

ST. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



CELEBRATING PETER THE APOSTLE ON 29TH JUNE

JUNE 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

SECOND & FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 PARISH SUNG 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 SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 PARISH SUNG EUCHARIST SERVICE & 'JAM' (JESUS & ME) SUNDAY SCHOOL

6.30 COMMUNITY HEALING SERVICE

Listen to the healing word of God through Prayer
Please note: No Service in June

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

10.00 Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

Please note: No Services in June

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

BEAUTY FOR BROKENNESS



Buried in the sand of the River Orwell are the remains of a wooden boat, which rises up from the sand at low tide, when some of its ribs and part of its keel stand black and gaunt against the lighter sand around it. I don't know the story of the wrecked boat. It could have been beached and abandoned to the ravages of the weather and sea. Or, possibly putting lives at risk, it may have hit rocks further along the shore, reaching its final resting place before it sank. What had the boat been used for and how long had it been there?

As I sat pondering these questions on the beach one crisp Autumn evening, I noticed a figure lying on the sand with his head towards the decaying hull. As I watched, I realised that the man had a camera in his hand and was taking pictures of the boat's exposed ribs. It was then that I first noticed on the far side of the river, a beautiful sunset. I had no idea it was there before because I'd been staring at the outline of the wreck lost in thought.

The photographer though had seen much more than just an old decaying boat. He had seen the beauty of an amazing Autumn sunset embracing the outline of the wreck, and running through the brokenness of the ruined boat half buried in the sand.

Recently, that image of the wrecked boat has become a very personal picture of life for me. I, just like the apostle Peter, can understand all too well how easy it is to make mistakes, and how painful it can be when your life is hit against the rocks and the ravages of getting it wrong, or simply missing the point.

Peter had gone from thinking he knew better than Jesus in Mark 8.32, and losing his faith on the windy and blustery waters in Matthew 14.30, to even denying to the crowds gathered around the camp fire in Luke 22.61-62, that he knew Jesus. From that point on, I can't help but think that Peter must have also felt very much like the wrecked remains of a wooden boat.

However, there is a wonderful moment a little later on in John 21.15-17 for Peter, that has again also spoken to me, where on a beach the risen Jesus lifts Peter's heart away from focusing on the decaying hull of his mistakes, to see the glorious light of God's Loving Grace shining through it all - as beautiful as any Autumn sunset.

Like Peter, we can all from time to time find ourselves buried in the sands of a wide variety of challenges and mistakes, that can often leave us feeling wrecked and even abandoned. But I pray that like Peter, the Lord Jesus will lift your eyes and your heart, to see the beauty of God's Loving grace, embracing you, and shining through it all. In turn exchanging our brokenness for the beauty of his love.

Happy and blessed adventures,

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

FLOWER FESTIVAL - MYTHS & LEGENDS

Well, the little grey cells certainly got to work this year and the arrangements were brilliant. Visitors to the church were really impressed with the interpretation and skill involved in the arrangements and the church looked beautiful. The refreshments as usual were excellent and enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you to those who provided raffle prizes we had a good response to the draw. Most of all many thanks to all who produced these wonderful arrangements especially our friends who come to support us. Our small band on the catering committee did a sterling job as usual but help is needed to support them in any future events.

Again many thanks.

Mo Fox

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE FLOWERS

Yet again we have had another wonderful flower festival over the May Bank Holiday this year with a completely different theme which set people's minds working. There has been a lot of very good feedback and many people really enjoyed this somewhat unusual subject. Thanks go to Maureen for keeping us all on our toes and our minds alert trying to think of ideas to do justice to her inspired theme.

Without Maureen there would be no flower festival. She encourages us all and twists the arms of all her friend to come and give us a hand. It takes a lot of planning and hours of hard work to achieve such a stunning result. Without her talented friends, mostly members of the Aldeburgh Flower Club, we would be very thin on the ground. They join in willingly and with very good cheer and we give them our most grateful thanks.

What would the flower festival be without the wonderful refreshments? Some people only come for the tea and the cake! So a big thank you goes to all the ladies in the kitchen who work so hard over the three days of the festival and for several days before preparing all the delicious food.

Another year and another successful Flower Festival and I expect you will all be able to guess this. Yes, Maureen has already thought of the theme for next year!

Sue Hawkes

ST. MARGARET'S FLOWER FESTIVAL MYTHS & LEGENDS



This is just a flavour of the many beautiful displays at this year's Flower Festival. Please visit our website to see more photos from the Flower Festival. www.stmargaretschurchleiston.onesuffolk.net



FROM THE KITCHEN WINDOW

Looking out onto the garden from the kitchen window, all I could see was a riot of colour; white, yellow, gold, orange, amber, bronze, with more shades of green than I could count. The ground between the shrubs and trees covered with violets, forget-me-nots and periwinkles was a carpet of blue, and once again the blackbirds have made a nest in the tall conifer.

Each year it's the same scene and yet each year it's as if I'm seeing it for the first time. With winter a distant memory, spring has arrived in all its glory.

In early May, my grandson and his wife became the proud parents of a fine baby boy. On the way home from hospital, they called in to visit me. As I held William in my arms I looked at both garden and child and saw God's beautiful creations. Like many before me, I gave thanks and prayed that in this child's lifetime there would be peace throughout the world.

Vi Matthews

LEISTON'S CHRISTIAN Aid COLLECTION

The collection this year took place on Saturday 16th May with collectors outside the Co-op and in the High Street. Collectors in the morning did well but there was virtually no footfall in the town in the afternoon. Therefore the resultant sum raised was £203.75 – over £60 less than last year. Men in blue and white and yellow and green may have had something to do with the lack of givers from lunch time onwards but also the fact that not enough people came forward to allow us to collect for our normal hours.

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 and Ipswich will win the Championship thus rendering unnecessary their attendance in the playoffs!!

Pat Carter

Exploring Prayer Day

On **Saturday 18th July at St Edmundsbury Cathedral between 10.00am – 4.00pm** there is an ‘Exploring Prayer Day’ workshop. There will be various workshops on offer. This day is a time to try out prayer in different ways. A day to grow more confident in prayer and to explore it further. Explore prayer in the one hour workshops, or take your own time at the prayer spaces or labyrinth in the Cathedral. Come all day or just pop in for a particular session. The event is **FREE...** but donations will be welcome! Please tell us if you need large print, a hearing loop, a BSL interpreter or other assistance.

To book your place and choose your workshops contact Jayne Whiteman by email on deanspa@stedscathedral.org or by telephone: 01284 748722. Alternatively complete the **BOOKING FORM** below and send to: **Jayne Whiteman - The Cathedral Office, Abbey House, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 1LS**

Programme

10.00 Welcome
 10.15 Workshops 1
 11.15 Coffee / tea (provided)
 11.45 Workshops 2
 12.45 Midday prayer
 1.00 Lunch (Bring your own or buy locally)
 2.00 Workshops 3
 3.00 Tea / coffee (provided)
 3.30 Worship and sending out
 4.00 Go home!

Workshops

Each workshop will introduce that way of praying & give you time to pray in that way.

Christian Meditation: a way of silent prayer
Jesus Prayer: a phrase to help us pray
Music and Prayer: music and song as prayer
Praying through Movement: using our bodies in prayer
Shaping Prayer Together: using words in prayer
Prayer and Protest: praying with Psalms of Lament
Prayerfully Creative: using clay or marks on paper to express prayer
Prayer Walk: reflections in the Abbey Gardens

BOOKING FORM

NAME: _____ **TELEPHONE NO:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

	10.15am	11.45am	2.00pm
Christian Meditation			
Jesus Prayer			
Music & Prayer			
Praying & Movement			
Shaping Prayer			
Prayer & Protest			
Prayerfully Creative	PAPER		CLAY
Prayer Walk			

Please write 1st & 2nd choice for each slot

Sent in by: Revd. Jim Florance

Cooking with the Bible

As we celebrate the Apostle, St. Peter and his ministry this month, it only seems fitting that a recipe based around fish should be appropriate.

This is a delicious recipe. For something a little different, why not try this recipe with Salmon, Halibut, Red Snapper or Swordfish. You can control the heat by the amount of hot pepper you use. If you don't have a jalapeno on hand, substitute it for 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper instead.

Middle Eastern Fish With Peppers & Tomatoes

Serves 4

450g / 1 lb white fish

1 onions, large, sliced thinly

1 red pepper, sliced

1 green pepper, sliced

½ large garlic clove, minced

1 tablespoon olive oil

400g / 14 ounces whole tomatoes (tinned)

½ jalapeno pepper, chopped finely

⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

½ teaspoon orange zest (fresh)

½ teaspoon lemon zest (fresh)

½ teaspoon za'atar spice mix, spice blend

- Available from Waitrose, Tesco etc.

½ teaspoon turmeric powder¹

½ teaspoon cumin powder

½ teaspoon paprika

Method

Preheat oven to 350°F / 180°C / Gas Mark 4.

In large pan or skillet, saute the onions, red peppers, green peppers and jalapeno in olive oil for about 5 minutes on medium heat. Don't let them colour.

Add the garlic and cook for approx 1 minute.

Add tomatoes, broken up by hand, with all the juice from the can. Add 1/2 cup water.

Add everything else except the fish. Stir and cook for about 2 minutes. Taste and add more seasoning if desired.

Put 1/3 of the tomato mixture in a Roasting Dish (Spray with non-stick spray first).

Arrange fish on tomato mixture.

Spread the rest of the hot tomato mixture over the fish.

Bake until fish is just done, about 10-15 minutes, depending upon the thickness of your fish - check it after 5 minutes or so to see how it's doing.

Enjoy with rice, cous cous or potatoes



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.

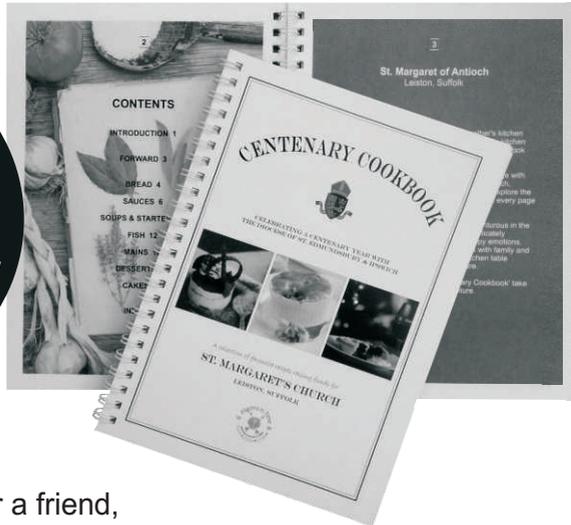
Help us celebrate this special year & also raise funds for St. Margaret's Church. Pick up your copy of the cookbook now!

IDEAL GIFT!

Only £5.00

Over 50 tasty recipes for you to try!

DELICIOUS RECIPES!



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

Thank you BETTY



Betty Harland with The Archdeacon of Suffolk, The Venerable Ian Morgan on the 17th May



Betty Harland with her present, a beautiful painting of the Church by Jenny Windle

A big thank you goes to Betty Harland for all her years of service and devotion to the life and work of St. Margaret's; including most recently her invaluable work as Church Treasurer. We send her all our love and heartfelt thanks, wishing Betty a wonderful retirement from the post of treasurer at St. Margaret's Church.

With love from all your friends & church family at St. Margaret's.

JAM (JESUS AND ME) - PENTECOST PARTY

Sunday 24th May saw St. Margaret's Church celebrate Pentecost. This is a special day, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit alighting upon the twelve disciples. It marks the birthday of the Church. With the power of the Holy Spirit upon them, the apostles went out to be Jesus' witnesses to the world. So, what better way to celebrate a birthday than with a birthday party - which is exactly what the JAM (Jesus and Me) Sunday School did that morning.

Dressed in red, yellow or orange, the kids had a wonderful time listening to stories, playing fun party games (especially with a parachute in the church grounds as the sun shone down), as well as making paper flames & hats. Then as Jonathan played a jazzy rendition of happy birthday the kids burst through the doors singing happy birthday to the Church & handing out paper flames to the congregation.



What a wonderful, joyous celebration!

WHERE is God?

If indeed there is a God,
why doesn't he reveal himself to me?
It's a question many people ask,
"Where is he, I'd believe if only I could see"
I tell them God is everywhere,
if only they would open their eyes to see
His wondrous creation of nature, portrayed
on Land and Sea,
His laughter can be heard in the gurgling brook,
His power in the sun, moon, wind and rain.
His loving compassion is constantly revealed
thro' human weakness, suffering and pain.
He is present thro' the changing seasons
witness His benevolence in nature's new birth
Look up to the starlight heavens,
God is all around us.
There's no need to search
In Christ, God revealed Himself to us,
Who is so blind that they cannot see
God is omnipresent, as Jesus said,
Just believe, have faith and follow me.

From the booklet "In the Stillness of the Mind"

Sent in by Hilda Woodhead



*God is everywhere,
so pray everywhere.*

A SPECIAL ROYAL MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Sitting in the silence of St. Margaret's Church during Holy Week, waiting for a service to begin, my thoughts drifted back to Maundy Thursday six years ago, when the Royal Maundy was distributed at the Cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds.

Those chosen to be recipients had been recommended by clergymen, for the service they had given to their church and community. Gladys Sexton, a member of the United Reformed Church in Leiston, received a letter from Buckingham Palace notifying her that she was to be a recipient.

Anyone who knows Gladys would agree the honour was well deserved, yet being so modest, she thought at first it was a hoax, but eventually was persuaded it was genuine. I was delighted when she asked me to be her "Official Companion".

Prior to the service, we were called to the Cathedral, where we attended a Maundy Lecture, similar to a briefing. We were told the history of the service and how it had evolved over the centuries to the way it is conducted in the 21st Century.

Recipients were advised that when the Queen placed the purse containing the Maundy money in their hands, they should say no more than "thank you ma-am" (as in ham), and that it might be wiser if the ladies inclined their heads rather than attempting to curtsy. Finally they were encouraged to enjoy the experiences and not be nervous.

The "Big Day" arrived. Driving into Bury St Edmunds we could see that there were a great many police officers on duty, yet it was all very relaxed and low key. On the short slip road leading to the car park we had been assigned to, we were stopped three times by police officers checking names and addresses. Leaving the car, we joined a queue and on reaching the front, once again gave our particulars and were handed small enamel badges to wear on our jackets (see photo, opposite). From the car park we travelled by bus to the Athenaeum. Gladys and the other recipients entered, where they were able to rest, freshen up and get to know one another before receiving their final instructions. I made my way to the Cathedral and was shown to my place - second row of pews facing the north aisle. The central pews gradually filled, so much was happening I didn't notice how quickly the time passed. The women delivering the scented nosegays, that would be carried by the Queen, Duke of Edinburgh and senior clergy, passed within inches of me and I could see just how beautiful the flowers were.

Yeoman warders, wearing their ceremonial Tudor uniforms walked passed, each carrying a huge silver plate, on which were the red and white leather purses of Maundy money. I remembered being told at the lecture, that at least one of the plates can be seen with the Crown Jewels and other regalia at the Tower of London.

The organist began to play. It was magnificent and to say that the Cathedral vibrated with the most glorious sound, is the only description I can give.

With the stage set, the players were about to make their entrance. First the recipients, who walked in line, two by two, from the Athenaeum. Those on the right made their way to the south aisle and those on the left walked passed me on the north aisle. Everything had been planned meticulously, so that as each person stopped walking, they were standing at their allotted seat. Then came a series of processions: first the civic leaders,

then choristers, including those from the Chapel Royal, followed by the clergy and finally the Queen's procession. But as they all walked down the south aisle, Gladys and I saw very little.

The service was quite simple and began with the reading of John 13:34. There were two lessons. After the first, the Queen made her way along the south aisle, distributing the Royal Maundy, as the choirs sang an anthem. The Queen returned to her seat. There was a hymn and the Duke of Edinburgh read the second lesson. As the choirs sang again the Queen made her way along the north aisle. Immediately behind her was a Yeoman Warder carrying one of the silver Maundy plates with the purses.

The Queen stood in front of Gladys, turned to her left and from the plate picked up two leather purses, tied together, one red, one white and placed them in Gladys' hands, who bowed, said "thank you ma'am". The Queen smiled and passed along to the next recipient. With the last presentation made, the Queen returned to her seat. The service ended with prayers, "God Save the Queen" sung lustily and a blessing.

The warriors processions made their way out of the Cathedral, and gradually the congregation followed.

We took the opportunity to look around the Cathedral, before making our way to a large marquee erected in the grounds, where we were served luncheon. As we walked in, the delicious aroma reminded us that we'd had an early start and breakfast was a long time ago. Shepherd's pie has never tasted so good.

As we left the Cathedral, we had a last glimpse of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh leaving the Athenaeum. They stood for a while waving to the vast crowd waiting close by, then stepped into their car and were driven away. We made our way to the car park and journey home.

It had been a wonderful experience for both of us and I am truly grateful to Gladys for allowing me to share it with her. I believe it was a day in which her love and devotion to God and the care and kindness she has shown to others throughout her life had been acknowledged. I am but one of the many people who's life has been enhanced by knowing Gladys Sexton.



VE MEMORIES

The VE Day celebrations, the many stories and memories of this day made me think when I was at school, and that history was learning about explorers, Kings, buildings etc. Now our grandchildren are learning about the 2nd World War as history. Although I was young there are different things I remember about the War Years. It took quite a while after peace was declared to get used to it, after many years of sirens going off and going into Anderson Shelters in the gardens, or shelters we had indoors made of iron, as well as fathers still being away until demobbed. We spent a lot of the time living with my grandparents in Oxfordshire so luckily missed a lot of the bombing.

We came home after VE day, as did my father, although he seemed a stranger to us. He was strict and many a time I cried for grandad as he was all we'd known. Life had changed the men, they had seen so many bad things, it was a difficult time for everyone.

Later on we had a street party, it was a treat as food was still rationed. I looked forward to Betty's mums buns, they always had a nice peak on them; our wants were simple. We didn't have much but can never remember being hungry. People helped each other with sugar, tea, butter, coupons etc. Everyone's life in those years changed; I think they coped so well.

Margaret Clarke



Photos taken from VE Day & its Celebrations

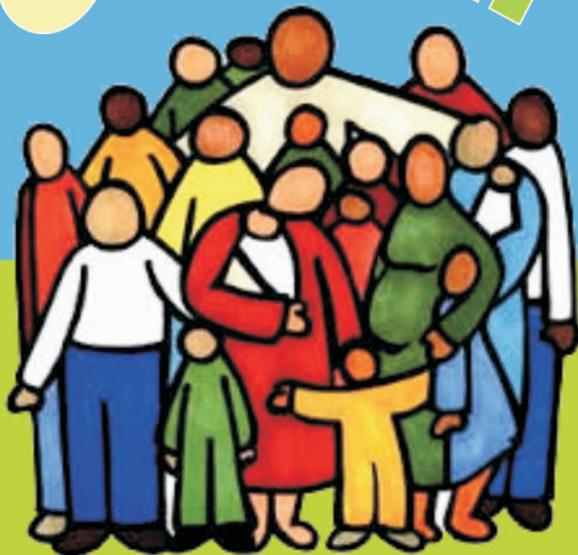
Friends

Drama

St Margaret's Church

Music

Fun



Next 10.30am Services:

Sunday 7th June

Sunday 5th July

Sunday 2nd 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!

Kids Zone

Welcome to
'your page'
full of fun
activities to enjoy!

UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS TO FIND THE MISSING WORDS

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Word List:

disciples fishermen follow
friends Galilee Jesus
preach teaching Peter
twelve nets



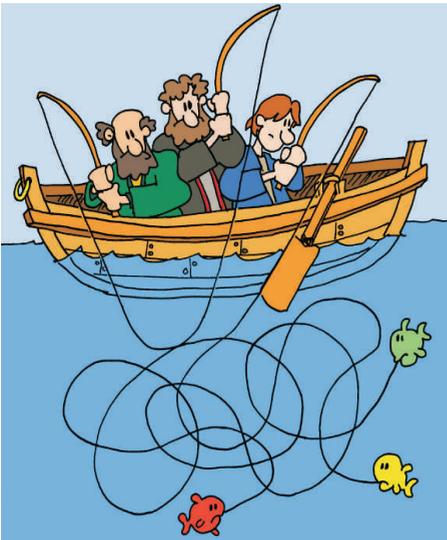
Peter, originally known as Simeon (Simon in English), was one of the twelve disciples and a very close friend of Jesus. Originally a fisherman named Simon, he was given the name Peter, meaning 'Rock' and given the keys to heaven's gates by Jesus. He told Peter that he would be a fisher of men and the rock of the church; its foundation. Peter is recognised as being the leader of the disciples and is remembered for doing many great things to establish the early church.

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CAESAREA
PHILIPPI
QUESTION
JOHN
JEREMIAH
PETER
CHRIST
JONAH
ROCK
CHURCH
GATES
KEYS

Follow the fishing lines to find out whose caught which fish



JESUS GIVING PETER THE KEYS TO HEAVEN



Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' Sessions - Kids of all ages welcome!
Sun 14th June & Sun 28th June - Both @ 10.00am



Since March 2015 JAM (Jesus and Me) has been a great opportunity to celebrate the love of God and the ministry of Jesus with all who attend the sessions, in exciting and fun ways using dvd's, crafts, interactive story telling, food (cakes especially!) and games based on the week's theme.

We have created a space in the church for JAM, and it has been great to watch the church community embrace, encourage and engage with the children and see what they have been up to in JAM.

We are so excited about JAM and the opportunities that JAM offers for the future. Please pray that over the coming months many more will be drawn to the exciting life of JAM.

If you would like more information about JAM, which takes place every 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month from 10.00am, and welcomes all children, then please contact the leaders Kathryn Phillips-Last on 01728 561149 or Sandra Ellis on 01728 832168.

Kathryn Phillips-Last & Sandra Ellis

Next 'JAM' Sessions:

Sunday 14th June

Sunday 28th June

Sunday 12th July

Sunday 26th July



St. Margaret's Church



Summer Fete



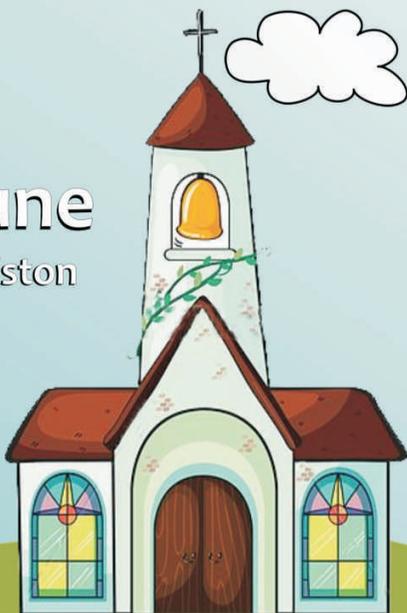
Saturday 27th June

St. Margaret's, Church Rd, Leiston

2pm - 4pm

Everyone Welcome!

Fun for all the Family



Stalls
& Crafts

Sizzling
BBQ

Grand
Draw

Live
Music

Tasty
Refreshments

Fun
Games

SUMMER FETE - SAT 27TH JUNE, 2pm - 4pm

Plans are well underway for this year's Summer Fete but your help is requested to make it a really successful event.

Donations are needed for all the usual stalls – cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, books, etc – also draw and tombola prizes, as well as bottles for the bottle stall. These can be given to me beforehand, taken into Margarets Shop or brought along on the day. Also please let me know if you would like to help on the day and if there is any particular stall/activity that you would like to be allocated to. Any new ideas would be most welcome.

This year we will be entertained, not only by Jonathan on the organ, but also by the 'Love to Sing' Community Choir who will be coming along to add more music to what we hope will be a warm and sunny afternoon! What could be nicer? Delightful music and delicious refreshments (cream teas, BBQ) – all to be enjoyed in our beautiful church and surroundings.

We look forward to seeing you all there and thank you, in advance, for all your donations, help and support.

Sandra Harle
4 Lime Tree Avenue, tel. 833578

LEISTON WI

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Judith Geater - Leiston WI President

The Royal British Legion

Leiston Branch (sub Branch Aldeburgh)

This month has been a busy one for the Branch. The Standards were carried at:-
26th April - the unveiling of a plaque at Theberton War Memorial and Service of Commemoration in St Peter's Church on the 100th anniversary of the death of Lt Col Doughty-Wylie V.C., C.B., C.M.G.

8th May - An act of Remembrance took place at 11.00am on the Victory Road Recreation Ground. Last Post and Reveille were played by Philip Glennon and Joe Strowger of the Leiston RBL Band.

10th May - Lavenham VE Day Wreath Laying and Plaque unveiling - 487th Bomb Group USAAF ceremonies.

24th May - Friends of Leiston Airfield Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving - 357th Fighter Group USAAF. The Branch will also lay a wreath at this event.

27th May - Parade of Standards at the Suffolk Show

5th June - The Branch will hold its annual Poppy Collectors Social Evening at the Community Centre.

Our Poppy Appeal total for 2014 - 2015 stands at £8064.56.

The next Branch meeting will be held at the Ex-Service Club, Victory Road at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th June 2015.

Trevor Peskett

Chairman - Leiston Branch TRBL

YOX VALLEY WALK IN THE SHADOW OF THE SIBTON ABBEY RUINS

Sat/Sun 27/28 June, 11am - 5pm

Ent. £5 inc Tea/Coffee/Juice

Children 5-16 £2.50, under 5 free.

Other Cream Teas etc. at the Abbey.

No Dogs. Suitable Footwear Needed.

No Wheelchair access.

Displays/Book Sale in Sibton Church

Details Debbie/Juliette 01728-660181/660118

Proceeds to Friends of St Peter's, Reg. Char. No. 1063822

Come along to your ...

Community Choir



If you love
to sing, come along
and join in the
fun!

Love to Sing
Community Choir
sing light and popular music
in 3 & 4 part harmony.

Weekly Rehearsals – 7:30pm till 9:30pm

Orford - Mondays

Bart's Hall, Broad Street, IP12 2NQ

Leiston - Wednesdays

United Church, High Street, IP16 4EL

Rendlesham- Thursdays

St Felix Church, Walnut Tree Avenue, IP12 2GG

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ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR JUNE 2015

Dear Friends,

June'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 appears 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 would like to be included in our family monthly prayers, or have any queries please contact Revd. Chris Gonin on 01728 635549. 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

Martin, Kathryn, Grace & Eve Phillips-Last

Simon, Sheena, Hannah, Tom & Matt Merrett

Sheila Mckinnon, David & Midge Mckinnon

Ann & Peter Essex

David & Cindy Fittsell

Zara & Emma Fittsell

Paul, Charlene, Alexander, Aidan, Cory & Amyleigh Fittsell

Terry Ferguson

Sue, Dale, Ewan & Cameron Threadkell

Jo Tozer

Vi Matthews

Stephanie Luckhurst

Joan Whale

Paul Espindola

Jonathan, Kathryn & Joshua Williams

Mary Murphy

Mike & Lesley Cassie

Don Bridges

Bruce & Phyllis Songer

Stephen & Gail Southgate

Naomi Kerans

Helen Thackeray

June & Fred Shanley

John & Sue Last

Helen Rivett

Judith & Mike Stigwood

Alan, Maureen & Jason Fox

Wayne, Ben & Niamh Fox

Fi Long

Allison King

Luke, Asha & Jai Mewett

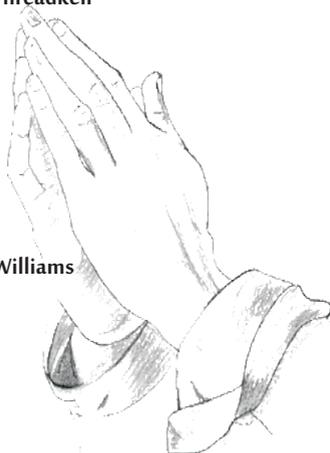
Clare & Kane Hambridge

Peter & Jennifer Roberts

Charles & Pauline Stride

Steve, Christine & Nathan James

Derek & Sheila Stiff



In our Special Prayers



Joan Whale
Leah Crudgington

Sue Shotter
Kane
Mary Allum



Weddings - May 2015

Sunday 3rd May

Helen Margaret Friend & Mark Jeffrey Wheeler



"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends".

1 Corinthians 13:7-8

For the gift of love

God of wonder and of joy:
 grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
 Without you, we cannot please you;
Without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
 Send your Holy Spirit,
 and pour into our hearts
 that most excellent gift of love,
 that we may worship you now
 with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

LET US PRAY...

...FOR GUIDANCE AND DISCERNMENT

“Grant Lord that all my intentions, actions and operations be directed purely to your praise and your service.”

St. Ignatius prayed this prayer. He recommended that we begin our day with these words, putting ourselves wholly at God's disposal, whilst asking God for the grace to enable us to be completely open to him,

Being open to God equips us with greater freedom in taking decisions. Each of us take decisions everyday from what time we get up, thinking about what to eat, to bigger things like who to vote for, which job to apply for and where to live? Some decisions require much more energy than others and of course the outcome of some seem more momentous and therefore more stressful. In all these decisions there are various factors to be considered. Even with careful thought we may be in a quandary about which route to choose, particularly if more than one option appears equally attractive.

At other times, the decisions have a wider implication, affecting not only our lives, but the lives of many others. Employers are in this situation, as are leaders of churches and those who have the responsibility of leadership across the nations.

The Bible records one such leader in a quandary about what to do. King Hezekiah was under attack. The king of Assyria had arrived with an army, ready to attack Jerusalem and sent an ambassador to undermine the morale of the people of Jerusalem. Hezekiah turned to God, firstly consulting Isaiah the prophet, who told him not to worry, prophesying that the enemy king would receive urgent news that his kingdom was under attack from another quarter, and that he would withdraw his troops, which he soon did.

Before he did however, the king of Assyria sent a letter to Hezekiah saying, “Don't let this God you trust in fool you by promising that Jerusalem will not be captured by the king of Assyria!” (which is just what the prophet Isaiah had promised.)

“Just remember what's happened wherever the kings of Assyria have gone, for they have crushed everyone who has opposed them. Do you think you will be any different?”

Threats like this are terrifying, particularly when they can be backed up by the facts. What was the king to do? We read that *he spread the letter before the Lord* Isaiah chapter 37. verse fourteen and following. The rest of the chapter is most exciting. God promises to protect Jerusalem, and to deal with the king of Assyria for mocking God.

When we don't know what to do let's turn to the Lord, thanking him for who he is, telling him about the situation, and listening to his response.

PSALM 133 - A COMMENTARY

The psalmist seems to be overwhelmed by the unity that this worshipping community in the Temple in Jerusalem seems to enjoy. Jews came from all over the known world from their dispersions in so many places. The writer is delighted that men and women found their common faith binding them into their common worship. It is like the oil which they used to consecrate new leaders and he recalls the way Moses anointed Aaron who became another of their leaders from long ago – the oil runs down the face of Aaron and gathers in his beard.

Oil is brought to the altar of God in St James Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds each year on Maundy Thursday, consecrated for sick people, and those to be baptised and confirmed and consecrated as Bishops. King's and Queen's are also consecrated with oil at their Coronation in Westminster Abbey. When Jesus sent out his disciples to evangelise 'they drove out many demons, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.' (Mark 6.13)

Oil as the psalmist tells us has been used by many faiths and our Christian faith as a means of consecrating men and women for their service as Christians and for the healing the sick. (James 5.14)

Rev. Chris Gonin

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP

During May the lighting of the tower was sponsored on:

- 2nd May celebrating the double wedding of Stuart & Jackie Hall and John & Yoland Peck
- 12th May by Gill Staff & family, remembering Brian especially on his birthday
- 15th May by Maureen & Alan Fox and family, to celebrate Ben Mason's birthday
- 16th & 17th May by Vi Matthews to celebrate the birth of her new great-grandson,
William Lewis Matthews
- 18th May to celebrate Sue & Dale Threadkell's 19th Wedding Anniversary
- 21st May by Betty, in loving memory of Steve Wark (USA) on the occasion of his cremation
- 24th May to celebrate Jenny Coull's birthday
- 28th May in memory of Jean Wark on her birthday
- 29th May to celebrate the anniversary of Rev. Chris Gonin's first
celebration of Eucharist as a Priest 54 years ago

If you would like to mark your own special occasion by sponsoring the lighting of St Margaret's Church Tower for a donation of £5 and see the details of your special occasion appear in the Church Magazine please contact the Church Wardens.

LADIES GROUP LUNCH & TREASURE HUNT AT YOXFORD

A group of us met up for an excellent lunch at The Kings Head where we were served with a smile and nothing was too much trouble for the staff. After lunch a walking treasure hunt ensued, starting in brilliant sunshine, then hail, then rain, then sun again – in other words typical British weather.

The top picture shows members on the Jubilee seat checking they had answered all the questions and the other shows the joint winners Kay and Lesley with their “treasure” a pretty African Violet with the runner up.



Next month we will be meeting up for a walk and fish & chips.

Pat Carter

PEACEFUL LITTLE HAVENS FOR NATURE THAT ARE simply HEAVENLY

The title of this article was “stolen” from the EADT but I thought it summed up what I think about all churchyards but ours in particular. A group of us stopped to marvel at the sight as we left the PCC meeting last night (20th May). Beautiful!!



6th - 14th June is National Cherishing Churchyards week & I pray we cherish ours.

Pat Carter

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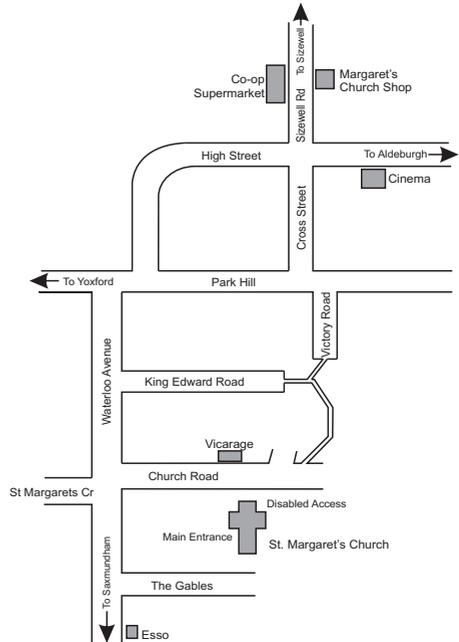
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