

ST. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



'Jesus is baptised by JOHN THE BAPTIST'

24th JUNE - CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 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

THE WIND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



My friend's and I sat in junior school assembly listening to the events of Acts 2:1-13 and were suddenly taken by surprise. Not surprised by the presence of the Holy Spirit, not surprised by the fire of the Holy Spirit, not surprised by the apostles talking in different tongues through the Holy Spirit. But by the phrase, 'Wind' of the Holy Spirit. I have to admit, we giggled about that one for many days to follow. Pentecost is that glorious final day of the season of resurrection. The apostles were together experiencing bewilderment over how to move forward when the Holy Spirit surprises them, flowing among them and breathing courage into their hearts, filling them with joy.

We began our journey toward Pentecost marked with ashes, reminded of our earthiness and our limitations at the beginning of lent, which seems ages ago now! Hopefully we laid aside some of what weighs us down so that as we could move from the cross into the period of resurrection, and be more spacious and open to the possibility of God's surprising surprises. Pentecost immerses us in the brilliance of fire and the power of wind, calling us to trust in something bigger than we are.

Conversion is central to the spiritual of Pentecost. Conversion for me essentially means making a commitment to always be ready to be surprised by God. Conversion is the recognition that we are all on a journey and always changing. God is always offering something new within us. Conversion is a commitment to total inner transformation and a free response to the ways God is calling us, and to new images of God.

A year or so ago I was going through an intense period of discernment. I spent long periods of time in silence and solitude. It was a very serious time for me and my future. Then one night I had a dream about a bunch of koalas trying to get a map out of my hands so that they could play with me.

Through that dream I discovered a playful God who was calling me to take myself and my discernment far less seriously than I had been. To have fun and enjoy the presence of his Holy Spirit, to laugh with him, be foolish for him, and have fun with him. It is so easy in the seriousness of life and faith, to forget that we serve a joyful God who delights in our joyfulness.

I love to laugh, I love to have fun, and the surprising thing for many is, 'so does God.' Pentecost is a time of delight, a time to dance, a time for laughter, and a time of surprises, that can last the whole year round. May the Lord our God bless your life with joyful surprises, as the 'wind' of his Spirit, fills you with hope, peace and joy.

Blessed adventures,

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP

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

Wednesday 18th May

**Celebrating Dale & Sue Thredkell's
20th Wedding Anniversary**

Tuesday 24th May

**Happy Birthday Jenny,
love from Betty**

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

**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.**

St. Margaret's Church

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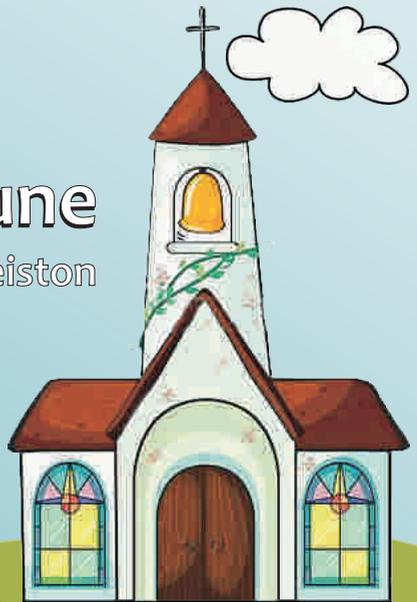
Saturday 25th June

St. Margaret's, Church Rd, Leiston

2pm - 4pm

Everyone Welcome!

Fun for all the Family



Stalls
& Crafts

Sizzling
BBQ



Grand
Draw

Music



Fun
Games

Tasty
Refreshments

EASTER AT ST. MARGARET'S

In the shops, the last of the Easter eggs have finally been removed from the shelves and I wonder how soon it will be before the first Christmas cards take their place. Already travel agents are advertising visits to Christmas markets.

At St. Margaret's, we were so fortunate to have had a series of talks during Lent, and moving services leading up to Easter Day.

On Sunday afternoons throughout Lent, the "Godly Play" had children and adults sitting together in a circle, as Martin spoke of the Baptism of Christ and the forty days and forty nights in the wilderness. He spoke so intensely, it was as if I was hearing it for the first time. I could feel the burning heat of the day, the biting chill of the night and the fierce winds blowing sand and dust into my clothes, hair and eyes.

When talking about temptations Christ was subjected to, the words "devil" and "Satan" were never mentioned. It was "The Evil One" Martin spoke of. The "Evil One" was more insidious, more duplicitous; an all enveloping, dark shapeless fog. Each week we listened in total silence, children and adults completely enthralled.

The evening service on Maundy Thursday was quite simple, with hymns and readings. In his sermon, Martin spoke openly and movingly. Later he washed the feet or hands of those present. We gathered around the table to take communion. Although a quiet unassuming service, it was, perhaps because of its simplicity, so spiritually uplifting.

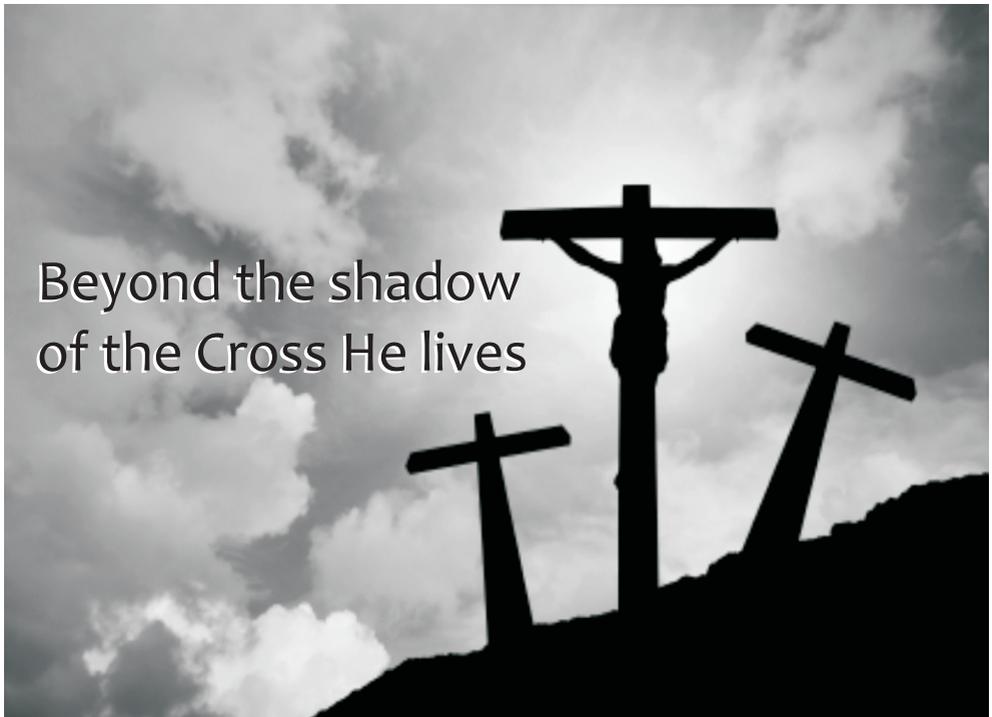
I was totally unprepared for what happened on Good Friday and suspect others were too. In last month's magazine, Martin described how he had prepared the scene for the "Hour at the cross" as we took our seats, we were each handed a daffodil - perfect without blemish, and told to think of it as Jesus. We sat in silence, listening to beautiful music. At intervals Martin spoke, describing the events leading up to the crucifixion. His words were so intense and graphic, it was as if I was standing at the foot of the cross. On one occasion I wanted to shout out 'stop', but the word stuck in my throat.

The Hour at the Cross ended and we were told to look at the daffodil we had each held, but before leaving we were to destroy it and throw it at the cross. I didn't know how long I sat, trying to find the strength to crush that beautiful flower. When eventually I did I felt wretched. But it was nothing to how I felt, when red paint was daubed, first on one hand, then the other. I gazed down on to my open hands - the wet red paint spreading along the lines on the palms.

I left in silence and made my way home. Once there I sat quietly, my thoughts going over the afternoons' experience. We sing the hymn "There is a Green Hill Far Away". On Good Friday the "Hill" was in St. Margaret's Church.

Time has passed and now I can remember the occasion less emotionally, yet I know I will always be glad that I was in St. Margaret's Church on Good Friday, and pity those who weren't.

Anonymous



Cooking with the Bible

On the 24th June we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist. John the Baptist was God's appointed messenger. Before Jesus began his ministry, John had been announcing to the people throughout the regions of Jerusalem and Judea to prepare for the coming Messiah. He was calling them to repent, turn from their sins, and be baptised. He was pointing the way to Jesus. Then, all of a sudden, Jesus appeared on the scene. Jesus came to John to be baptised, but John told him, "I need to be baptised by you." Jesus then said, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." John consented and baptised Jesus. As Jesus came up out of the water, heaven opened, and the Spirit of God, like a dove, descended upon him. Witnesses to the baptism heard a voice from heaven saying, "This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

During his ministry John the Baptist, known for his unorthodox clothing, living in the desert wilderness & eating locust & wild honey, knew he had been set apart by God for a purpose. So, through God's direction, he preached a simple message, challenging people to turn away from sin, be baptised & prepare for the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ.

As we recognise the importance of John the Baptist's ministry; we take time to reflect on our own busy lives to make more space for God & listen to which direction he wants to walk with us.

Wilderness Honey Cake

Ingredients

170g / 6oz clear wild honey
140g / 5oz butter
85g / 3oz light muscovado sugar
2 eggs, beaten
200g / 7oz self raising flour, sieved
water

For the icing

55g / 2oz icing sugar
1 tbsp clear wild honey
hot water

Method:

Preheat oven to 180C / 350F / Gas 3. Butter and line the bottom of a 7in / 18cm cake tin. Measure the honey, butter and sugar into a large pan. Add a tablespoon of water and heat gently until melted. Remove from the heat and mix in the eggs and flour. Spoon into the cake tin and bake for 40 - 45 minutes until the cake is springy to the touch and shrinking slightly from the sides of the tin.

Cool slightly in the tin before turning out onto a wire rack.

While the cake is still warm, make the icing by mixing the sugar and honey together with 2 - 3 teaspoons of hot water. Trickle over the cake in whatever design takes your fancy.



CENTENARY COOKBOOK

The Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich
of which St. Margaret's Church is a part
celebrated its Centenary year in 2014.

To help celebrate this momentous year we at St. Margaret's Church
have created a cookbook full of tasty recipes for you to try.

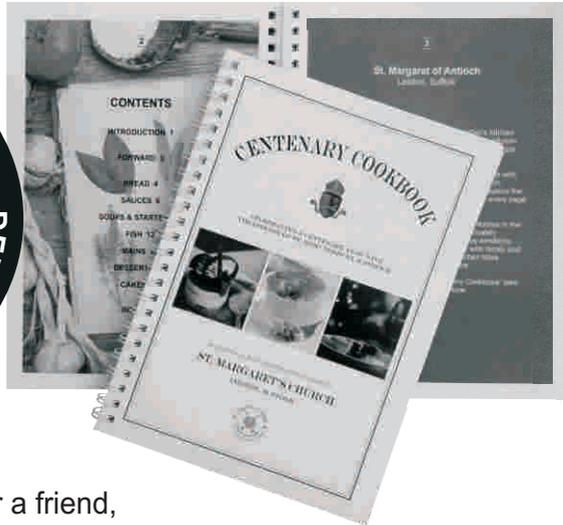
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or
Pop along and pick up your copy from
Margaret's Church Shop, here in the heart of Leiston**

ST. MARGARET'S 'DISNEY' FLOWER FESTIVAL

Well, another successful flower festival. Disney proved to be a popular subject. We had lots of visitors over the three days who seemed to really enjoy the beautiful arrangements and our lovely church. Visitors were inclined to linger and chat and enjoy the lovely refreshments and warm atmosphere. So many thanks to everyone who produced an arrangement especially those who helped that are friends and attend nearby churches and Leiston Primary School their help is really appreciated. Thank you also to the church catering team who always do a grand job of feeding us

Next year: **NURSERY RHYMES**

Maureen Fox



Just to confirm that the final figure raised at the Flower Festival was £1090.45 (Donations £382.89, Raffle £223 and Refreshments 484.56). Thank you to everyone for their help in making the Flower Festival such a great success.

Sandra Harle



WONNERUP HOUSE

During my recent trip on my way from Busselton to Bunbury I visited Wonnerup House, a homestead now in the care of the National Trust of Australia. In 1827 George Layman and his older brother Charles emigrated from England to Van Diemens Land (now called Tasmania). George moved on to Western Australia in 1829 landing at Fremantle on the ship 'Orelia', landing on October 12th with just sixpence in his pocket. He found work with the Public Works Department, building the first barracks at Augusta and along with another man named Cooke was granted 500 acres of land at arrival in Augusta. In 1832 he married Mary Bayliss in Perth and by 1835 two girls were born.

On 21st May 1837 George moved his family to the rough hut he had built on his own land at Wonnerup – an Aboriginal name meaning place of the Aboriginal women's digging stick. By 1838 George had built his first substantial family home and his first son George II was born. He was to spend his long life (83 years in all) at Wonnerup.

His father was speared to death on 22nd February 1841 at 8pm by a native. He was 31 and was buried on the property. Mary stayed on the property and the next year married Robert Heppingstone II. They had two sons of their own and as well as helping with the farm, Robert established his own whaling business. Tragedy struck in September 1858 when Robert was drowned at Castle Rock. George II took over the running of the property, cared for his mother, brothers, sisters and stepbrothers and ran the Whaling Station at Castle Rock. He also arranged the removal of his father's remains to St Mary's Church of England graveyard in Busselton. You may remember from my earlier article I attended a Holy Communion service at St Mary's.

In 1859 George II married Amelia Curtis and built the second house on the property. During 1862-3 a new kitchen and scullery were built on to one end of the house and much later a bathroom at the other end. A school room and quarters were built onto the old homestead for the tutor after 1860. Amelia and George had eleven children, seven of them girls.

On 19th June 1870 Mary Heppingstone, widow of George I and Robert Heppingstone died at Lockeville of exhaustion. She is buried at Bussleton. In 1874 the one teacher school was built on land given by George II and twelve children were enrolled from the area. The teacher's house was built in 1885 using similar construction.

By 1887 George II had 1000 acres of freehold land and 6-7000 acres under pastoral lease, 200 head of cattle and horses and was milking 40 cows twice daily. He had found a ready market for butter usually sent to Perth.

In 1909 George and Amelia celebrated their Golden Wedding. In 1916 Amelia died. In 1921 George died. In 1932 the Layman daughters had front gates erected in honour of their grandfather George I to coincide with the Busselton Centenary.

In the 1940s a nephew, Ivan Webster, took over the running of the property. In 1962 Wonnerup was sold when the last of the sisters (Stella) died. In 1971 the National Trust acquired the property.

When I arrived at the homestead one of the first things I saw was a sign which advised visitors to “Beware of snakes and rabbit holes”. I managed to avoid both of these dangers but I did encounter wildlife in the toilets (no, it's not an ornament on the mirror – it was real).



Both homesteads were open for viewing. They were furnished with period furniture and ornaments. The warden on duty told me that the original furniture had been sold as more modern furniture was obtained or moved throughout the area with various family members. However when the National Trust took over the house people had been prepared to return things to Wonnerup so some of the furniture is original.

There was a blacksmith's shop with appropriate tools and stables complete with old carts and harness. In the stables the floor was lined with the trunks of grass trees.

There were no formal gardens but lots of colour in parts – lavender growing alongside the 1859 homestead verandah, agapanthus in full flower. The grass was neatly mown. Lots of native trees surrounded the property – peppermint, paperbark and tuart trees. Within the garden eucalypt, jacaranda, rose gum, palm, karri, Norfolk pine, kurrajong, almond, olive, Australian red cedar trees all grew.

This property had been occupied by the Layman family for over 120 years. As I drove away I was reminded that, although on my visit it seemed a peaceful location, it was very isolated and in earlier years the family must have faced many dangers and struggles.



Photos Above: Wonnerup House, built 1859

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LEISTON BRANCH (SUB BRANCH ALDEBURGH)

Forthcoming Events:

Poppy Collectors Presentation Evening on Friday 3rd June at the Community Centre.

The Branch will be commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme on Thursday 30th June. At 7.00 pm an Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Chapel at the Cemetery in Waterloo Avenue. Prior to this a wreath laying ceremony will take place.

An Act of Remembrance will also take place at the same time at the Cadet Centre, Victory Road. Two ceremonies are being held due to restricted space at the Memorial Chapel (which is Leiston's WW1 Memorial).

1st July at 7.30pm am 'Whistle Down the Somme'. Members will assemble at the Memorial Chapel and mark the going over the top by troops by giving three short blasts on a whistle. This ceremony is at the request of the Western Front Association.

Finally, can you help the Branch? Branch Officers and Committee members required. It is not necessary to be a member of the Branch.

If you are interested please contact Suffolk County Chairman, Denis Bloomfield on the following contact details.

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or by email: denis484@hotmail.co.uk



T Peskett
Chairman – Leiston Branch TRBL

FAMILY SERVICE - ASCENSION

May's family service not only focussed on the ascension of Jesus, but witnessed the ascension of Jesus, as within clouds of smoke a small representation of Jesus was called up into the rafters of St Margaret's Church.

Once Jesus had ascended, an angel along with the help of the young folk began to wonder what would have happened if the disciples hadn't of gone into the world to share the good news. But had stayed on the hill, looking up into the sky looking for Jesus. We soon discovered that all that would have happened is that they would have grown old, and no one would have heard the good news.

Thankfully Jesus's disciples did go into the world to share what Jesus had said and done, and as we thought about this, we realised that we too haven't got the time to just stand around waiting for God to do something. Instead, we have to follow the disciples into the world and share the Good news of Jesus Christ with everyone we meet.

Jesus ascended into heaven so that through his Holy Spirit he could be with all people. And it's when we share that good news, that Jesus returns to the world, and blesses us and others.

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

Why not come and join in the fun and adventure of a St Margaret's family service. Join us on Sunday 5th June at 10.30am or Sunday 3rd July at 10.30am.

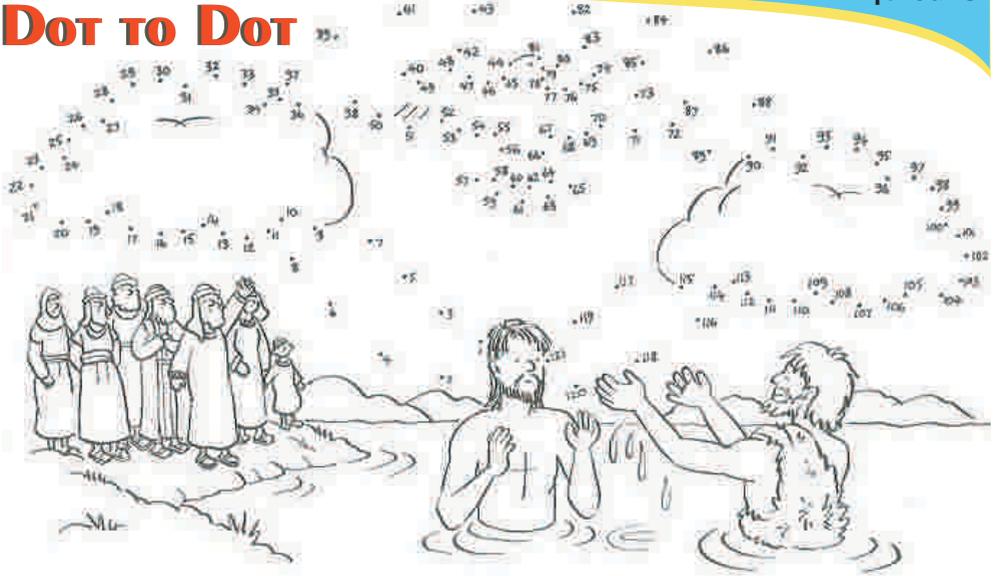


Kids Zone

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

Celebrating the birth of John the Baptist
24th June

DOT TO DOT



Word Puzzle

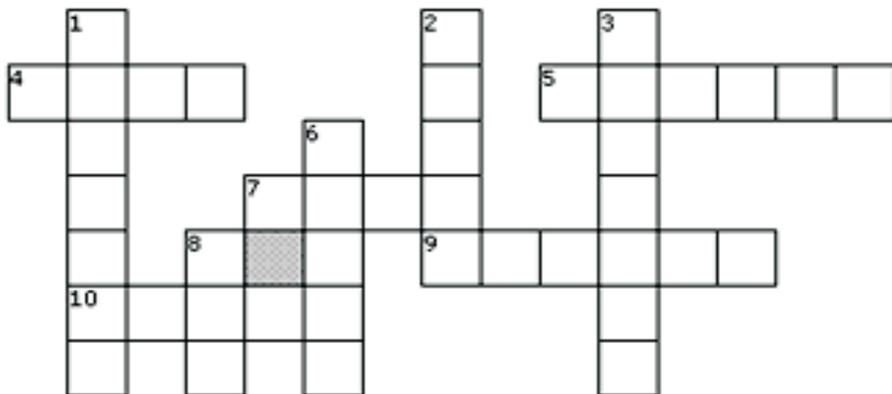
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HEAVEN REPENT VOICE BAPTISE WATER SPIRIT
CONFESS SINS DOVE

CROSSWORD



ACROSS:

4. Who Baptised Jesus
5. River where Jesus was Baptised
7. The Spirit came down from Heaven like a
9. To turn away from sin
10. What was heard when Jesus was baptised

DOWN:

1. To pardon for sins
2. The liquid used to baptise someone
3. To admit you have done wrong
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.
8. To break one of God's commandments

As Jesus was coming out of the water, he saw Heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven: "You are my Son, who I love; with you I am well pleased". Mark 1:10-11

WORD SEARCH

JOHN POWERFUL KNEEL
 STRAP BELOVED SANDAL
 DOVE BAPTISED VOICE
 SPIRIT HEAVENS WATER



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Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' Sessions - Kids of all ages welcome!
Sunday 12th June & 26th June - Both @ 10am

AWESOME LOVE

Lord, whose world is cryptic creation,
Accept the grateful thanks we give
For bounteous gifts of field and ocean
Sustaining food that we might live.

We thank you for the sowing, reaping,
Your gifts of nature so sublime,
You show us through the changing seasons
Your awesome love, so divine.

Bless those who starve and have no water,
Hear the cries of those in pain,
May we reach out to help the needy
Dear Lord we ask in your holy name.

By: M. Andrews

Submitted by Hilda Woodhead



Suffolk Coastal Filling Station

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

Thursday 23rd June at 7.00 pm

Speaker: Edward Carter, God Movie Project

Filling Station meetings take place all over the country each month and are an informal way of expressing and exploring the Christian faith for those from any church background, or none. Everyone is welcome and we offer delicious refreshment, friendship and fellowship, contemporary sung worship, high quality speakers, and powerful prayer ministry.

Our Speaker this month is Edward Carter, Canon Theologian at Chelmsford Cathedral in Essex, having previously ministered in Oxfordshire, Windsor and Norwich. In 2013 he pioneered the God Movie Project, which aims to make connections between the Christian faith and the 'ordinary' things of life using the medium of film. His talk is entitled: 'Heaven in Ordinary' – John Chapter 17 and the God Movie Project. He is married to Sarah, and they have two sons, both now at university in Boston, USA.

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

Future Filling Station Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28th July

Speaker: Peter Crooks

Thursday 22nd September

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

Katie Boulton

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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**

GAMES

**story
time**

prayers

DVD'S

St. Margaret's Church, Leiston

Contact: Kathryn Phillips-Last 01728 561149 or Sandra Ellis 01728 832168

SUMMER FETE - SATURDAY 25TH JUNE 2-4PM

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 and also 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.

We will once again be entertained, not only by Jonathan on the organ, but also by the very popular '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.

Many thanks, in advance, for all your donations, help and support.

Sandra Harle

PICNIC IN THE PARK - SUNDAY 12TH JUNE

As part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council are organising a 'Picnic in the Park' on **Sunday 12th June 2016 from 12.00 - 5.00pm** at the Victory Road Recreation Ground.

This is a unique opportunity for the community to come along and spend an enjoyable afternoon to mark this national occasion. There will be musical entertainment from the Royal British Legion Band, Punch & Judy and a magic show for the children, as well as a Dog Show, a barbecue and other attractions.

There will be no entry fee. So come along and enjoy the fun celebrations!

To help the celebrations along, Christians Together will be running a 'Scone and Tea Stall'. Volunteers required to cook scones for the occasion and to manage the stall from 12 noon - 1.15pm.

If you're able to help, making scones or on the day, please speak with Pat.

Pat Carter

NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) 27th April 2016

The meetings opened with prayers at 7pm. 24 people were in attendance, 3 apologies were received. There were three nominations for the church warden positions. Following a ballot, Pat Carter and Peter Roberts were elected as church wardens for the forthcoming year. Shirley Newman had stood down following her decision to move to Beccles. Martin wished to record his thanks for her time in office and sent best wishes for the future.

Reports had been circulated in advance of the meeting from the Church wardens, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer, about the church Fabric, and about Margarets Shop. Martin recorded his thanks to everyone for their support during the year. St Margaret's is moving forward in growth and experience.

Simon had given a comprehensive written Fabric report. He also said that the number of people prepared to help at the recent spring clean showed the love and care in which we hold the building. On occasions he shows groups around the church and they always comment on how clean and pleasant the church is. The tower cracks were not as serious as originally thought but the situation will be monitored.

The Treasurer reported that the Parish Share had once again been paid in full, with help from Margarets Shop. Sandra Harle, the Electoral Roll Officer, reported that there were 68 names on the revised Electoral Roll.

Rosemary Gale is prepared to serve on the Deanery Synod and Shirley has resigned leaving a vacancy to be filled. Simon Merrett offered to serve and was elected. Nominations for the PCC were received from Lesley Cassie, Sandra Ellis, Alan Fox, Betty Harland, Sandra Harle, Simon Merrett and Jonathan Williams. All elected en bloc. Cindy Fittell also agreed to serve. All sidespeople, apart from Sheila Mackinnon, agreed to serve again. Sheila was thanked for her service.

Alan asked (on behalf of Maureen) that anyone who could offer to help in Margarets shop even for one hour a week should come forward please.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm with a prayer and the Grace.

Following the APCM a short PCC meeting was held to elect a Treasurer and Secretary. Sandra Harle and Pat Carter were elected to serve in these posts.

JUNE

It's known as the month of Roses and it's when gardens are at their peak with flowers and hanging baskets and the Blue Hanging Wisteria in abundance.

A few weeks back when we had that first hot weekend, we parked the car at Kenten Hills and had a walk past a bluebell wood to Ropes Farm. The farmhouse had a fire a few years back and destroyed a lot of the farmhouse and for a year or two was held up by scaffold tubes. This year it has been renovated and is back in its original house. It's so nice to think its been saved, it was a working farm years ago for the Ropes with his loyal farm workers who lived in nearby farm cottages. Bill was a postman at one time and was often given a cabbage or lettuce, he was also given permission to get mushrooms off the fields. We got talking to some people who were staying at Eastbridge who had been on a bike ride to Sizewell and also were interested about the farm, they love this area. That morning they'd had an English breakfast at Sizewell Tea Hut, before cycling through the lanes. They also loved to walk. I remember how we used to be able to walk several miles but are now limited, but are both grateful we are able to do what we do. We've never met those people before and probably won't again but it's strange how you have an instant liking to some people and get on well and other people just stare and pass on by. We really enjoyed that afternoon, I also love that area it's so unspoilt, like going back in time.

Margaret Clarke



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR JUNE 2016

Dear Friends,

June'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

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In our Special Prayers



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Sara Newman



Ruby Wedding Anniversary - June 2016

Sunday 5th June Sandra & Richard Ellis



Congratulations from all your friends & church family at St. Margaret's on the occasion of your Ruby Wedding Anniversary. With love & blessings to you both.

Baptisms - May 2016

Sunday 8th May Imogen-Paige Valerie Howe

Sunday 22nd May Blake Terrance Alan Walker

Sunday 22nd May Macie-May Gwen Walker

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

Psalms 91:11



Funerals - May 2016

Friday 6th May Ronald James Williams



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

Psalms 119:76

LET'S PRAY...YOUR KINGDOM COME

In the days leading up to the first Pentecost the disciples and many others, (120 in all, we are told in Acts chapter 1) gathered together in Jerusalem waiting for God to bless them. In the week leading up to this Pentecost, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York encouraged us to earnestly pray, "Your kingdom come."

We were urged to pray for three things in particular:-

Firstly that all Christians might find new life in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Secondly that all those we meet and are close to, friends and family, may see something that draws them to the Lord.

Thirdly that the churches of our land will be so filled with the life and joy of Jesus Christ that it overflows to others as we reach out in love and compassion throughout our communities.

On the website www.thykingdom.co.uk we were also invited to draw up a list of five friends for whom we could pray regularly. In order to prompt our prayer, suggestions were made e.g. using post-it notes with the names of those for whom we are praying on them. We could put them up where we will see them regularly, or make a little index card system, or put five knots into a piece of string, or a leather strip. As we pray we can ask the Lord to bless them mentally, physically and spiritually, so that they grow into a deep and loving relationship with the Lord Jesus for themselves.

Although by the time you read this the Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church will have past, there is nothing to prevent us from taking up some of these suggestions for the rest of the church year.

Archbishop Justin says, "The Lord's Prayer is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory."

So in this needy world of ours, let's continue to pray, "Your Kingdom come."

PSALM 5 - A COMMENTARY

1. Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my lamentation.
2. Hearken to the voice of my crying, my King and my God, for to you I make my prayer.
3. In the morning Lord, you will hear my voice; early in the morning I make my appeal to you and look up.
4. For you are the God who takes no pleasure in wickedness; no evil can dwell with you.
5. The boastful cannot stand in your sight; you hate all those that work wickedness .
6. You destroy those who speak lies; the bloodthirsty and deceitful the Lord will abhor.
7. But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy, I will come into your house; I will bow down in awe of you.
8. Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness, because of my enemies; make your way straight before my face.

There are three things that the Psalmist expresses in this psalm. The first is that he is a man of prayer who finds himself distressed by his enemies and by the wickedness that faces him. His distress he takes to God in prayer and is confident that God will hear him – 'But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will come into your house vs 5.' Secondly he takes his prayer and his need to God in the Temple. His faith has taught him what is wicked and that God takes no pleasure in it – the boastful, the liars, the blood thirsty, any kind of cruelty or wickedness and those who engage in deceit vs 6'. The third thing that the psalmist expresses is his wonder and love of God. In vs 2 he addresses God 'My King and my God.

Sometimes we are so concerned to talk of the God of love that we do not recognise enough the wickedness present in our world. From child abusers to the dealers who offer migrants insecure and dangerous boats to seek a better home, to autocratic rulers who impose insecurity on their people. So he comes to God 'my King and God' with his own fear of evil men in his life but also filled with awe to know God shares and will lead him 'in your righteousness because of my enemies'. So like us and many that we know who feel on the edge of disaster. The Psalmist's fear and inadequacy make him spill it all out before God. The Psalmist has no doubt about the evil that surrounds us, and we can join him in our anxiety, about the care of orphans as a result of dangerous sea crossings in the Mediterranean or all those who live without adequate water supplies. The writer however sees that he too has contributed to the evil and comes to God asking for forgiveness in God's house (vs 7). We also read this psalm in the context of the life of Christ and his sacrifice on the cross to make plain forgiveness and the redemptive attitudes Christians contribute in the world through love and acceptance and a willingness to feed the hungry and thirsty as well as contributing to healing the sick.

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



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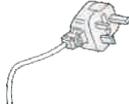
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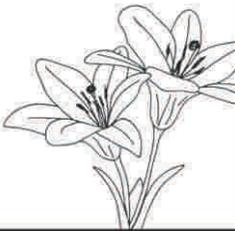
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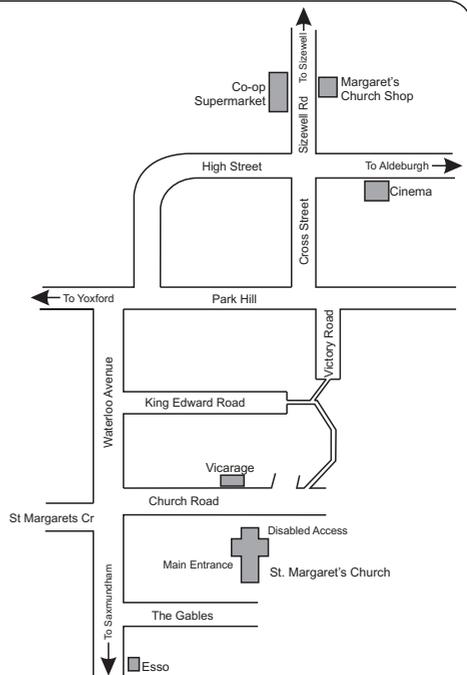


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