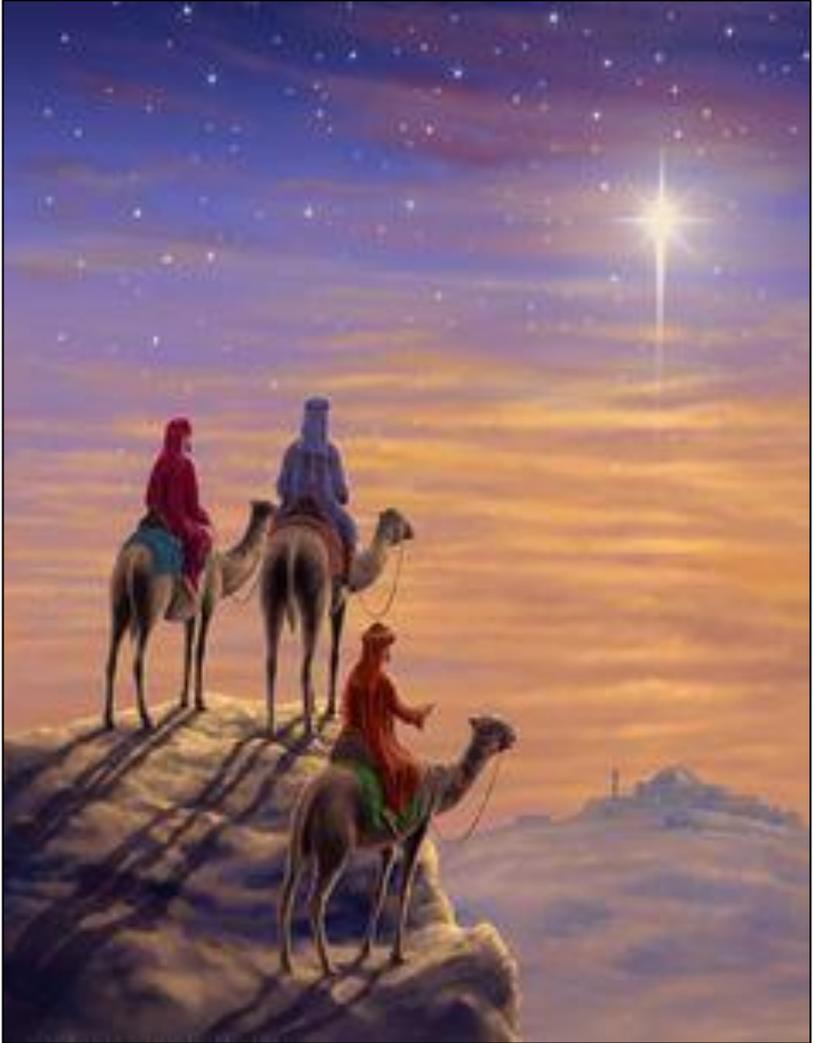


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# **A New Year**

Well another year has passed, and I look back and wonder at how quick it seems to have slipped by, and it seems as if the years pass quicker as we get older. A slightly worrying thought perhaps.

No doubt we will reflect on memories, good and not so good, of the passing year. We all hope of course that the new year will be a good peaceful one, especially as there is still a big question mark hanging over Brexit. Yes, sorry to mention this. It's something that I, my colleagues, and many Christians in this country, and the other countries caught up in the turmoil are praying about. We all want what's best for everyone, not for just a few.

I know I'm not alone when I say that I pray for our town of Leiston, for all the people moving in, for those who visit during the year, and of course those of us who have lived and worked here all our life. I pray for the best in the new year for all of you. But of course, we make life easy or difficult by how we react to the situations that confront us as we journey on through our time here on earth.

Our Lord gave us a perfect plan to enable us to succeed in everything in life. It started with one emotion, his LOVE for us. And he tells us through the bible that we should love one another in the way he loves us. That is a massive challenge, and sometimes in order to succeed we have to try really hard to accept the differences of other. Particularly those with cultural and ethnic backgrounds. I often hear people say charity begins at home, and I agree there are many folk in need who are nearer to us than we may realise, but the challenge is to try and share our love with all people, not just those who are our immediate neighbours.

Our Lord gave himself for all mankind.

How about a new year resolution to acknowledge at least one stranger, just be willing to say good morning to someone you don't know. It might be the start of something far greater and better than we can imagine. Small beginnings can lead to great endings.

Many blessings to everyone for the New year.

**Rev Richard Ellis**

## **LADIES GROUP MEETING DECEMBER 2018**

The December meeting took the form of a Beetle Drive and afternoon tea which our group hosted for the Tea and Chat group on the afternoon of Wednesday 12 December. We met at the United Church, twenty-three people in all. At the end of several rounds of Beetle, Julie Cook had scored the most points and was given the first prize, Peggy Howard had the least and won the booby prize.

Next on the agenda was a lovely tea with cups of tea and coffee. After everyone had eaten their fill there was a short entertainment – the story of Cinderella. This was a short spoken reading of the traditional tale by characters who wore hats to suit their characters with a special wand for the fairy godmother. The afternoon ended with everyone receiving a gift wrapped Secret Santa present.

We will be going to the Wentworth Hotel in Aldeburgh for our post-Christmas lunch on Monday 21 January. To book your seat and to make your menu choices please see Pat in the New Year.

## **BEST WISHES FOR A PEACEFUL 2019**



Following the normal practice which Fred and I started twelve 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, Doris Harvey, 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 £70 to Christian Aid which will be used to help others less fortunate than us.

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**

# Pondering Prayer

Over the years I have often been reminded that it is not always easy to pray. Sometimes I struggle to concentrate especially if I have a lot on my mind, maybe difficulties at work. Others have said that if they are ill they find that they can't pray. It is at such times when we need the prayerful support of others; friends in church, family and other support networks.

Prayer is about spending time, not rushing, removing distractions so that you can be open to God. Firstly, maybe saying a thank you prayer for something good and then offering people and situations that need support, asking for God's guidance and love and then closing by asking for God's blessing on the time and tasks ahead.

If you are feeling stressed, in pain, run down by illness then to be able to have that energy to give time and be open to God is just not possible. Maybe you try and it just doesn't happen. That is the time to remember that you are loved by God and that God is alongside you and that your task is to tell someone else that you are struggling to pray.

We have pride and often we don't like to share our worries or what we think are our frailties but it is not weak or silly to share our struggles. That act of sharing helps to bond a family, or group of friends. You don't have to tell everyone, maybe turn to one friend and ask them to pray on your behalf. You will then know that somewhere, at any time, that friend is praying.

Then, when you are feeling stronger, you can offer that support of prayer to someone else – as it is needed. Underpinning all the prayer that we offer is the love of God which sometimes seems so deep to understand. The final word goes to the writer of the Psalms ...

"I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (*Psalms 121, verses 1-2*).

**Revd. Richard Finch**

## **30 BOOKS IN THE BIBLE** *(answers to last month's puzzle)*

Can you find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage?

This is A MOST reMARKable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu KEeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his JOHN-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banJO. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it; she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend JUDGES the JOB of solving this puzzle so involving that sHE BREWS a cup of tea to help her nervES. THERE will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a FACT. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a JAM, ESpecially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. TRUTHfully from answers we get, we are forced to admiT IT USually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of theM AT THE Worst. Research has shown that something in our GENE IS responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fund raising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta PHIL-LEMONade booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the CHRONICLE, Surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel HumaNA HUMbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great LAMENTATIONS from those who have to be shown. One REVELATION that may help is that the books TIMOTHY and SAMUEL appear without their NUMBERS. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are norMAL. A CHIppe attitude will help you compETE Really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass EXODUS, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurKING Somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.

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## **A Poem for the New Year**

### **THE UNKNOWN** *Author Unknown*

I do not know what still awaits  
Or what the morrow brings  
But with the glad salute of faith  
I hail its open wings!

For this I now – that in my Lord  
Shall all my needs be met  
And I can trust the heart of him  
Who has not failed me yet

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



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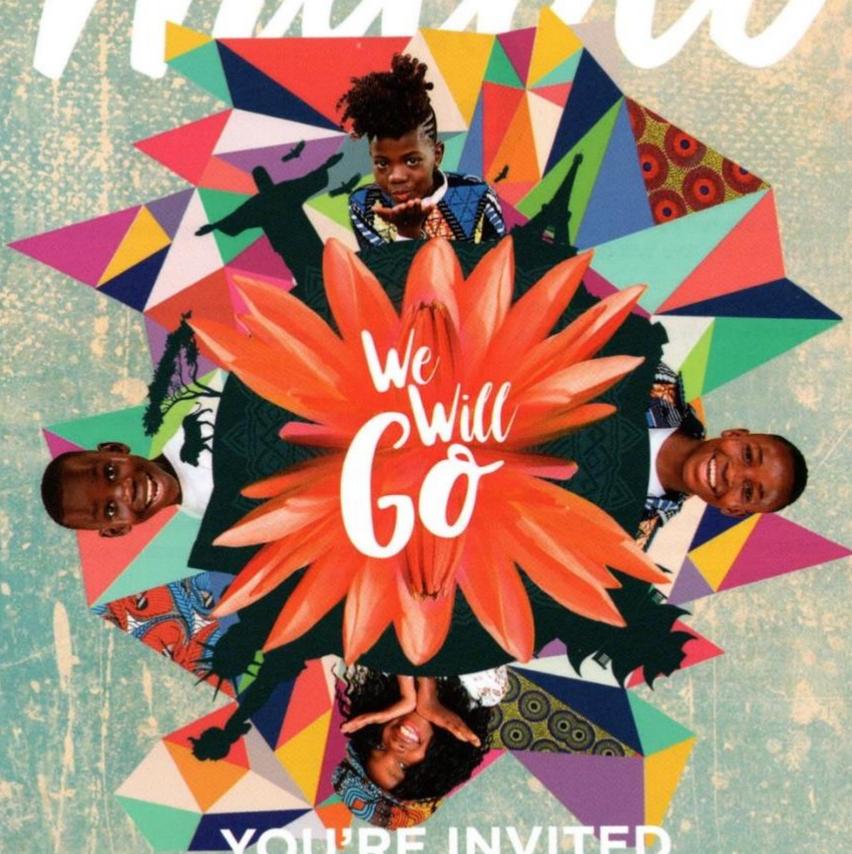
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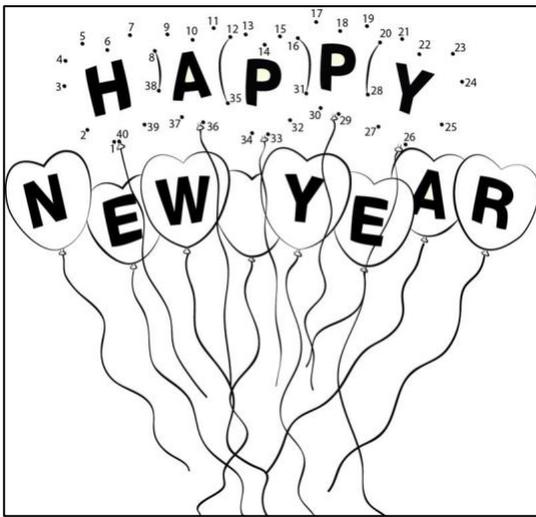
On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.  
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).



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## Winter weather!

**Across**

2. \_\_\_ is very slippery and dangerous when on the sidewalk or street.
3. This fluffy white stuff falls from the sky.
4. This unpleasant stuff is a cross between snow and rain.
5. Wear these on your ears to keep them warm.

**Down**

1. This big vehicle clears the snow from the streets.
2. These long stems of ice can form on the edges of a roof.
3. Wrap this around your neck to feel cozy when it's cold outside.



Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' sessions. Kids of all ages welcome!  
**Sunday 13 and 27 January at 10.00 am**

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

## INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR JANUARY 2019

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](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

Jim & Pauline Florance	Roy Hubbard
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Joe Diegnan	Matthew, Vanessa, Alex, Kierah & Sasha Newman
Pat, Neil, Lucy, Craig & Ryan Carter	Kathryn, Mark, Ian & Stuart Langley
Daryl, Helen & Chloe Cartley	Adrian & Jackie Shotter
John and Joy Kemp	Stephanie, Craig, Isla & Edie Shotter
Mary Joel	Kim, Dan & Indi Rose Keeble
Kate Kersey	Jan Snowden
Peter Downey	Nicola, Jon, Toby, & Robert Kerridge
Donna Button	Josie, Steven, Olivia & Maisie Snowden
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Our sincere thanks to Geoff Platt who  
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Many thanks to everyone who bought the Parish Magazine during 2018. 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 or directly to Sandra Harle, church treasurer, at 4 Lime Tree Avenue. 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 2019, please submit articles, photos, etc., to her as soon as possible each month but at the latest by the 18th. This can be either by hand to: 42 King George's Avenue or by email at [t.peskett@sky.com](mailto: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**

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## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

On Sunday 23 December, a large audience was treated to a wonderful festive concert by the Leiston Royal British Legion Band and St. Margaret's Church choir. During the first half the Band played a fantastic mix of Christmas music, some of which the audience were invited to sing along to. The second half started with a lovely selection of carols sung by our own Church Choir, accompanied by Jonathan on the organ. The concert concluded with the Band playing a final set of Christmas music, which sent everyone home feeling very festive!

Many thanks to the Band and our Church Choir for providing such an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. Together with a raffle, refreshments and a retiring collection, the afternoon raised £341.94 which will be shared equally between the Band and St Margaret's Church.

**Sandra Harle**

## In Our Special Prayers

Hilda  
Magda

Sperry Free  
Vicky

Tony  
Mary



## Funerals

Tuesday 4 December  
Friday 28 December

Derek William Filby  
Basil George Kemp



## JANUARY

How lovely it was in December to see Leiston come alive with festive lights, shop windows decorated and the Ice Rink, amusements and stalls on the car park and a film at Leiston Cinema. Such a lot of effort and organising went into this and brought so much pleasure – this is what life is all about. If you can help to bring happiness and a smile to peoples' faces, it makes you feel good.

January to many people is a long dull month and after the build up to Christmas it can be flat. Lots of people complain about Christmas but deep down there is excitement in receiving cards and catching up once a year with friends and distant relations.

One of my friends abroad writes a Year Letter telling what's been happening each month. Its rather like reading a book. People look at life in so many different ways and have their own opinions on life which is good. The main thing is to help people when you can, try to be content with life – it's very precious, each day is a gift to most people. Please God we have a Happy, Healthy New Year.

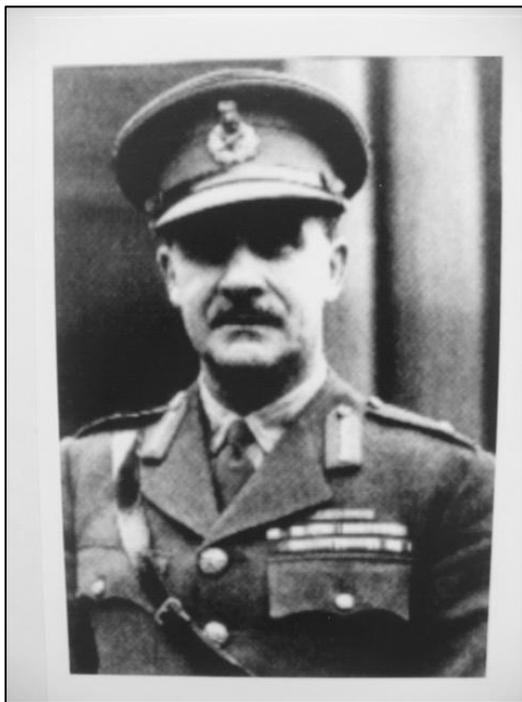
Margaret Clarke

# ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

## “GHQ Auxiliary Units of World War 2”

The next meeting of the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group will be a talk by Chris Pratt, Curator of the Parham Airfield Museum, about “Britain’s Secret Army”.

During the Second World War, Britain had its own underground resistance network. Made up of local men, these Auxiliary Units were trained in underground resistance, should the country be invaded and occupied. The members of the Auxiliary Units were the highly-trained and very determined 'stay behinds' who were to remain undetected in carefully constructed 'bunkers' as the invading German Army made its way through Britain. The men and women who served in this secret organisation would have become the British underground resistance should the threat of invasion have been realised.



The Museum of the British Resistance Organisation is dedicated to these men and women, and was established on Parham Airfield in August 1997. It has a replica underground bunker where visitors can experience what it would have been like to have been an Auxiliary. Chris Pratt joined the Museum as a volunteer some ten years ago, following a life in the Police and as a money broker, and is now its Curator.

This talk will be at Snape Village Hall on Monday 21 January and will start at 2.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome; admission costs £1 for members and £3 for non-members, including coffee/tea and biscuits.

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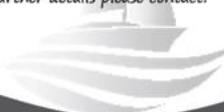
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