

ST. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



CELEBRATING PENTECOST - 24TH MAY 2015
'THE BIRTH OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH'

MAY 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 May

WEDNESDAY mid-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

10.00 Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

Please note: No Services in May

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

A PENTECOST HUG



For me, Pentecost is a great time for celebrating the great big hug of good news from God, through his holy Spirit, that we as followers of Jesus are called to share with others. The Jews were gathered together seven weeks after celebrating the Passover to give thanks to God for hugging them with an early crop, (Pentecost was, and still is for the Jewish people, an agricultural festival). However, for others, especially those who had followed Jesus, there was to be a big new Pentecost surprise hug. God was going to embrace them within the Wind and Fire of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit's new hug at Pentecost brought with it some great changes in the lives of those early followers of Jesus and those around them. The ability to speak and understand different languages and speak to the differences within the human community was only the beginning. Through the Pentecost hug of the Holy Spirit, God was calling his followers to share the good news of God's presence through their hugs. Or in other words, embrace those around them with the Holy Spirit by sharing the good news of God's mighty acts.

A hug is a great way to reveal our feelings for others, whether we throw our arms around them or pat them heartily on the back. Just as the Jewish people celebrated God bringing forth a harvest of grain through the hug of the sunshine, rain and the planting of human hands, so now Pentecost would become a celebration of how God would bring forth a harvest of good works through the hug of his Holy Spirit and the cooperation of human hearts and hands. In other words we have become, through our Holy Spirit inspired hugs of sharing the good news of God's mighty acts, a 'Pentecost People'; creating new and daily Pentecost experiences for those around us. So we must in turn continue to gather, ponder, sing of, write about, and proclaim the continued faithfulness of God.

Of course for some a good news hug can become an invasion of personal space and may not always be welcome. However, research into hugs has thrown up some interesting facts. For instance, the optimum length of a hug is said to be three seconds, which is deemed to be sufficient for the hug to do its job. This means that even the smallest act of kindness, even the smallest sharing of the good news can bring forth a mighty act of God. So in celebrating Pentecost, we celebrate the fact that in the heart of every follower of Jesus, the hug department is, or should, always be open to creating new daily Pentecost experiences.

Happy Pentecost adventures,

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH VICARAGE

It has come to our attention that there is a popular myth in the Leiston community that St Margaret's Church owns the old Vicarage in King Edward Road. This is not the case at all. Both Vicarages belong to the Diocese, and we have no control over their management. However, we have made our feelings known to the Diocese in the relation to the non use of the dwelling in King Edward Road.

The Reverend Richard Ellis

THE MONTH OF MAY

How nice its been to see so many Primroses in the ditches this year.

As children, we would go primrosing and however many were picked there would always be more. Mums would put them in their front room windows, and they would look so nice as you walked up the different roads. Next would be the Cowslips, and even now when I go through the country lanes and see them my fingers itch to pick some, but it's not allowed anymore.

Spring is such a lovely time of the year, the Daffodils are a picture going past Snape Church and further along the road there is a wood and it's a mass of yellow. Just past Snape Garage there is a garden which just at the moment is a carpet of blue flowers, often mistaken for Bluebells, but they are called Scillas Dainty Little Flowers. I always look at that garden as it's where the first snowdrops appear with a path of aconites then daffodils and primroses on one side, and now this carpet of blue flowers.

May is the month of the Bluebells, and hopefully I shall be able to visit my favourite Bluebell wood.

Spring is over far too quick, but each year I say a little prayer and say see you next year I hope.

Margaret Clarke



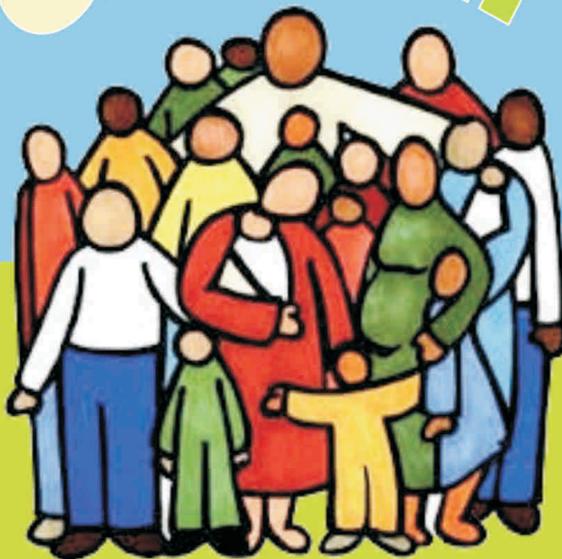
Friends

Drama

St Margaret's Church

Music

Fun



Next 10.30am Services:

Sunday 3rd May

Sunday 7th June

Sunday 5th July

Family Service

Action

Praise

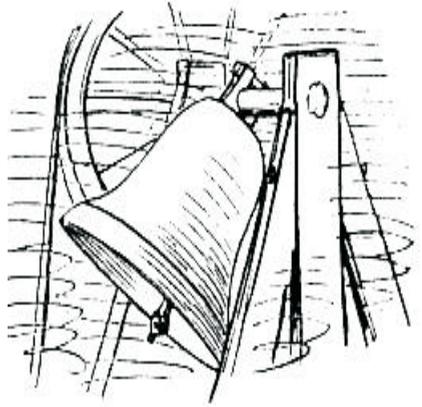
Come along & share in the Joy, Colour & Life
of our All-Age Family Praise & Worship Service

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

HURRAH THE BELLS ARE BACK!

For those of you that did not hear, we rung the bells on Easter Sunday for the first time in eighteen months. This was after being given the safety news we needed on the Thursday before Easter Day. So now we are back ringing again for services, as well as weddings when requested, and bell ringing practise will be on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm.

So, anyone wanting to start come and join us, a warm welcome awaits.



BELFRY PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for the skills and opportunity you have given us to ring the bells in this place to your praise and glory. We ask that the sound of our bells maybe a witness to your Good News for mankind, a summons to all who hear to worship in your house, and a comfort to those in need. Bless the ringing that we do in your Name. Amen

Sent in by: Cindy Fittell

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP

During April the lighting of the tower was sponsored on:

3rd April - 14th April in memory of Richard Bloomfield

4th April - 6th April by Hilda Woodhead

7th April in memory of Jackie Mann

10th April to celebrate Peter Mower's 90th birthday

11th April in loving memory of Derek Linsell

18th April by Jackie & Adrian Shotter, in celebration of their 34th Wedding Anniversary

19th April by The Harle family, in memory of Ernie Harle (Dad & Grandad)

20th April by The Harle family, in memory of Joan Harle on her birthday (Mum & Nannie)

22nd April by Hilary Slaughter. Remembering Basil, her late husband, on his birthday

24th April by Joan Whale. Remembering Peter, her late husband

30th April by Terry Ferguson, in memory of her mum, Amy Croft

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 Martin on 01728 561149

EARLY EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE ON THE BEACH

As I drove up King George's Avenue to pick up Trevor there was a beautiful sunrise in the distance. We were soon at Thorpeness and walking onto the beach where Steve and Gail Southgate had been the first to arrive. We all stood and marvelled at the glorious sun rise over the sea. What a wonderful start to Easter morning!

People arrived from every direction and soon approximately 110 people, adults and children, plus various dogs were assembled. Service sheets were distributed and the Revds. Sheila Hart (from the Whinlands Benefice) and Nicky Winter (from Aldeburgh) led us in worship. Nicky preached the sermon and reminded me that the first Easter beach service that she (and I and lots of Leiston people) had attended was a Deanery service held on Dunwich beach which included some baptisms in the sea. We had walked from Sizewell along the beach, very early in the morning.

As in previous years the congregation moved into the Country Club for the communion part of the service. We faced the sea and so were able to continue to watch the sun come up through the windows. As the congregations of Aldeburgh and the Whinlands will soon be one under the leadership of their new Vicar, it seemed very fitting that clergy from both churches led the worship. It was lovely too to meet people that Sandra and I are training with on the Lay Elders course.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pat Carter

SEVENTY YEARS OF CHRISTIAN AID

2015 is the 70th anniversary of the founding of Christian Aid. Born in the ashes of World War Two, it is still responding to needs that are just as vivid today. The organisation that became Christian Aid was launched in the aftermath of the Second World War in the face of huge opposition. Why should we help our former enemies when we were still rationed ourselves?

The churches' initial vision was of a world where every person is respected because they are a human being in a world where women and men, large nations and small, have equal rights; a world where everyone's needs are met; a world where everyone lives in peace and harmony with others as good neighbours; a world without poverty.

As Christian Aid looks back 70 years, we are struck by the fact that the original vision still burns brightly and is relevant today as it was in 1945.

Will YOU help Christian Aid burn brightly in Leiston and help with the street collection this year on Saturday 16 May 2015? If you are able to give a little time please contact the local organiser, Pat Carter on 01728 831852.

Jesus challenges us to love our neighbour. Christian Aid believes he means our global neighbour too. We can't sit back and let poverty thrive.

Pat Carter

Cooking with the Bible

Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the twelve apostles. Pentecost is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, falling on 24th May this year, and is sometimes called Whitsunday. It marks the BIRTHday of the Church; as with the power of the Holy Spirit upon them, the apostles went out to be Jesus' witnesses to the world, able to speak all language and perform great acts. So, what better way to celebrate a birthday than to have a birthday cake. Since red is the liturgical colour for Pentecost, a Red Velvet cake with cream cheese icing would be ideal.

Once iced, place twelve candles on the cake representing the twelve apostles; the lighting of the candles will then represent the flame of the Holy Spirit descending upon them.

".. you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Red Velvet Cake - Celebrating Pentecost

For the Cake

150g / 5½oz unsalted butter, softened

150g / 5½oz golden caster sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

3 free-range eggs, lightly beaten

4 tbsp Greek-style yoghurt

1 - 2 drops red food colouring

150g / 5½oz self-raising flour

50g / 1¾oz cocoa powder

1 tbsp semi-skimmed milk

For the Icing

100g / 3½oz butter

200g / 7oz cream cheese

500g / 1lb 2oz icing sugar

1 tsp lemon juice

Method:

Pre-heat the oven to a temperature of 170°C/325°F/Gas Mark 3. Grease and line a deep round tin, approx 15cm/6 inch diameter.

Beat the butter, sugar and vanilla together in a bowl until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating after each addition (if the mixture looks curdled add a spoonful of the flour.)

Mix the yogurt with the food colouring - it should look very, very red since the mixture will fade once cooked. Beat the yogurt into the cake mixture.

Fold in the remaining flour and cocoa powder, followed by the milk until well combined. Spoon the mixture into the cake tin and bake for 1 hour 20 minutes or until well risen and golden-brown and a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Remove the cake from the tin and leave to cool for five minutes, then place onto a cooling rack and set aside to cool completely.

For the icing, mix the butter and cream cheese together in a bowl. Then beat in the icing sugar a little at a time. Once all the icing sugar has been added, add the lemon juice and beat the icing for five minutes or until paler in colour.

Slice the cake into three equal layers and sandwich them together with the icing. Finish with a layer of icing on top, and decorate with twelve candles to represent the apostles.



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.

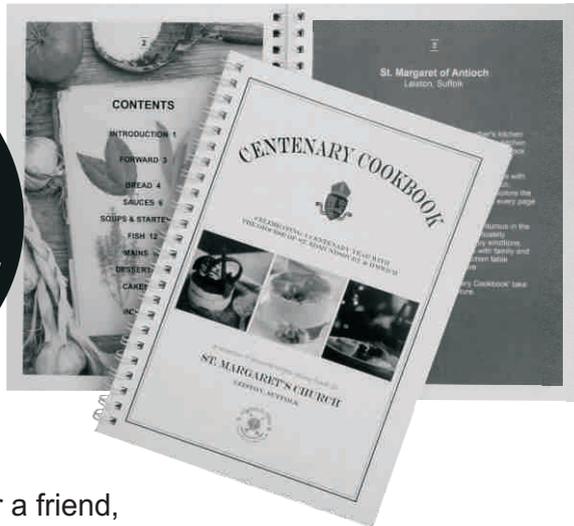
Help us celebrate this special year & also raise funds for St. Margaret's Church. Pick up your copy of the cookbook now!

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**

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE



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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed Alleluia!

This year, Easter Day and the first Sunday of April coincided.

The first Sunday of each month is the Family service at St Margaret's church, and what a good day it was. The children gathered in front of the Altar, and sat down for a story told by an angel puppet. The children listened intently as she told the Easter story of Jesus' rising from the dead from her point of view, being there at the time she said.

There was also another visitor in the form of a one Harold Bunnington, a puppet hot cross bun, who explained to everyone the meaning behind his shape and various ingredients. He explained the Cross was to remind us that Jesus died on a cross for us, so that we will go to heaven at the end of our lives. The Spices remind us of the spices used to embalm Jesus' body before he was laid in the tomb. The round shape reminds us of the huge stone that was rolled away from the tomb on Easter morning. The yeast used to make the bun mixture rise reminds us that Jesus is risen. And the currants symbolise the many people who saw Jesus after he had risen. It was a simple but effective way of telling the children about Easter, and its meaning for Christians everywhere.

There was also a decorated 'Easter Bonnet Competition', and a 'Painted Egg Competition'. The winners each received an Easter egg, kindly donated by one of our parishioners. All the Sunday school children were also given a chocolate egg, as well as going outside on an Easter Egg hunt at the end of the service.

Alleluia Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed Alleluia!

The Reverend Richard Ellis

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

Next Family 'Praise & Worship' Services:

Sunday 3rd May, Sunday 7th June & Sunday 5th July

Bible Society - Audio Bible Appeal

An urgent appeal from the Bible Society. This is a true story about an amazing change in someone's life. It is an incredible story of what can happen when someone is offered the Bible. This story shows the powerful impact of this mission we share, and hopefully spur people to support our appeal through gift-giving, and praying to the Bible Society, as your support makes such a difference to people's lives.

Dawit was a murderer, a rapist and a thief. He was feared and hated around his town, in rural Ethiopia, and his family had disowned him. He terrorised women, subjecting them to the most awful of crimes. He would then run away and live wild in the forest for months at a time. When finally captured, Dawit received a double life sentence and was imprisoned. 'I deserved to be in that horrible cell,' he said. 'There was no hope for me.'



Solar Powered Proclaimer Audio Bible

But God had other ideas....

Dawit continues: 'One day during recess hour, a black box appeared in the communal room. I used to sit in the corner of the room far from anyone, but I couldn't ignore the sound coming from the box.

It was a Proclaimer Audio Bible, provided by Bible Society and the voice that day was speaking about a God that died for our sins. I listened closely. I could hear three voices. One was Jesus and the other two were sinners. All were being crucified.

'One sinner said they were being killed for a reason, but Jesus didn't do anything to deserve his fate. It got me thinking. As I listened more, it talked about God's unfailing love for all of humanity.'

'That night, I couldn't sleep. The message stuck with me. Even though I was rejected by society, Jesus Christ accepted me and loved me no matter what. The next day, I heard some more. Over that week, I discovered Jesus as my personal Lord and Saviour. He has taken me in his arms and loved me like his son, no matter how bad the crimes I have committed. He has freed me from the chains of evil and given me another chance.'

That was 10 years ago. Dawit, now 46, is still in Akaki Prison, Addis Ababa, but today he has the role of prison pastor & coordinates the daily Bible listening group. The wardens trust and respect him. He still has 25 years left to serve in jail - but says, 'God put me here for a reason. I am helping so many other men to change their ways and discover God. I am happy to still be in prison because it's my mission to share God's love with everyone.'

What an inspiring story! The words of Scripture reaching into the darkest places, to bring about transformation. It costs £40 to provide a Proclaimer Audio Bible & set up a listening group. If you'd like to be part of this mission, and make a donation to help put more Audio Bibles in prisons then please contact us.

Tel: 01793 418222 or Web: biblesociety.org.uk/ethpris15



Ladies Group

The Group met in church in the afternoon of Monday 20th April to take part in a competition and to take part in a Bring and Buy. In actual fact there were two competitions. One based on identifying beautiful photographs of local churches and the saints to whom they were dedicated. Many of the photographs had been taken from different angles to those from which you would usual view them. Once everyone had had a go at identifying the churches the answers were given and the ladies then tried to identify the dedicated saints in question. I'm sure readers will be pleased to hear that everyone identified correctly Leiston St Margaret's. When the scores were added up, the winner of the yellow chrysanthemum was Marian Peskett – going on the Churches Cycle Ride each year seems to have paid dividends.



The second competition had answers which were the names of chocolates, both in boxes and bars. The answers to this seemed to come easier to the ladies (I wonder why as we all said we DIDN'T eat chocolate!!) The prize was a box of Quality Street (Clue: High class thoroughfare) was won by several people, who got 14 correct answers out of 15, so it was passed around for everyone to enjoy.

Next we all took time to browse the Bring and Buy items and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. There was a big variety of goods on offer. Plants, baked goods, picnic items, books, jars of home-made marmalade were all available to buy. After discussion it was agreed that the money raised (£35) should be given to the Leiston First Responders.



A Satisfied Customer

Our next meeting will be lunch out & a treasure hunt on Wednesday 20 May. (Our usual meeting would have been the third Monday in May which is the Archdeacon's visitation).

Life's Cycle STARTS ANEW

What joy to saunter through the woods
Seeing fresh buds so daintily displayed.
Whilst in the undergrowth, bursting forth
Spring flowers are cheerfully arranged.

Delicate nodding snowdrops,
Primroses of yellow hue
I lift my heart in silent prayer
As life's cycle starts anew.

The unsteady gait of newborn lambs
Bleating for mother ewe,
Chirruping birds building nests
as a hare bounds into view
The verdant winter wheat grows strong
Under a sky of azure blue,
I praise the Maker with all my heart
As life's cycle starts anew.



By Malcolm Andrews
Sent in by: Hilda Woodhead

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY SPRING COFFEE MORNING



**The
Children's
Society**

You are invited to our Spring Coffee Morning raising money for The Children's Society, at The Dolphin Inn, Thorpeness. The Coffee Morning will be on **Friday 29th May 2015 from 10am - 12noon.**

There will be delicious home made cakes & produce, bric-a-brac, raffle etc.
Admission of £1.50 includes fresh ground coffee kindly provided by The Dolphin.

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

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:

10th May ▪ **24th May** ▪ **31st May** ▪ **14th June**
28th June ▪ **12th July** ▪ **26th July** ▪ **9th August**

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

CRAFTS

**memory
verse**

DVD'S

GAMES

**story
time**

prayers

St. Margaret's Church, Leiston

Contact: Kathryn Phillips-Last on 01728 561149

Kids Zone

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

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is a very special time of year for Christians.

It is celebrated 50 days after Easter (when Jesus rose from the dead). This is the time when the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples as tongues of fire, which then rested upon each one of them. It filled them with the Holy Spirit & gave each one of them many gifts, including the ability to speak in different languages. This was so they would be able to go out into the world & tell everyone they met about Jesus & God.

The Holy Spirit is the third aspect of the Trinity (the Father, Son & the Holy Spirit) and is often shown as a dove flying down through the air.

The Holy Spirit can help us in lots of ways. He comforts, teaches, as well as strengthens us. The Holy Spirit lives in all our hearts & helps us to make the right choices.

So remember, if we ask the Holy Spirit to come & help us, we will see amazing things begin to happen in our lives.



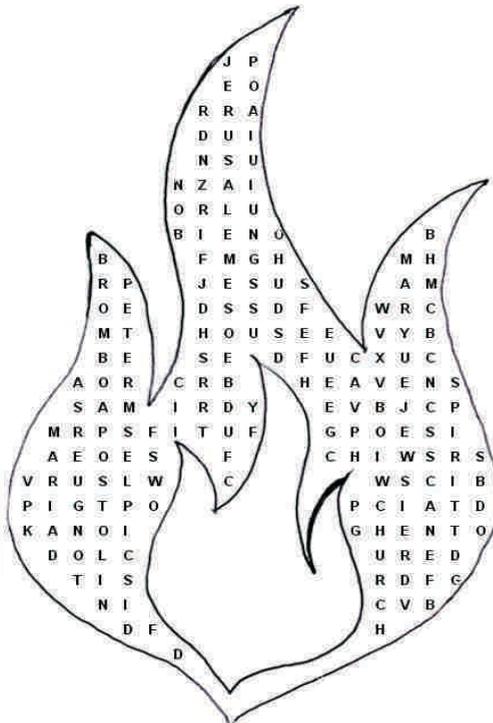
WORD PUZZLE - PENTECOST

Substitute the number for the letter shown and solve the code below:

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4. 23-25-8-4-7 _____
5. 11-5-3-6 _____
6. 24-5-22-8 _____
7. 20-4-3-26-16-4-26-8 _____
8. 12-21-16-23-8 _____
9. 23-21-16-3-6 _____
10. 12-8-4-18-8-3 _____

SOUND
WIND
FILL
SPEAK
HOLY
LANGUAGE
HEAVEN
FIRE
HOUSE



CROSSWORD - PENTECOST

WIND
HEAVEN
HOUSE
TONGUE
FIRE
SPIRIT
JEWS

JERUSALEM
PETER
JESUS
DISCIPLES
MARY
CHURCH



Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' Sessions - Kids of all ages welcome!
 Sun 10th May, 24th May & 31st May - All @ 10.00am

St. Margaret's Church

Summer Fete

Saturday 27th June
2pm - 4pm

Everyone Welcome!
Fun for all the Family



Stalls
& Crafts

Sizzling
BBQ

Grand
Draw

Live
Music

Tasty
Refreshments

Fun
Games

The Royal British Legion

Leiston Branch (Sub-Branch Aldeburgh)

V.E. Day 70th Anniversary – Friday 8th May - The anniversary of the Victory in Europe is being marked by an Act of Remembrance on the Victory Road Recreation Ground at 11.00. The start and finish of the two minute silence will be marked by setting off a rocket. Everyone is welcome to attend but if you are unable to do so please observe the two minute silence if possible.

The Branch, as part of the Leiston in the Great War Group, participated in the parade and service commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Neuve Chapelle on 8th March. Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event.

On Sunday 26th April the Branch Standard will have been carried at the Colonel Doughty-Wylie VC Commemorative Parade and Service at Theberton.

Branch Standard Bearers have commenced monthly training at the County Standard Bearers School at Stowmarket.

The Branch has been invited to lay a wreath at the Friends of Leiston Airfield Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on 24th May at 2.15pm.

Poppy Appeal – total raised to date is £8016.93.

The Poppy Appeal Organiser in Theberton has raised £821.



The next Branch meeting will be on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm at the Ex-Service Club, Victory Road, Leiston.

Trevor Peskett

Chairman - Leiston Branch TRBL

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!

Judith Geater - Leiston WI President

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INSPIRING WOMEN

BIRTHDAY THANKS

A big thank you to everyone for all your kind birthday wishes, lovely cards, as well as the beautiful cake which was a total surprise, all making my 90th Birthday celebration even more special.

With love from,

Peter

Peter Mower



BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS



A very Happy Birthday and warmest congratulations to Peter Mower, who celebrated his 90th birthday on 10th April. It was wonderful to help celebrate your special day; everyone thoroughly enjoyed the delicious birthday cake and drinks on Sunday 12th April.

With much love from all your friends at St. Margaret's.

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday 4th April, Mary Reading was confirmed into the family of God, with a Service of Confirmation held at Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral. Mary and her family are actively involved in our church family here at St. Margaret's. Mary & her son Archie are also both members of our Choir, and her other son Edward is a part of our Sunday School 'JAM' (Jesus & Me). We would like to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations and Christian blessings to her and all her family as Mary starts on her own personal journey into faith.

With much love & Christian blessings from St. Margaret's Church family

The Excursion

My brother and his wife live in a small town in Bedfordshire. They have two daughters, both happily married and five grandchildren. Due to the town having a good rail service to the centre of London, it has enabled my brother, for several years, to take his grandchildren to various museums and places of interest, although his granddaughter, a talented gymnast and dancer prefers the ballet.

In a recent telephone conversation, he told me that she had asked if he would take her to see a West End play, he agreed and they chose “The Mouse Trap”. That is when her brother decided to accompany them. A date was agreed and necessary bookings made.

The day of the excursion arrived and my brother drove to his daughter’s home to collect his grandchildren, but instead of the usual warning mothers give their children on these occasions, ie behave yourselves, no junk food and don’t wander off etc etc; she turned to her children and said “look after grandad and don’t tire him out.” My brother was stunned by how quickly the years have passed and the roles reversed, for quite suddenly the carer dad had become the cared for.

I commiserated with him and told him about a small boy of my acquaintance who had celebrated his third birthday recently and how it had brought back memories of the day my eldest grandson was three and the fun we had on his birthday.

“It doesn’t seem possible” I said “now he’s in his mid twenties, married over two years and about to become a father. Where have the years gone?”

“Well Vi” he replied “you know what they say, life is like a toilet roll: the closer you are to the end, the faster it runs out”

How true. How true.

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

Check out our website for all the latest info:

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LENT Godly Play

THE TEMPTATIONS of CHRIST



During Lent we followed Jesus in the wilderness of the desert and re-lived the temptations of Christ through 'Godly Play'.

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The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR MAY 2015

Dear Friends,

May'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

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In our Special Prayers



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Jean Cracknell

Sally Hitchcock
Kane
Mary Allum



Funerals - April 2015

James Hall 1st April 2015

Michael Borret Woolnough 10th April 2015

Roy Godfrey Lee 30th April 2015



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

Eternal God

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth:
You formed us from the dust of the earth,
and by your breath you gave us life.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life:

You tasted death for all humanity,
and by rising from the grave
you opened the way to eternal life.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life:

You are the comforter of all who sorrow,
our sure confidence and everlasting hope.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

Annon.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING

“Remember the Lord's people who are in prison as if you were their fellow-prisoners, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.”
Hebrews 13:3

A journalist of the Washington Post wrote, “Europe is witnessing an unprecedented wave of migrants as conflicts rage in Syria, Iraq, Libya, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Ukraine and elsewhere within reach of its relatively prosperous shores.” I am sure you must have seen heart rending pictures on your TV screen. What can we do? We feel so helpless as individuals. Collectively, however, we surely carry responsibility before God to respond to such need?

The media report horrific stories of people in leaking vessels; of boats capsizing as passengers rush to one side of the vessel to attract help, and of Christians being thrown overboard after a fight ensued between Muslims and Christians.

The Italian government has responded offering a helping hand at the urging of Pope Francis and Save the Children is appealing for international aid to be offered to people. These people are not beggars. They have paid huge sums of money to be brought across the sea by unscrupulous men.

It has been important in our intercessions during our Sunday services to highlight the plight of the persecuted church, particularly in countries where IS have decimated villages and slaughtered Christians. We are not called to hatred because of this, but we are called to prayer. Let us take to heart the words at the top of this page and pray for the girls captured by Boko Haram and others held against their will.

Pray for world leaders as they discuss how to tackle these huge dilemmas. Believe that our prayer day by day and Sunday by Sunday will have an effect. The apostle Paul told the Christians in Ephesus, “God can do much, much more than we can ask or imagine.” and the Lord Jesus said (Luke 18) that “God will always give what is right to his people who cry to him night and day.” God can do more than we can imagine. Let's be brave and imagine good solutions to the problems the world faces and then let's keep chipping away in prayer at the problem – individually and together and let's thank God for his amazing answers when they come.

PSALM 1 - A COMMENTARY

One of the themes that runs through the Law and the Prophets (the Old Testament) is taken up in this Psalm. This is the choice between serving God and serving the ungodly. The latter are described in the Psalm. 'It is not so with them, but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth'.

Serving God is 'following the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exercise himself day and night' A living faith does not lead to the production of kill-joys, gossips, or destroyers of the character of others.

The sort of character we should seek for ourselves is to place God and his holiness at the centre of all we think and do. In contrast the person who is continually critical of others, who presumes to set themselves up as judge over others reflects a triviality which as was quoted are like chaff that has no solidarity but have a hollowness and lightweight approach to their lives. In contrast the person of God as the psalm puts it 'knoweth the way of righteousness: and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Joshua as he prepared the Israelites to enter the Promised Land said to them "This is my command: be strong, be resolute; do not be fearful or discouraged, for wherever you go the Lord your God is with you.'

Revd. Chris Gonin

NEVER ALONE

I will go before you when life gets too tough.
I will be close beside you when the pathway is rough.
My presence is promised from the beginning of time.
I will never forsake you,
because you are mine.
When you go through dark valleys you won't go alone.
When you sail stormy waters
I'll lead you safe home.
I don't promise blue skies
it won't always be fine.
But I'll never forsake you,
because you are mine.

Sent in by: Shirley Newman



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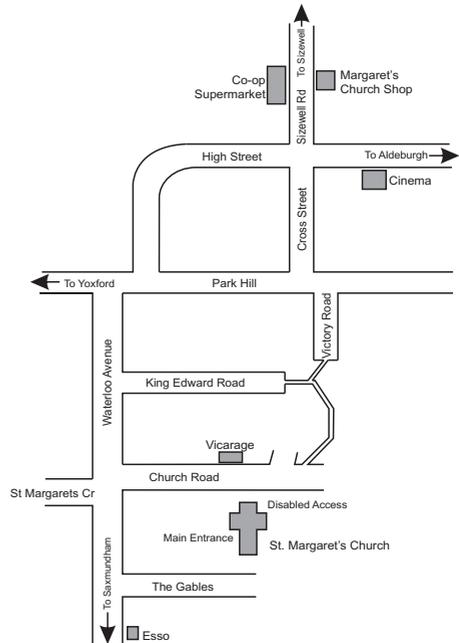
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