanks to amazing support, generous contributions and the tireless work of our group, we made £1,221.80, after costs for The Children's Society. We are grateful to Waitrose, Tesco and the Coop for providing prizes for the raffle. There was a generous donation to cover the cost of the hall hire and several other donations from kind individuals to boost the income.

Added to this excellent result, not only did Gemma Townsend and her colleagues of Barclays Bank Saxmundham come along to the event laden with delicious homemade cakes to sell, Barclays have promised to match a further £316.90p through their Matched Fundraising programme which supports employees to raise money for their favourite charitable organisations.

Gemma said: We are delighted with the amount raised for The Children's Society and would like to thank everyone who supported us to make this happen. Alongside our 5 Million Young Futures commitment, Barclays has a fantastic community investment programme that encourages employees to get involved in the causes we care about. It's about giving back our skills, time and energy to support our local communities – so we're thrilled to have raised this money.

Another good year for The Children's Society from their supporters in Saxmundham and surrounding villages.

**Lorraine Lloyd
The Children's Society**



**The
Children's
Society**

CHRISTMAS CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



The Light has shone! From all over Leiston people gathered together at St Margaret's church on Sunday the 30th November to begin our Advent journey and to celebrate through song, drama, storytelling, oranges, red ribbons, cocktail sticks, Raisins and a few sweets, the light of Christ.

Christingle proved to be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun, as we met dear old Anna and Simeon in the temple waiting for Jesus. We heard all about Reverend Percy's Christingle adventure, listened to local children read, sung carols with St Margaret's choir and made new friends.

All this leading up to the lighting of our Christingles; a beautiful and bright moment, through which we all gave thanks to God for the light of his love and grace. Our Christingle this year was in support of the Children's society, for whom together we raised just over £250.00.

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

I wonder how many times like me you've heard the story about the shepherds in the field watching over their flocks by night; the cold starlit sky filled with angels proclaiming good news, with shepherds hurrying off to Bethlehem to find Mary and Joseph, and the baby Jesus lying in the straw filled manger surrounded by the silent approval of the animals in the stable? It's a wonderfully warm image that makes one feel comforted and hopeful every Christmas.

The truth is that no matter how forward thinking or progressive I may believe myself to be, every Christmas I become a sentimentalist. Every year I want to re-capture the glow of those Christmases now long past and although there's nothing wrong with visiting Christmases past (it didn't do Ebenezer Scrooge any harm) that's not really what Christmas is all about.

The answer to Christmas Day is found as boxing Day arrives. Boxing Day was traditionally the day when servants and tradesmen would receive a gift, known as a christmas box, from their superiors and employers. In Europe, there has been a tradition since the Middle Ages of giving money and other gifts in a box to those who were in need or in lowly positions of service, akin to the Christmas bonus of today.

Boxing Day has also been known in the past as 'The Day of GoodWill', which became an important symbol of the spirit of Christmas being carried over to the next day, and the day after that and so on. Christmas then is indeed a time of Shepherds and stables, but it's also a time when we celebrate one of the greatest moments of change in human history. The moment when God stepped out of heaven and into the world. Nothing has ever been the same since.

My hope is, that as you have celebrated this wonderful moment of change known as Christmas, you have once again enjoyed visions of angels, Mary and Joseph with the baby in a straw filled manger, as well as the shepherds and the animals. However as we now journey on beyond Christmas and into an ever changing world in need, we should stop for a moment and remember that the Goodwill of Christmas shouldn't be trapped in a box, but let out everyday, so that everyone can benefit. Let's together share in the words of Ebenezer Scrooge, 'I will keep Christmas, and honour it throughout the year!'

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TO REMEMBER

Sincere thanks to all who took part in helping to make the St. Margaret's Lights to Remember Service such a special time. With over 100 people attending, we were able to raise £116 to support the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The Parish Church of St. Margaret's, Leiston-with-Sizewell

CHRISTMAS TREE

St. Margaret's Church would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeff Platt, for kindly donating the Christmas Tree for 2014's festivities. It looked beautiful all brightly lit and colourfully decorated, in turn giving the Church a real festive feel. Many thanks again from all at St. Margaret's Church.

The Parish Church of St. Margaret's, Leiston-with-Sizewell

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CANDLES

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to make the St. Margaret's Carols and Candles Service such a joyful occasion. It was a fantastic celebration with a wonderfully warm atmosphere which was enjoyed by all.

The Parish Church of St. Margaret's, Leiston-with-Sizewell



St. Margaret's Church Leiston-with-Sizewell Community Healing Service

Every Fourth Sunday of the Month at 6.30pm

Please note there will be no service during Jan & Feb - Resumes in March

**Come along and listen to the healing word of God, to rest in his presence
in worship and be enfolded in his arms of healing through prayer.**

Cooking with the Bible

Epiphany, from the Greek word *Epiphania*, meaning "revelation" is based on the biblical story that tells of the Magi or Three Kings - Caspar (or Kaspar or Gaspar), Melchior & Balthasar, who saw a bright star on the night Christ was born and followed it to Bethlehem.

Epiphany goes by various names in different cultures; Little Christmas, Three Kings Day, or Twelfth Night all remain the official end of the season's "Twelve Days of Christmas" - counting from Christmas evening on December 25 through to Epiphany on 6th January.

There are many recipes to celebrate Epiphany. Such recipes include 'Twelfth Cake'; a rich & dense, typically English fruitcake. Another is the 'Epiphany Tart'. This is a jam tart but made into a six-point star for the occasion to symbolise the Star of Bethlehem. Some traditions use 13 different coloured jams to create this tart, creating the appearance of stained glass. Anything hot & spicy, like ginger snaps & spiced ale are also popular, recalling the spices brought by the Wise Men. Finally there is also the 'Epiphany Cake' shown below - don't forget to put a baking-bean in the mixture just before cooking: Tradition states that the person who finds this bean is wished great fortune and happiness.

Epiphany Cake

Ingredients:

2 eggs
190g sugar
230ml sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon lemon extract
170g plain flour (add more if needed)
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

For Icing

260g of icing sugar
2 tablespoons butter - room temp
lemon juice, enough to moisten into a spreading paste
crushed nuts & chocolate sprinkles to decorate

Method:

Beat the eggs & sugar until light & fluffy.

Add the sour cream & beat, then add the vanilla extract & lemon extract.

Lightly fold in the sifted flour mixed along with the baking powder, baking soda & salt.

Spoon into a 'buttered' round cake tin - 20 cm (8 inches) across & 8 cm (3 inch) deep.

You can also line it with greased baking parchment if you like.

Make sure you add a baking-bean before putting the cake mix in the oven.

Bake at 170°Celsius / 325°Fahrenheit, for 35 minutes or until risen & cooked.

Allow to cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn the cake out onto a wire rack & allow to fully cool.

For the Icing:

Mix all the ingredients for the icing until it forms a spreadable paste.

Ice the top and sides of the cake.

Decorate with a ring of crushed nuts and an inner circle of chocolate sprinkles.

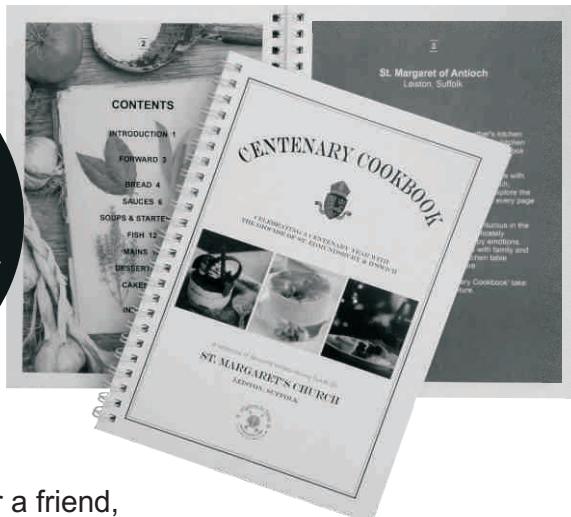


CENTENARY COOKBOOK



2014 was a very special year
for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich
of which St. Margaret's is a part, as it is the diocese's centenary year.
To help celebrate this momentous year we at St. Margaret's Church
have created a cookbook full of tasty recipes for you to try.

**Help us celebrate this special year &
also raise funds for St. Margaret's Church.
Pick up your copy of the cookbook now!**



Makes an ideal gift for a friend,
loved one, or simply why not treat yourself!

**Helping to support your local Church
and the important work it does.**

Available after each Sunday's Service
or
Pop along and pick up your copy from
Margaret's Church Shop, here in the heart of Leiston

ADVENT CALENDAR FAMILY SERVICE

Advent is a journey; a time through which we prepare ourselves to arrive at a special place, at a special time, and to meet a very special person. Knowing that, advent calendars are a good way to mark our journey through Advent. At St. Margaret's Advent Family Service on the 7th December, we began our advent journey using a giant Advent Calendar. As each of our advent adventurers opened the advent boxes we soon discovered how the advent journey is full of surprises. From fake noses, mustaches and Christmas carols, to stuck mustard jars and Christmas tree chocolates, we soon discovered how exciting and fun advent can be.

We also discovered how important and special our journey through advent is, by listening to the word of God and the thoughts of Jesus' mother Mary as she waited for the arrival of her divine son. The exciting message of the Good News, that God himself was coming to touch earth and touch our lives on Christmas Day, through a baby named Jesus. A baby who would grow to do many wonderful things, and through his loving sacrifice, welcome us all as children of God.

Reverend Martin Phillips-Last



Come along & join us every 1st Sunday of the Month at 10.30am

Adopt Me!

the adopt a parish magazine appeal...



There are many species of Parish Magazine, found in a variety of church habitats across this land, that have sadly and for too long been living a life of black & white print.

We here at '**Adopt a Parish Magazine**' have decided to let our magazine live a life of colour. We therefore appeal to you to reach out and help us in our mission to continue bringing colour to the pages of the St. Margaret's Parish Magazine.

You can help support this wonderful form of outreach by giving £1.00 a month for your magazine. You can also donate to the Adopt a Parish Magazine Appeal; either as a single donation, or a regular donation each month. All donations will be gratefully received, and will in turn help continue to support bringing colour to the pages of our parish magazine. Thank you.

We will then watch as these magazines joyfully engage with all they meet, through their illuminated coloured pages; sharing the life, colour and important work of St. Margaret's Church within our community.

If you would like to get involved and give a donation to the '**Adopt a Parish Magazine Appeal**', and help continue to bring colour into the world of our parish magazine please talk to our magazine editor, Kathryn Williams.

**Thank you kindly for all your support with the magazine;
you are helping to continue bringing colour to the
life of the St. Margaret's Parish Magazine.**

St. Margaret's Church Choir

Singing together is not only an uplifting and joyful experience, it's also good for you and fun!

Is it time for you to rediscover your musical talent, or to try something new in service to our Lord Jesus Christ?

Do you feel that you could offer your vocal gift to enhance the worship at St. Margaret's by joining the Choir?



As someone who is passionate about building upon our strong musical tradition, I would love to hear from you.

We are a friendly, welcoming and enthusiastic choir who rejoice in serving our church and its wider community through the power of music.

Jonathan Williams
Organist & Choirmaster

Rehearsal each Thursday in Church: 6pm - 7pm

We look forward to welcoming you there!

LADIES GROUP MEETING

The Ladies Group enjoyed a Quiz Afternoon on 17th November in church. There were twelve ladies present plus the Quizmaster. After much head scratching and pen sucking the three separate quizzes were won by Rosemary Gale, Sue Hawkes and Pauline Stride respectively.



After the answers were revealed there was an opportunity to watch a short, but very interesting DVD about Operation Shoebox. It was good to be able to see the happy response made by some of the recipients of those sent last year and to imagine the joy with which those we have sent this year will be received. We were also able to view photographs taken of the incredible display of ceramic poppies at the Tower of London.



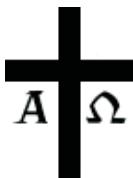
While we drank our tea and coffee we discussed the post Christmas meal and it was decided that this should take the form of a lunch on Wednesday 21st January 2015 – time and venue to be confirmed.

We then met on Monday 1st December when we had great fun making arrangements in large flower pots to be placed on the church window sills. We had made similar arrangements for last Christmas but this year we made even more as more pots were provided. Thanks to the excellent tuition of Sue they all looked splendid complete with candles, holly berries and pine cones.



On Monday 8th December, 2pm - 4.30pm, we hosted a Beetle Drive and Social Afternoon with the United Church Ladies Group at the United Church, during which we shared festive food and exchanged gift wrapped Secret Santa presents.

CROSSES & THEIR MEANINGS



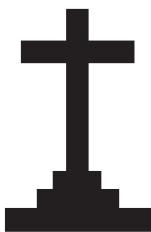
Cross
(Alpha & Omega)

This is a Latin cross, which is combined with the alpha & Omega, reminding us that though Christ died on the cross for our sins he now reigns in glory forever.



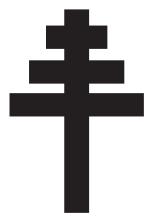
Cross
(Baptismal)

This is a Greek cross, which is superimposed on a Greek "chi", the first letter of the Greek word for "Christ". It forms a cross with eight arms, eight being symbolic of rebirth or regeneration, which is why it is often used as a baptismal cross.



Cross
(Calvary, Graded)

The three steps leading up to this Latin cross represent the hill of Calvary or, more often, faith, hope & love.



Cross
(Papal)

This cross is the official emblem of the papal office. It may be used by none other than the Pope himself. The three bars are sometimes said to represent the three crosses on Calvary.



Cross
(Triumphant, of Victory, & Orb)

This cross symbolises the final triumph & reign of Christ over the World. It is often used in Christian art atop the sceptre of Jesus as He reigns in glory.



Cross
(Buddled)

This widely used cross calls to mind the Trinity because of its trefoil end caps.

Season: Trinity



Cross
(Anchor)

Symbolising the Christian's hope in Christ, this cross was also the emblem of St. Clement; the Bishop of Rome, who according to tradition was tied to an anchor and tossed into the sea by the emperor Trajan.



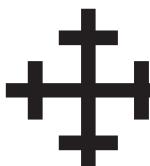
Cross
(Celtic)

This cross was used by the Celtic Christians in Great Britain & Ireland and is one of the most ancient of Cruciforms.



Cross
(St. Andrew's)

According to tradition, St. Andrew felt unworthy to be crucified like his Lord, so he begged that his cross be made differently. It is a symbol of humility and suffering.



Cross
(Crosslet)

This cross is formed from four smaller crosses, and represents the spreading of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth.

St. Margaret's

Church road, Leiston

Family Praise & Worship Service For all the Family!



Sunday 4th January
at 10.30am

Plus every first Sunday of the Month

We would like to invite you to come along and
celebrate a new style of Family Praise & Worship Service.

An all-age informal service aimed at families,
praising the Lord through
imaginative drama & readings, as well as
vibrant, joyful music.

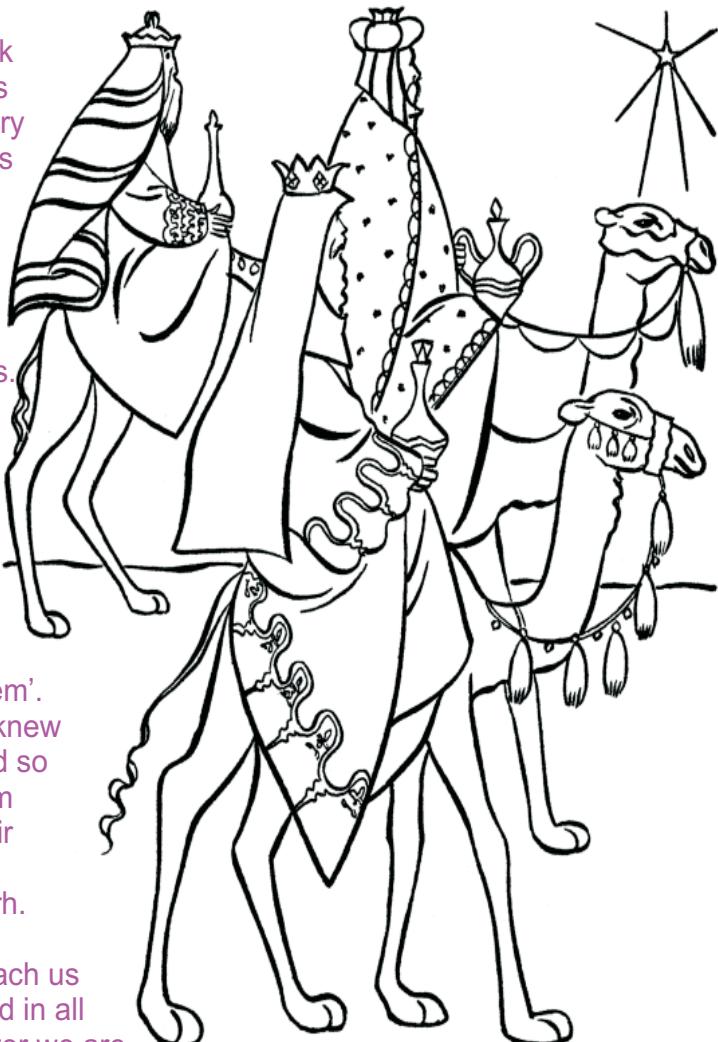
A warm & friendly welcome awaits you,
we would love to see you there!

Kids Zone

Welcome to
'your page'
full of fun

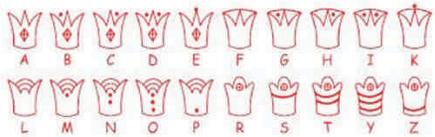
activities to enjoy!

Epiphany is a four week celebration which starts on the 6th January every year. It is also known as Twelfth Night, and is when we remember the three wise men / the three Kings of the East (the Magi), who went to find baby Jesus. The three wise men travelled for many weeks, across harsh country to find the new King. When they did find him, it was not in Jerusalem in a palace, but instead in the little town 'Bethlehem'. On finding Jesus they knew he was the Saviour and so bowed down before him honouring him with their best treasures of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

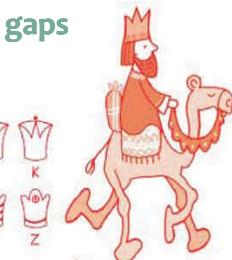
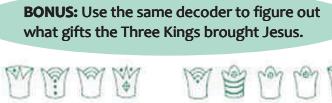


The three wise men teach us that we can honour God in all sorts of places, wherever we are.

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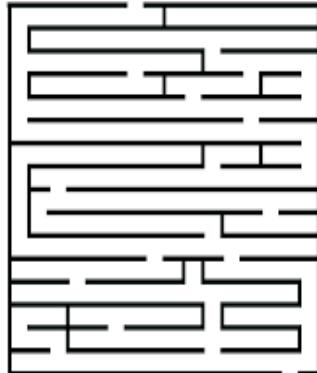


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BONUS: Use the same decoder to figure out what gifts the Three Kings brought Jesus.

Help the Three Wise Men through the maze to find the baby Jesus



Word Search - Epiphany

BABY JESUS
BALTHASAR
BETHLEHEM
CASPAR
CHILD
CHRISTMASTIDE
EPIPHANY
FEAST
FRANKINCENSE
GIFTS
GOLD
HOMAGE
KING
LABEFANA

LOSREYES
MAGI
MANGER
MARY
MOTHER
MELCHIOR
MYRRH
NIGHT
OFFERING
STAR
THREE
TREASURE
TWELFTH
WISEMEN





The Leprosy Mission

England and Wales

We hear through the prophet Jeremiah that God can restore health and heal wounds (Jeremiah 30:17). As a Christian charity inspired by the love of Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission tends to each leprosy-affected person it serves physically and emotionally. One by one, it nurses their wounds, restores them to health and helps heal emotional scars caused by the stigma surrounding this ancient disease which remains a modern day reality.

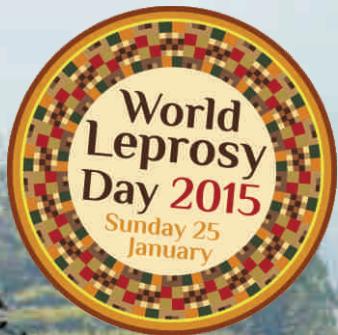
Leprosy is a disease of poverty. It can impact on every area of a person's life: health, education, employment, marriage prospects and relationships with family and community. The Leprosy Mission helps to restore lives destroyed by leprosy by providing the rehabilitation, schooling, job prospects, housing and sanitation required to lift a person from poverty and enable them to be self sufficient.

In many parts of the world today, the disease continues to carry a great stigma. Many people with leprosy-caused disabilities suffer terrible discrimination. They can be regarded as 'cursed' and forbidden from collecting water from the common tap. The Leprosy Mission works to educate their communities, teaching them that leprosy is a mildly-infectious and curable disease and not a curse for life.

On Sunday 25 January – World Leprosy Day 2015 – please pray for the many millions of people globally who, today, struggle with the physical and emotional scars left by this cruel disease, leprosy.

If you can, please give a gift of hope and restoration to The Leprosy Mission England and Wales so that it can continue its life-changing work across Asia and Africa.

Restoration



For more information
or to donate please contact:
01733 370505
www.leprosymission.org.uk

Leprosy Mission - Helping Hands Appeal

For many people affected by leprosy, rebuilding a broken life feels like climbing Everest. For this reason we're asking you and your church/group to take part in our Helping Hands challenge. We're scaling Nepal's highest peak Mount Everest – one hand at a time! We're asking people to draw around their hand, cut it out and write prayer on it. Then on World Leprosy Day 2015, if one representative from your church / organisation can collect all the paper hands, along with £1 from each person taking part, and send them along with the donation to **The Leprosy Mission - Helping hands Appeal**, your support will help us reach our goal and in turn benefit many patients at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal.

Make a prayer hand and donate £1 to help us scale Nepal's highest peak, Mount Everest, helping to restore broken lives at Anandaban Hospital, Nepal. We need 48,664 hands to climb Everest's 8,848 metres.

Please post your paper hands along with donations to the following address:

The Leprosy Mission, Goldhay Way,
Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5GZ

For further information, or to make a general donation to The Leprosy Mission please contact either: Tel: 01733 370505
Web: www.worldleprosyday.org.uk



The Magi

They came, they saw, they worshipped, these wise men three
And offered you their gifts, most rare, on bended knee;
Then to their hearts was God revealed that Holy day -
and oh, the wise men went home another way.
I later came and followed too, the star, still bright
and saw not just the child, but love all bathed in light;
In faith I knelt and worshipped that blessed day,
And wiser then, I too went home another way

Major M.B. Atkinson

Sent in by: Maureen Fox

St. Margaret's Church

Church Road, Leiston



Join us for a mid-week
Holy Communion
Service

11.00am every Thursday

Please note there will be no service
in January - Resumes February

'Come and let us celebrate together, The Lord's Supper'

St. Margaret's Church

Holy Communion

'Come and let us celebrate together, The Lord's Supper'

9.00am
First Sunday of the Month

*You are also very welcome to stay for our
All-Age Family Praise & Worship Service,
which follows at 10.30am*



JANUARY

The start of a new month and a New Year.

As a youngster January was a dull month, the decorations had come down and everywhere looked empty, but what I missed most was being in the front room with a lovely fire. We always sat in there over the Christmas holidays; the front room was only used for special occasions. We'd then be called to eat in the living room where another fire would be alight, or in later years a gas fire was on, so everywhere was warm.

The food on the table looked so lovely, and although we didn't have much the rest of the year we didn't go hungry. Most people saved all year to have these special treats at Christmas. We also sang carols and played games - such fun. With the warmth from the fires, it also meant the windows upstairs didn't get icy if it was cold outside, as most of the time you'd have to scrape ice from the inside of the windows first thing in the morning.

So if January seems long, think of how lucky you are if you have your health as so many people have illness and disability to contend with, and also that we are heading towards the Spring.

Happy New Year.

Margaret Clarke

Leiston WI

Fancy meeting new friends over a cup of tea and a natter, then come along to the Leiston WI. **We meet every 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm, at WI Hall, John Street, Leiston.**

We have a selection of speakers throughout the year, as well as organising trips out, lunches, afternoon teas and competitions. There's always much fun and laughter and we are all young at heart!

We'd love to see you there!



Judith Geater - Leiston WI President

FRAUDULENT SCAMS - A NEW YEAR WARNING



The 'Leiston & Aldeburgh Area Neighbourhood Watch' are warning of

many 'scams' operating over the Christmas & New Year period.

Here is a summary of just some of the scams to watch out for during the festivities - For more in-depth information plus read about other scams to watch out for, please download the following PDF: <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/newsandevents/newsstories/2014/december/12onlinefraudsofchristmas.aspx>

*** On-line Shopping** - Bogus websites offering 'too good to be true' offers.

*** Postal Fraud** - During the festive period, you may receive additional letters and parcels to your address. However, not all these may be for you! Fraudsters will purchase goods online and often utilise an innocent persons address to smooth the progress of the fraud. Once an item has been delivered to an address a person wearing a "official looking" clothing will approach the address, attempt to take possession of the parcel, stating it has been incorrectly delivered. These parcels are purchased by means of fraudulent activity such as cloned credit card details & your address used to cover the criminal's tracks. Do not take delivery if your name isn't on the parcel!

*** Electronic E-Cards, Eg. For Birthdays, celebrations etc.** - Greetings cards are not only sent by post these days, but also by means of email via an "e-card". Many are genuine, however fraudsters have used this platform to create their own cards. This is one card you do not want to open! The fraudsters email may contain a virus. Once activated the file will imbed itself into your computer all without your knowledge, collecting personal data, financial information, passwords, user-names, which is then forwarded to the fraudsters.

*** Ticketing Fraud** - From rock concerts to sporting events, we are always keen for a day or evening out at the lowest price we can find. However, there are many bogus websites that advertise artificial deals at very tempting low prices. The tickets advertised do not exist and the criminal will only have one thing in their mind: Stealing your money.

*** "Phishing" emails** - These are designed to capture personal information: including bank details, addresses, passwords & user-names. Criminals will send out emails pretending to be from genuine organisations such as banks. The email will usually advise you that your account details need to be verified for security reasons & to do this you will need to click on a link. The link will then take you a web-page controlled by the fraudsters which has been made to look like the company they are trying to impersonate. DO NOT OPEN THEM!

*** Cash Point Fraud** - Card traps used to trap your card in the ATM, as well as Skimming & PIN devices used to record PIN numbers are common methods fraudsters use to steal financial details and commit fraud. If you suspect anything is not quite right DON'T use the machine!

Useful Contacts:

www.suffolk.police.uk

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Your Bank or the Police will NEVER:

- * Phone you to ask for your 4-digit card PIN, or your online banking password, even by tapping them into the telephone keypad.
- * Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping.
- * Ask you to transfer money to a new account for fraud reasons, even if they say it's in your name.
- * Send someone to your home to collect your cash, PIN, payment card or cheque book if you are a victim of fraud.
- * Ask you to purchase goods using your card and then hand them over for safe-keeping.

If you are given any of these instructions, it is a fraudulent approach. Hang up, **wait five minutes to clear the line**, or where possible use a different phone line, then call your bank or card issuer on their advertised number to report the fraud.

If you don't have another telephone to use, call someone you know first to make sure the telephone line is free.

Your bank will also never ask you to check the number showing on your telephone display matches their registered telephone number. The display cannot be trusted, as the number showing can be altered by the caller.



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ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR JANUARY 2015

Dear Friends,

January's magazine continues to focus on monthly prayer time. Below is the St. Margaret's church family group for this month. Please remember each family group will appear in the Magazine every three months. This is not to say you are not in our thoughts, you remain in our church family's prayers always, however this will allow for our growing church family, and also for us all to focus our thoughts and prayers specifically on those listed for that particular month.

If you feel you have a specific need for additional prayer time then please let us know and we'll add you to our 'special prayers' section. Also, if you would prefer to be remembered in a particular month then please let us know.

St. Margaret's would also like to wish all our church family in all our three prayer groups, as well as the community a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Margaret's over the New Year festivities and also throughout 2015.

In our Church Family Prayers

Richard & Sandra Ellis

Peter & Jill Mower

James and Kevin & Jess Ellis

Betty Harland

Christopher, Anna & Ada Ellis

Joan Mower

Michael, Anika and Darcey Ellis

Charlmaine, Lee, Luke & Liam Wright

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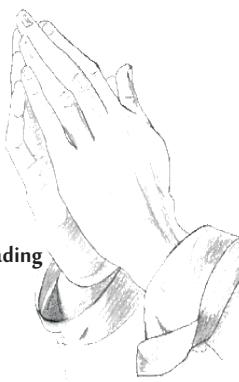
Jane Perrett

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In our Special Prayers



Freddie Moss (R.I.P)

Leah Crudgington

Jill Mower

Joan Fowler

Olive Brundish

Ray Newstead

Lesley Culpeck

Sally Hitchcock



The Psalms

We are now singing, in our Eucharist on a Sunday once a month, a Psalm. The former Archbishop of Canterbury Donald Coggan wrote for himself, '*I have been well acquainted with the psalms since I was a boy. But the writing of this book has brought me into a new relationship with them and, if I dare say so, I would hope with their God and mine!*'. Each month with the help of Donald Coggan's commentary I will comment on the Psalm of the month sung at the Eucharist.

We will sing Psalm 128 on 25th January.

This Psalm, together with Ps 127 comments on Family life which has always been so important to Jewish people – Jonathan Sachs the former Chief Rabbi so often in his 'thought for the day' commented on its importance. It is also valued highly by Christians even though in recent times it has taken such varied forms. Nevertheless for many, if not all, children and grandchildren are seen by those with faith as a most wonderful gift from God which Ps 127 pinpoints. Jewish people of Jesus' time, valued sons especially because of the possibility one might be the Messiah which in Jesus came true. Modern Christians value all their children equally because they are an end in themselves. Daughters and sons are both a rich blessing from God

Revd. Chris Gonin

**If you would like to be included in our family monthly prayers,
or have any comments, questions or queries
please contact Revd. Chris Gonin on 01728 635549**

LET US PRAY

Moving into 2015 with Confidence

“As the Father sent me, so send I you.” With these words from John chapter twenty the members of the congregation at the cathedral were anointed with oil as part of the closing ceremony for the centenary year of the founding of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese. As the bishops, stationed at various parts of the cathedral, anointed our palms they said, “Receive God's grace to go into the world with confidence to do his work, to spread his love and to reveal his glory.”

In the letter to Hebrews chapter ten verse thirty-five we are urged not to throw away our confidence, because it will be richly rewarded. It's a “hang on in there” statement. Keep moving forward, especially when the going becomes tough.

We have so much for which to give thanks. A year ago several churches in our deanery were without a vicar, or about to face an interregnum. We were also without a bishop. Bishop David has graciously led us forward, encouraging our faith and our prayer life as a diocese and now we have the good news of our bishop designate in Canon Martin Seeley. In I John 3:21 we read how we may be confident in a prayer answering God. “Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.” There are of course, as we read here, conditions to answers to prayer yet what a joy to take to heart that “if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” (I John 5:14)

We may have great confidence in approaching God, so let's take time to be still, to listen and to ask him to shape the future ministry within our churches and diocese and within our local community and nation.

Funerals - December 2014



10th December Frederick (Freddie) Moss

'May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant'. (NIV).
Psalm 119:76

'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand'.
Isaiah 41:10

We will PRAISE You

Faithful God,
we thank you for your love for us,
love that strengthens us in all our days.
Whenever we call out to you, you are already there,
wrapping us in your eternal love.
We will not lose heart in trouble or need,
for we know that you are always with us
and will make good your plan for us.
In grace you are there for us in times of sadness & pain,
and so we will praise you with all of our hearts
and will tell the news of your faithfulness
until the whole earth resounds with praise.

Jo Williams

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Here is a piece taken from 'The Advertiser', dated **Friday 6th September 2002**, for you to enjoy reading, and for those who remember the event, to be able to reminisce about the day.

Gala provides valuable funds for local charities. Top Gala success for town

This year's Leiston Gala was attended by hundreds of people and almost £1,500 was raised through draws and street collections.

Winner of the float procession which starred her children as characters such as Larry the Lamb and Bill & Ben was Angie Pearce.



■ **Donna Minter with revellers at the Leiston Gala**

St. Margaret's Church came second with their theme 'He's got the whole world in his hands', and third was local based charity CYDS.

Donna Minter of gala sponsor Sizewell Power Station said: "The gala is very important for Leiston and it was great to see so many local people joining in the fun. The standard of the floats this year was very high indeed."

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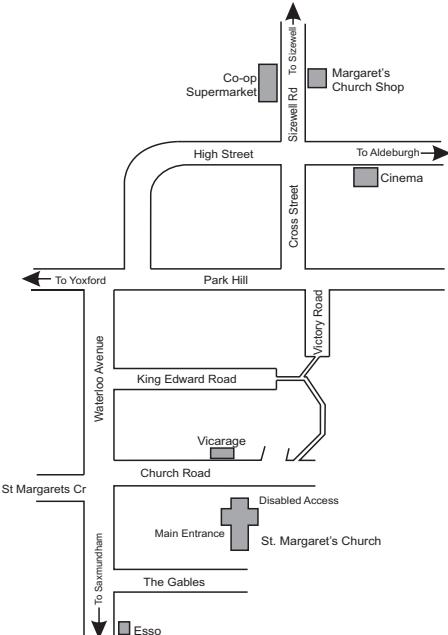
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