

ST. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

29TH July - FEAST DAY OF MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS

July 2016



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE & 'JAM' (JESUS & ME) Sunday School

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 'WELCOME TO THE TABLE' FAMILY COMMUNION

A simple Family Communion Service
where all are welcome to the table

FOURTH & FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE & 'JAM' (JESUS & ME) Sunday School

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

SITTING BESIDE JESUS



Many years ago now a small boy was sent to the corner shop for some groceries for his mother. The small boy is late coming home, not by much, but just enough for his mother to be worried. When the small boy finally arrives home unaware of his mother's anxiety, he is surprised that she gives him a good telling off. But it is the way of things, and she needs to remind him of how worried she has been. So she tries to get to the bottom of her small boy's delay. 'What kept you? Why were you so long?' she asks.

'Sorry mum,' the small child replies, 'but on my way home I met my pal and his bicycle was broken, so I stopped to help him.' 'But child,' the exasperated mother continues, 'you are far too small for such things, and you know nothing about mending bicycles.' 'I know that,' said the small child, 'so I sat down on the ground beside him, and I helped him to cry.'

Whenever I picture my mum's face that day, I'm reminded of Lazarus's sister Martha when Jesus turns up three days after they had sent word to him about the ill health of their brother Lazarus. I can hear my mother's words spoken through Martha, 'Where have you been? We sent for you three days ago, and if you'd have been here my brother Lazarus would not have died.'

But unlike my mum, Martha then says something that reveals her faith in Jesus, even if in her eyes Jesus was late. 'But even now,' she says, 'I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Martha knew that there was so much more to Jesus, who replied to her, 'your brother will rise again.' Martha then ran to tell her sister Mary that Jesus had come, and together with Jesus and many others they sat together and wept.

The rest of this story is very well known. Jesus arrives at Lazarus's tomb and brings Lazarus back from the darkness of death, into the light of life. Which is ultimately what Jesus did for us and the whole world on the cross. The light of eternal life dispelled the darkness of death, by the giving of himself!

This amazing event teaches us something very important. It teaches us that we may not be able in everyday life, to bring people back from the dead, anymore than as a small child I could fix my friend's bike. But like Jesus, like that small child, we are able to sit on the ground and help someone cry. To unbind them from the darkened strips of sadness, grief, hurt and rejection. And let them go into the light of a new life, filled with new possibilities.

May the Lord bring others to sit beside you, and may he lead you to sit beside others, because in doing so, like Martha and Mary, we will also be sitting beside Jesus; the giver of life.

Blessed adventures,

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP

**During June the lighting of the
St. Margaret's Church Tower was sponsored on:**

Thursday 16th June

To celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary
of Tessa & Brian Ginger,
who were married at St. Margaret's Church
on 16th June 1956

Sunday 19th June

For Tessa & Brian Ginger

Tuesday 28th June

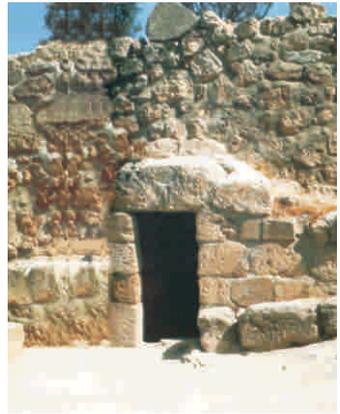
Remembering Teresa Welford, who left us a year ago today.
With love from all your family.

If you would like to mark a special occasion by sponsoring the lighting
of St Margaret's Church Tower for a donation of £5 for each day & see
your special occasion appear in the Church Magazine,
then please write the details in the diary provided in church.

If you would also complete a payment envelope, and put this either
in the wall safe or give it directly to Sandra Harle,
it will be received with many thanks.

LAZARUS' TOMBS

Lazarus was a much loved and dear friend of Jesus. And the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is a well documented one. Lazarus' first tomb is a traditional spot of pilgrimage located in the West Bank town of al-Eizariya, traditionally identified as the biblical village of Bethany, on the southeast slope of the Mount of Olives, 1.5 miles east of Jerusalem. The tomb is the purported site of a miracle recorded in the Gospel of John in which Jesus resurrects Lazarus.



According to Eastern Orthodox Church tradition, some time after the Resurrection of Jesus, Lazarus was forced to flee Judea to Cyprus, because of rumoured plots on his life. The authorities were worried about the growing following of Christ, especially upon their hearing of miracles such as Lazarus' resurrection by Jesus. There he was appointed by Apostle Paul and Apostle Barnabas as the first bishop of Kition (now known as Larnaca). It is also said that his bishop's omophorion was presented to Lazarus by the Virgin Mary (hand woven by herself), who had travelled to Cyprus to visit him, before returning to the Holy Land herself. Lazarus then lived there for thirty more years, and on his death was buried there, at the Greek Orthodox church of Agios Lazaros in Larnaka. In 890 C.E., his tomb was discovered bearing the inscription "Lazarus the friend of Christ" (with the marble sarcophagus still displayed inside the church under the Holy of Holies). His relics were then taken from Cyprus to Constantinople in 898 C.E. The transferred relics were later looted by the Fourth Crusade in the early 13th century and were taken to Marseille but subsequently lost. In recompense to Larnaca, Emperor Leo had the Church of St. Lazarus erected over Lazarus' tomb in the late 9th century. This was then reconstructed in the 17th Century, and is in fact the third church to be built upon this holy site, home to Lazarus' second tomb.

In 1972 an exciting discovery was made; human remains were discovered under the altar during renovation works in the church at Larnaka, and were identified with part of the saint's relics.

Like Lazarus' first tomb, the Church in Larnaka (see photo right) & Lazarus' second tomb itself also continue to be a place of pilgrimage to many Christians to this day.



LEISTON'S CHRISTIAN Aid Collection

The collection this year took place on Saturday 21st May with collectors at both entrances of the Co-operative Store. The sum raised was £215.10 – over £12 more than last year. There were less collectors this year.

My very sincere thanks to all those who turnout to help with the collection year after year. I am very grateful to you and the people who gave to Christian Aid. Perhaps next year some more people will come forward to help with this very worthwhile cause.



Pat Carter

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 23rd July**. This will be from 9am to 3pm. Are you able to help for an hour, or even half an hour? If so, please contact me. The local organiser tells me that the collection will need to take place in the street (Sizewell Road and High Street) as there is already a charity event taking place in the Co-op.

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

Pat Carter

Baby Fellowship - 1959

LEISTON ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH



The photograph shown above was taken in the back garden of the old Vicarage, King Edward Road.

Mrs Harling (the wife of Rev. Harling - Vicar) ran the Fellowship. She was a volunteer helper at "Daneway", now "Fulwood", Haylings Road which was then a Health Clinic, and was thus in a perfect capacity for meeting young mothers. It was mainly a social gathering until the children were old enough for Sunday School.

Babies were not born in hospital during that period but at home with a Doctor and Nurse present. Later both mother and child were regularly checked over at "Daneway" where orange juice, milk powder and olive oil etc could be obtained. There was also a dentist available for young children.

Jill Mower

Cooking with the Bible

On the 29th July we celebrate the feast day of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, who were all close friends of Jesus. With Lazarus being so loved by Jesus, that, through the belief of his friends, was risen from the dead by Jesus.

This amazing moment in history is remembered throughout the Christian world, but is specifically commemorated in Greece and Cyprus, where there is a tradition of baking Lazarakia (Lazarus Breads). This tradition observes the miracle when the Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ raised His friend Lazarus from the dead after four days in the tomb. The tradition was started in Cyprus where St. Lazarus was the first bishop of the island; and honours this amazing event as well as paying respect to St. Lazarus.

The photo of this special bread (Lazarakia), shows the body appearing to be wrapped. This is as a reminder that St. Lazarus was truly dead and wrapped in his burial cloths when Christ came and resurrected him. And while some Lazarakia have his legs bound, others cut a split to create legs to represent St. Lazarus walking out of his tomb.

Lazarakia

Ingredients

4 ½ tsp. dry yeast
40 oz (2.5 lbs) flour
10 oz sugar
3 tsp. salt
1 - 1¼ pint lukewarm water
¼ pint vegetable oil

1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. aniseed or anise extract
3 ½ oz cup icing sugar

Optional:

1 tsp. mahlepi ground spice
½ tsp. mastiha liqueur



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F / 175°C.
2. Dissolve yeast in ¼ cup of the 1 - 1¼ cups lukewarm water.
3. Add sugar and salt and stir well.
4. Add remaining water, oil, cinnamon (incl. optional mahlepi & mastiha), then add 19 oz flour & stir the mixture until creamy.
5. Slowly add enough of remaining flour to make a medium dough.
6. Divide dough into however many Lazarakia you'd like and roll into logs. Cut slits for arms and legs. Cross arms across chest and pinch a head. Put cloves for eyes.
7. Place on slightly greased sheets, cover with towel and let rise for about an hour or until almost doubled in size.
8. Bake loaves for 20-30 minutes or until hollow when tapped on bottom.
9. While baking, boil aniseed and ½ pint water. When Lazarakia are finished brush top of loaves with this mixture and sprinkle with powdered sugar while still wet. This creates a type of glaze.



CENTENARY COOKBOOK

The Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich of which St. Margaret's Church is a part recently celebrated its 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 celebrate a special year & raise funds for St. Margaret's Church.

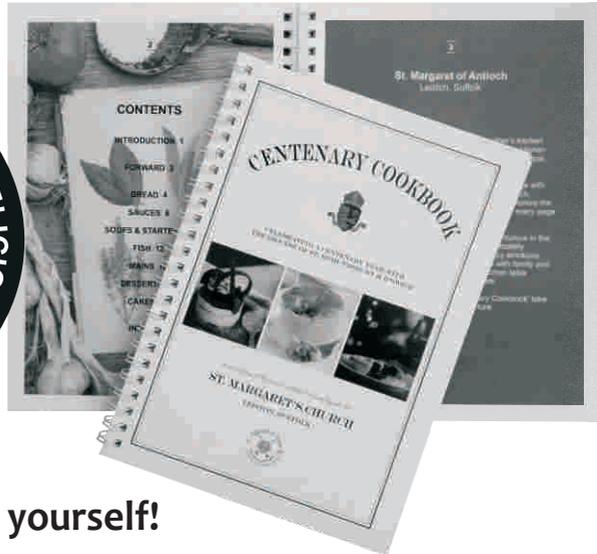
Pick up your copy of the cookbook now!

IDEAL GIFT!

NOW ONLY £2.50

Over 50 tasty recipes for you to try!

DELICIOUS RECIPES!



Ideal gift or treat yourself!
(Great to Post)

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

Available from St. Margaret's Church or Margaret's Shop, Sizewell Road, Leiston

ST. MARGARET'S FAMILY SERVICE - JUNE

JESUS THE GIVER OF LIFE



Sometimes sad things happen to people in the Bible. This month in St. Margaret's Family Praise and Worship Service, we listened to the story of a woman whose husband had died and whose son had also died, leaving her a widow without any kind of help or support. Thankfully Jesus turned up in her home village of Nain, and having great compassion for her, told her not to cry, and then proceeded to bring her son back to life and reunited them.

We told this story using a flower, as a symbol of how beautiful and yet delicate life is, and as we spoke about what had happened to the poor widow we pulled the petals off the flower and dropped them into a black box (shown below), as a symbol of how dark life was for her. But once Jesus turned up something amazing happened. Out of the darkness of death, Jesus brought light of life to the widow and her son. And out of the darkness of our box, we brought the flower, the symbol of the widow's life and discovered that the flower, like her son and her life, was once again whole and unbroken. Darkness is nothing to the great and glorious power of God's light of love and compassion, and we gave thanks that we are children of that light.



**Why not come along
and join in the fun
and adventure of a
St. Margaret's
Family Service.**

**Join us on
Sunday 3rd July
or
Sunday 7th August
both at 10.30am.**

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY SPRING COFFEE MORNING

What a bright and cheery day to hold our Spring Coffee Morning and how lucky we were to have David and his staff who had set up the tables ready for us in his restaurant at The Dolphin Inn, Thorpeness. Cups and saucers piled high, coffee and teapots at the ready and the water in the urn heating nicely to be tipped onto the fresh ground coffee and tea continuously throughout the morning. Such generosity. Our fantastic committee and their friends came along armed with the most marvellous selection of cakes, puddings, preserves, raffle prizes, books, puzzles and nearly new items to sell. The stalwart regulars and newcomers of all ages came bustling through the door full of cheer, armed with purses and bags which were quickly filled with produce before settling down round the tables with their drinks for a good old natter. The buzz continued for the full two hours, culminating with the raffle.

The icing on the cake? We made a fantastic £563.40p on the day. When we advised The Children's Society of the amount of money we made, their response was "Fantastic result Lorraine – a big thank you to all that helped. These funds are vital – and the time and effort that people put in is much appreciated."

As always, we are grateful to all the local parish magazines, newsletters, newspapers and community website for advertising our event.



Lorraine Lloyd
Secretary of The Saxmundham & District Committee of The Children's Society

LADIES GROUP VISITS THE SEASIDE

The Ladies Group had been to the seaside twice recently, in May to visit Dunwich and in June to visit Sizewell. Our visit to Dunwich started at the Beach Café where we enjoyed fish and chips. These arrived very soon after being ordered in spite of the fact that there were three coach parties also dining. The excellent lunch was followed by ice creams all round.

After a wander round the gift shop we strolled to the Dunwich Museum in St James Street. This is a wonderful museum showing the history of the lost city of Dunwich. Exhibits stretched in time from the Romans to World War II. Over the centuries Dunwich has been a Roman fort, the capital of a Saxon Kingdom and a major Christian centre. By the 11th century it was one of the greatest ports on the east coast with a population of 4,000. All of it has been lost to the North Sea, except for the ruins of the 13th century Franciscan friary on the edge of the cliff, and the Norman chapel of a Leper Hospital. Dunwich is now a tiny village of barely more than 60 people and a friendly 17th century pub and tea rooms.

Ladies were able to use the lift to access the upper floor, if required, and were able to find out about the flora and fauna of the area with some lovely settings with stuffed animals and birds. There was also a short video to watch. All in all, an interesting visit which followed a good lunch.

Our second seaside visit was to another fish and chip lunch at Sizewell Tea. The outside tables were being taken up by large numbers of motorcyclists so we opted to sit inside. After our lunch we were able to sit and have a good chat and carry out a bit of forward planning for the Summer Fair.

We were then invited to visit Gill's lovely home overlooking the beach and sea (with a view to die for!) for tea, coffee and tasty icecreams. We sat in the conservatory and watched the boats going by and the dog walkers out in force. The sun shone brightly and Southwold was clearly seen along the coast. Gill has lots of rabbits in her garden – this brought stories of rabbit pie which was a regular feature of childhood meals. We thought they looked sweet but Gill just wishes they could be trained to eat weeds as well as the grass.

Pat Carter



Next month we go to Peasenhall for lunch and a treasure hunt.



St. Margaret's Summer Fete

Despite the weather the St. Margaret's spirit wasn't dampened by the odd rain shower for this year's annual Summer Fete; and a wonderful time was had by all those visiting the event on Saturday 25th June. Following tradition, the Summer Fete was held inside and outside in the beautiful grounds of the church itself. The air was full of chatter & laughter, and it was a fun afternoon for all the family.

There were a variety of stalls to peruse, from crafts & jewellery, to books, toys & bric-a-brac, along with yummy cakes also for sale. There were also fun games for all the family, including Splat the Rat, bowling, marbles flowerpot and a treasure hunt etc. The tombolas and Grand Draw were also firm favourites at this year's fete.

Not only did the Summer Fete raise a fantastic £950, but it also brought the whole community together in and around our beautiful church.

A special thank you goes to all the ladies in the catering team (both serving and behind the scenes in the kitchen) for all their hard work. There were so many tasty refreshments & delicious cakes to enjoy. All this, plus a sizzling BBQ expertly cooked by Richard & Martin.

A big thank you to both Sandra Ellis & Kathryn Phillips-Last, our two 'JAM' (Jesus & Me) Sunday School leaders who were also doing various crafts with the kids.

We were also thrilled to have our very own wonderful organist, Jonathan Williams delighting us with an array of beautiful organ music, as well as the 'Love to Sing' Community Choir performing again this year with a varied repertoire of popular songs, for us all to enjoy.

Special thanks also go to Sally & David Berry for bringing along three of their wonderful alpacas again this year for us to meet and learn more about.

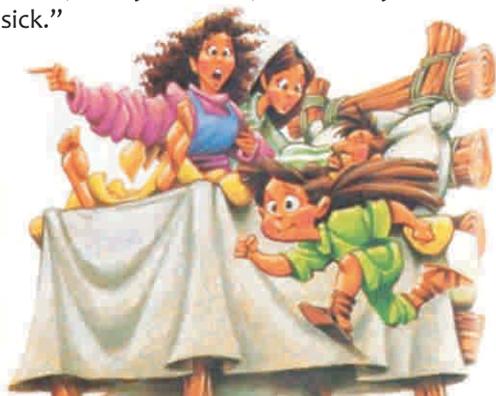
Sincere thanks go to everyone who donated prizes, baked delicious cakes, donated beautiful plants, and any other items for the event. Our grateful thanks also go to all those who gave their time & hard work on the day, helping on stalls as well as behind the scenes, to those who helped organise such a wonderful event, and those who helped to set up beforehand & tidy up afterwards. With everyone's support, it helped to make this year's Summer Church Fete a truly enjoyable time for all, so a very big THANK YOU again!



Jesus Raises Lazarus

John 11

Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus was sick. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus. "Lord," they told him, "the one you love is sick."

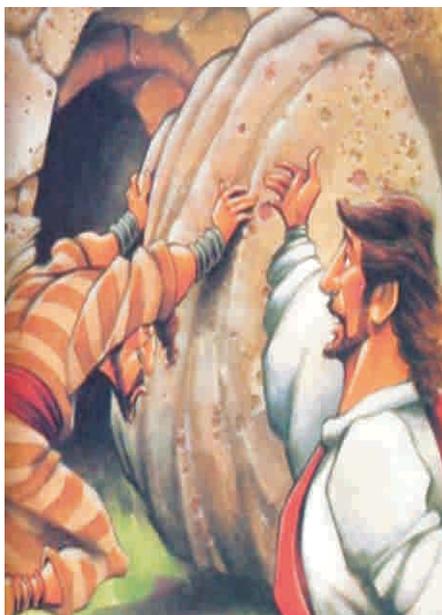


Jesus loved Martha, Mary & Lazarus. But after he heard Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days. Then he said to his disciples, "Lazarus is dead, but let us go to him."



When Jesus arrived, he found out that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them. "Where have you put him?" Jesus asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus sobbed. Then the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!"

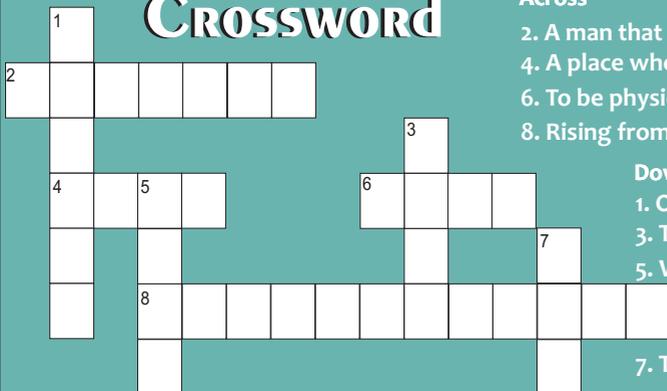
Jesus came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone in front. "Take away the stone," he said. "Lord," said Martha, "by this time there is a bad smell, as Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days." Then Jesus said, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see God's glory?" So they took away the stone.



Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of linen. A cloth was around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the clothes he was buried in and let him go." Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary saw what Jesus did. So they put their faith in him.



CROSSWORD



Across

- 2. A man that Jesus raised from the dead
- 4. A place where someone is buried
- 6. To be physically ill; not well or healthy
- 8. Rising from the dead or returning to life

Down

- 1. One of Lazarus' two sisters
- 3. To be alive or have life
- 5. Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and Wiped his feet with her hair
- 7. To stop living

LAZARUS MARY MARTHA SICK RESURRECTION TOMB DIE LIVE

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” John 11:25 (NIV)

Mary
Jesus
Prayed
Entrance
Wake
Stone
Weeping

Lazarus
Love
Sick
Disciples
Death
Glory

Martha
Tomb
Brother
Believe
Rise
Sleep
Life

WORD SEARCH



Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' Sessions - Kids of all ages welcome!
Sunday 10th July, 24th July & 31st July - 10am

'PICNIC IN THE PARK'



St. Margaret's was well represented at the recent 'Picnic in the Park' event, as the picture shows! Our stall was kept very busy throughout the entire afternoon with lots of people taking part in our tombola and buying the various items we had on sale. which resulted in us raising £141 for church funds. We were also able to publicise our Summer Fete and Tower Lights Appeal.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way but special thanks to everyone who baked scones for the refreshment tent - we have received a donation of £25 from the Town Council thanking us for taking part in Leiston's Celebrations of HM The Queen's 90th birthday.



Sandra Harle

Suffolk Coastal Filling Station

Thursday 21st July at 7.00 pm – Speaker: Peter Crooks

The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew, Suffolk IP17 1LL

Filling Station meetings are an informal way of expressing or exploring the Christian faith for those from any church background, or none, and they take place all over the country each month. You will find a very warm welcome at this month's celebration meeting on Thursday, 21st July, where we offer delicious refreshment, friendship and fellowship, contemporary sung worship, high quality speakers, and powerful prayer ministry.

Peter Crooks served as the Chaplain of Christ Church in Aden and director of the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic for more than six years between 2004-2008 and 2011-2013 and has also worked in Jerusalem. He has a fascinating insight into working with Christians in the Middle East.

To find out more, visit: www.thefillingstation.org.uk or contact Robin Alderson on 01728 688255 or robin.alderson@btinternet.com

Filling Station Dates for your Diary

Thursday 22nd September

Speaker: Clive Howard, Vicar, St John's Woodbridge

Thursday 27th October - Speaker: TBA



Katie Bault
Publicity, Suffolk Coastal Filling Station

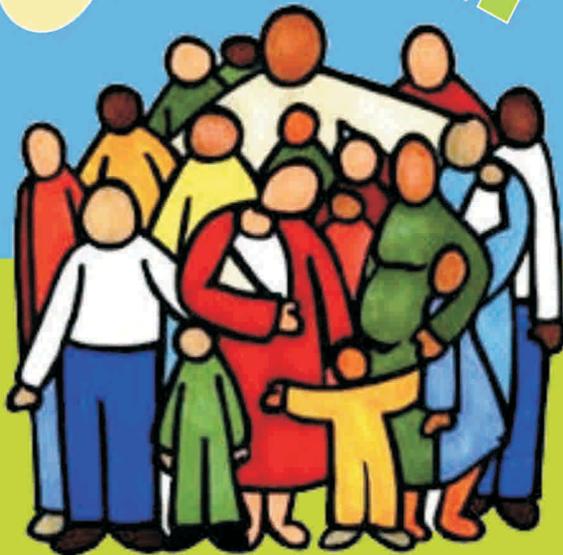
Friends

Drama

St Margaret's Church

Music

Fun



Next 10.30am Services:
Sun 3rd July
Sun 7th August

Family Service

Action

Praise

Come along & share in the Joy, Colour & Life
of our All-Age Family Praise & Worship Service

EVERY 1st Sunday of the Month - For ALL the Family!

The Royal British Legion Leiston Branch (sub Branch Aldeburgh)

Poppy Appeal

Total funds raised to date is £7229.32. Our grateful thanks to our helpers and supporters in the communities of Aldringham, Thorpeness, Leiston and Sizewell.

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

There are two acts of Remembrance taking place simultaneously as we are restricted for space at the Memorial Chapel in the Cemetery, Waterloo Avenue which is Leiston's WW1 Memorial.

30th June, 6.45 pm – Assemble at the Memorial Chapel for the wreath laying ceremony followed by an Act of Remembrance at 7 pm

30th June, 6.45 pm – Assemble at the Cadet Centre, Victory Road for the Act of Remembrance at 7 pm. We have permission to use the LTAA car park.

Whistle Down the Somme 1st July

7.20 am – Assemble at the Memorial Chapel in the Cemetery

7.30 am – A group of members of the Branch and Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association will give three short whistle blasts to mark the time when the Troops went over the top and into battle.

T Peskett

Chairman – Leiston Branch TRBL



CAN YOU HELP?

BRANCH SECRETARY REQUIRED

(YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A LEGION MEMBER)

CONTACT:

DENIS BLOOMFIELD, SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAIRMAN

TEL: 01728 830484

July

How lovely it was once again to see the flags flying for the Queen's birthday. It still fills me with a sense of pride to see the Red, White & Blue everywhere. Shops decorated their windows which looked nice. It was a nice atmosphere at the 'Party in the Park' with people getting together.

When we were growing up any occasion to do with (the King at one time) then the Queen called for a street party, with each road having its own party. Everyone knew their neighbours then as people lived in the same houses for years. Sandwiches were meat or fish paste, sometimes ham or cornbeef. Mums were busy with baking buns, rusks, sausage rolls and sometimes a lovely sponge, then came the jellies, even the more reserved neighbours joined in. The food was basic but a treat in those days. When you compare what's available today, the varieties you can buy it would have been like a feast to us.

The scarecrows which have appeared on the green at Knodishall make a nice sight, they are so life like. Someone has been busy. It's so nice when villages and Towns get together, so much to organise, and in thank you to the same people who do all this, long may they Reign.

Margaret Clarke



JAM

Jesus and Me

Come along, meet new friends and have fun finding out about Jesus with a new style of Sunday school for kids of all ages. Every 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday @ 10am

Next JAM Sessions:

12th June ▪ 26th June ▪ 10th July ▪ 24th July
31st July ▪ 14th Aug ▪ 28th Aug ▪ 11th Sept

... come and join the fun, everyone welcome!

CRAFTS

memory
verse

DVD'S

GAMES

story
time

prayers

St. Margaret's Church, Leiston

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ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR JULY 2016

Dear Friends,

July'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 & 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'll add you to our 'special prayers' section.

In our Church Family Prayers

Richard & Sandra Ellis

Kevin, Jess & Oliver Ellis

Christopher, Anna & Ada Ellis

Michael, Anika, Darcey & Jack Ellis

James Ellis & Kristi Brennan

Chris & Elspeth Gonin

Basil & Jean Jenkyns

Jean Crowter

John & June Geater

Sue Geater

Ron & Diana Geater

Mary Ages

Doreen Bardwell

Stephen & Claire Miles

Daphne & Terri Roper

Pam Bloomfield

David & Lynn Bailey

Olive Wilson

Ann Wood

Mary, Simon, Archie & Edward Reading

Valerie & Maurice Allchin

Jill Mower

Betty Harland

Joan Mower

Charlmaine, Lee, Luke & Liam Wright

Doreen Thomas

Vaughan & Jenny Windle

Liz Mills

Sue Watt

Colin & Penny Tipple

Barbara Moss

Rosemary Gale

Tom & Nona Wadsell-Campbell

Joan Fowler

Philip, Sandra, Emily, Ellie & Laura Harle

Eileen Griffiths

Grahame, Sylvia, Linda & Susan Hawes

Kirsty, Shane, Ceylon, AJ & Logan Stone

Jane Perrett

Judy Foster



A Prayer for Reconciliation & Unity after the EU Referendum

'A Prayer for all our dear brothers & sisters in Christ'

Eternal God, Light of the nations,
in Christ you make all things new:
guide our nation in the coming days through the inspiration of your Spirit,
that understanding may put an end to discord and all bitterness.
Give us grace to rebuild bonds of trust
that together we may work for the dignity and flourishing of all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Taken from: Church of England Website



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Congratulations to James Ellis & Kristi Brennan on the wonderful news of your engagement. With love and warmest blessings from all your family, friends, and church family here at St. Margaret's Church.

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Sunday 12th June

Sophia Gabryala King



'May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways'.

Psalm 91:11

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Thursday 9th June

Michael Lloyd



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

Psalm 119:76

LET'S PRAY...AFTER THE REFERENDUM

Prayer, was always high on Paul's the Apostle's list of priorities. He once wrote to Timothy his co-worker, "I encourage you to make petitions, prayers, intercessions and prayers of thanks for all people, for rulers and for everyone who has authority over us. Pray for these people so that we can have a quiet and peaceful life always lived in a godly and reverent way."

I am writing this three days prior to the Referendum and I'm aware you will be reading it after we have the result. Whatever the outcome, I believe we need a time of healing for our nation after a bruising campaign.

As Christians we have a responsibility to be informed, not only about what is going on in our land, but also to have a world view and to pray for the well-being of all people.

At a low point in World War II King George VI called a Day of Prayer for the nation and I believe God answered that initiative by turning the tide of war when Britain was almost on its knees.

Let's be those who over the months ahead thank God for past guidance and pray for wisdom to be given to the leaders of our nation and others.

May we be those who are able to say from our hearts, "Lord, for all that has been, thanks, for all that shall be, yes"

A prayer:

God of our present strengthen what is weak, bring confidence where there is doubt and hope to our despair. God of our future, enlighten the road ahead and be with us on our way to the end. Fill our hearts with your joy. Amen

A celtic blessing

May the road rise to meet you, the winds be at your back
the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields
and may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May he bless your year, giving you Peace for the pathway,
Wisdom for the work, friends for the fireside, Love to the last. Amen

Revd. Pauline Florance

PSALM 25 - A COMMENTARY

1. To you O Lord, lift up my soul: O my God in you I trust: let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
2. Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous, be shamed and frustrated.
3. Make me to know Lord your ways, and teach me your paths
4. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.
5. Remember Lord your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
6. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.
7. Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
8. He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.
9. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and testimonies.
10. For your names sake, O Lord, be merciful to my sin, for it is great.

Some years ago we had a rather lively family teenager living with us in our home. It was not unusual for her to return home in the early hours. We did not think much of this but after some years she felt she had to apologise for her behaviour! I wonder whether you felt like this as someone who wants to make amends and express sorrow for some boisterous or irresponsible behaviour as a young person? When we look back we may all have felt that we were sinful and maybe cruel in some of the things that we got up to. This psalm speaks to me of a man who asks God to come into his life 'To you O lord I lift up my soul' (vs 1) – this is surely a prayer where the author needs help from God to grow close to Him as he in his prayer puts his trust in God. He goes on to ask God to 'lead him and teach him into His truth and teach me for you are the God of my salvation'.

Perhaps this possibility to be taught by God 'how to pray' is an idea that may for some seem strange. How can God teach us? Maybe there is a secular experience which may help us understand. I wonder how many of us look back on an older colleague in our trade or business who helped us enormously as we learned a job? "Have you tried this?" our colleague or friends may have said to us. To our surprise, perhaps, help in growing in our trade or profession has been on our door step. As we find time to be with God in our prayers – shutting the door inside our hearts so that we focus completely on God, we will find, if we ask for his help he gives it to us. We are learning new ways of praying because He has much to teach us.

Reference:- Psalms The People's Bible Commentary – Donald Coggan The Bible Reading Fellowship.

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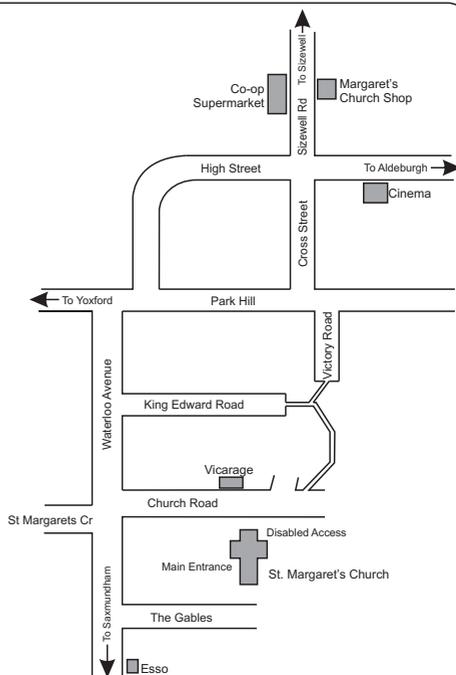


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