

# ST. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



'LEST WE FORGET'

NOVEMBER 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 EUCHARIST SERVICE & 'JAM' (JESUS & ME) SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please note: The Service on 8th November will start at 9.30am, followed by a Remembrance Service at 11am

## 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 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 November

## WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

### 10.00 Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

Please note: No Services in November

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# THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

## Bridges



Stretching across a small river where my Grandparent's used to live was an old ancient wooden bridge known as the 'Half a Penny Bridge.' We used to play on it as children and our Grandparent's used to tell us all kinds of stories about the Half a Penny Bridge.

The bridge got its name because when my grandparents were themselves children it cost pedestrians half a penny to cross the bridge. And to make sure payment was made, there was a very strict toll-keeper named Jack, who ensured that all fees were collected.

There were many stories about that bridge. The one that has stayed with me through the years, is a story told about what happened one night many years ago after closing time. One night two locals who were clearly the worse for drink, appeared at one side of the bridge. 'Half a penny to cross,' insisted Jack the toll-keeper. The two locals were left wondering what to do, as they only had half a penny between them. One of them could go over, but the other would have to stay behind. So between them they hatched a cunning plan. 'My man,' asked one of the men. 'What is the cost of baggage if we were to take it across your bridge?' 'Oh, there is no cost for baggage,' said Jack the toll-keeper. And with that one of the men climbed onto his companion's back, paid his half a penny, and proceeded on his way, carrying his friend across the bridge.

There are many bridges we have to face in life that we find hard and sometimes downright impossible to cross on our own. Remembrance is a time to reflect upon and give thanks for those people who have journeyed across hard and impossible bridges for us. Remembrance is also a time to reflect and give thanks for the courage of our fellow travellers, for the lives of those who negotiated the most tricky and impossible bridges for us, and at more than the cost of half a penny. So that today we no longer need to cross them on our own. Remembrance is a bridge named peace that we can today cross together. Reflecting upon, and giving thanks for those who have already paid for us to do so.

Blessed adventures,

*Martin*

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP

During September & October the lighting of the St. Margaret's Church Tower was sponsored on:

**23rd September**

To celebrate the birthday of Shirley Leslie

**6th October**

Celebrating Sue & Anthony Hawkes granddaughter,  
Lily Swerdlow's 12th Birthday

**15th October**

In loving memory of Harold Foster

**19th October**

Remembering Elle Cook on her 16th Birthday

**21st October**

Celebrating Joe Diegnan's 80th Birthday

**21st October - 27th October**

Sponsored by The Peck Family, celebrating the visit of  
Jill and her daughter Jamie from the USA

**23rd October**

Remembering Lizzie Ford, who left us a year ago today

**30th October**

Celebrating Joan Mower's 92nd Birthday

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 Sandra Harle.

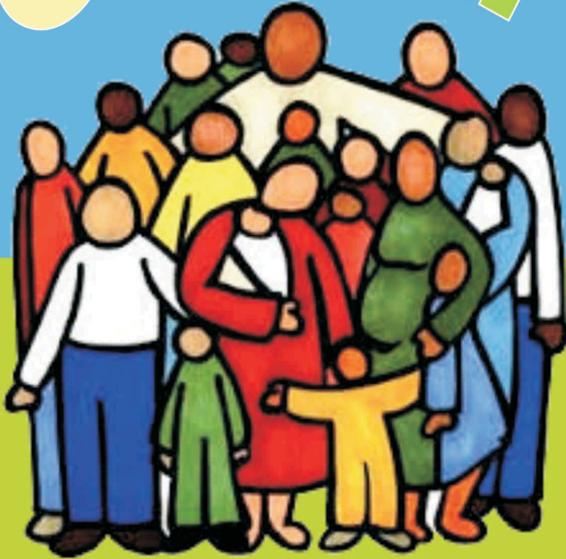
Friends

Drama

# St Margaret's Church

Music

Fun



Next 10.30am Services:

Sun 1st November

Sun 6th December

Action

# Family Service

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!

# A MOMENT IN TIME

Not for the first time has it been said that 2015 has been a year of anniversaries. 800 years ago at Runnymede, King John was forced to put his seal on Magna Carta, sometimes called the Great Charter. From then on, English men and women have fought to preserve the freedom and liberties granted that day. So defining a document, that when the Pilgrim Fathers left this country to settle in the New World (America), the civil laws they made were based on Magna Carta. They were not alone, for other countries did likewise.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Europe had been in turmoil, with Napoleon fighting as far east as Russia. At sea also there were battles. In 1805, another important date in English history, the Battle of Trafalgar took place - the battle is which Nelson, one of our most famous admirals, died. In 1815, once more armies faced each other, ready to do battle. The British Army, led by the Duke of Wellington, together with the Prussian Army, fought at Waterloo to defeat Napoleon. The loss of life and the injuries suffered by those wounded was truly horrendous. Although Napoleon was defeated, history has it that after the battle, Wellington was believed to have said "it was a close run thing".

There was a period of relative peace in Europe, shattered in 1914 with the outbreak of World War I; The Great War, often quoted as being "the war to end all wars." Although it ended in 1918, peace was short lived as war broke out again in 1939.

The 75th anniversary of the evacuation from Dunkirk was celebrated in May. The event was featured in a television programme, showing a flotilla of small boats crossing the English Channel as they did in 1949. There the small boats helped bring back the British Army, stranded on the beaches. A few veterans were in Dunkirk and told of their experiences. The actor, Robert Hardy, spoke the words of the speeches made at the time by Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

There was a film showing the preparations being made to defend our country from the invasion that was expected to follow. A short piece of film showing very young children in school, putting on their gas masks and getting on with their lessons brought back memories. The programme also reminded me of my best friend Audrey, who lived across the road from me. Her father served in the army and was home on leave. I overheard my parents say something about Mr Sharp being home from France. "Ah how wonderful" I thought "he's been to France. Wasn't he lucky". It was many years later I realised he had been even luckier to have been one of over 350,000 service personnel to have been brought home from Dunkirk.

Within weeks, what was to become known as "The Battle of Britain", had started.

Seventy five years ago, young men (the average age was 20), took to the skies in their Spitfires and Hurricanes to defend our country. I remember clearly a daylight raid and my parents standing at the front door looking up at the sky. I decided that I too wanted to have a look at what was interesting them. As I stood behind them, I looked up at the blue sky and saw more planes twisting and turning, diving and soaring. It was only a matter of seconds before I was sent back to the cupboard under the stairs; then thought to be the safest place in the house, but it was a sight I'll never forget.

Losses were heavy on both sides. Never the less our young pilots kept control of the skies and the expected invasion didn't take place, although once again, in the words of Wellington "it had been a close run thing".

Seventy years ago in May 1945 there was reason to celebrate. The war in Europe had ended. V.E Day was a day of rejoicing. Impromptu street parties took place in every town and village, but sadly the war wasn't over.

Fighting continued in the far east under appalling conditions, until finally in August 1945 the war ended.

Again there were street parties, although this time they were a little more organised. Housewives had been putting a little of the meagre food rations to one side, so that they would be able to provide a "really good spread" for the children. In the street in which I lived, each child was given a whole bar of chocolate. What joy. We didn't have to share it with anyone, as we usually did.

Because the war was over the houses were decorated with flags and bunting, in red, white and blue. It was all very colourful. At our street party, we children were in fancy dress. A great many costumes were made of crepe paper, and quite a few boys wore a bowler hat, carried a cane and smoked a cardboard cigar - all miniature Winston Churchills. There was so much joy, so much laughter, six years of fear and tension had finally ended and it was time to celebrate; yet all too soon it was time to come down to earth, when the horrors of the concentration camps and Japanese prisoner of war camps were revealed in news reel pictures shown in the cinemas.

How sad that since those heavy days of August 1945, when we celebrated peace, there have been so many wars and conflicts, right up to the present day.

On Sunday November 8th, the Queen will lead the nation in an act of remembrance at the Cenotaph, and on the 11th, all around the country, small groups of people will gather for their act of remembrance. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

As we give thanks for the freedom we enjoy today, we must never forget the price that has been paid by so many over the centuries and continue to pray that one day there really will be peace throughout the world.

# WARTIME RECIPE MEMORIES

Remembrance is a day when we remember all those who have died in both World Wars as well as other past and continuing conflicts, both home and abroad. It is a sad and sombre day, but it is a day to recognise just how brave and courageous all of the fallen were, and if it weren't for them we would not have so many of the freedoms that we take for granted today.

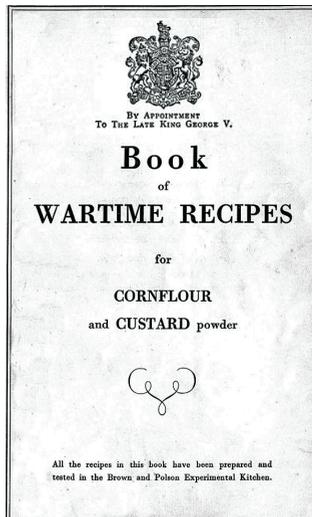
Here are a couple of Wartime recipes, the first taken from the Brown & Polson Book of Wartime Recipes & the second from Wartime Cookery, for you to try at home.

## SAVOURY KENTISH PUDDING

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| ½ lb suet crust        | 1 apple         |
| 1 tablespoon cornflour | Stock or water  |
| 1 lb sausages          | 2 tomatoes      |
| 1 onion                | Salt and Pepper |
| 1 teaspoon mixed herbs |                 |

### Method:

Line a greased basin with suet crust saving a piece for the top. Cut the sausages into small pieces, peel and slice the onion, apple and tomatoes. Fill the basin with layers of these ingredients, sprinkling each layer with a little cornflour, seasoning and mixed herbs. Add enough water or stock to  $\frac{3}{4}$  fill the basin. Moisten the edges of the crust and put on the top, pressing the two edges well together. Cover with greased paper, then cover tightly with a cloth. Steam  $2\frac{1}{2}$  - 3 hours.



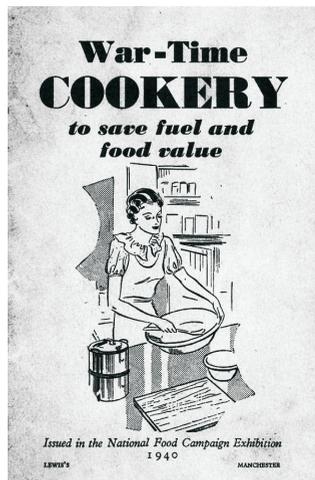
## MIXED FRUIT PUDDING

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ½ lb soaked bread / crusts | 1 beaten egg                    |
| 10z flour                  | 60zs mixed fruit:               |
| 40zs chopped suet          | raisins, currants, chopped figs |
| 20zs sugar                 | and dates                       |
|                            | ¼ teaspoonful mixed spice       |
|                            | ¼ pint milk                     |

### Method:

Mix all ingredients very thoroughly and steam in a greased basin for two hours.

If made a little moister, the mixture may be turned into a greased pie-dish and baked for three-quarters of an hour.





# 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.

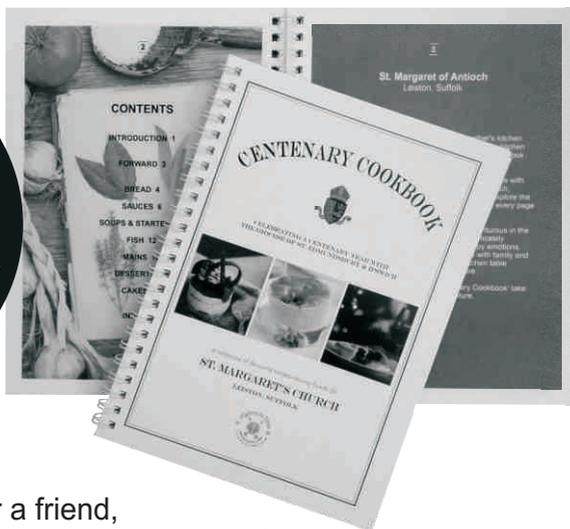
**Help us celebrate this special year & also raise funds for St. Margaret's Church. Pick up your copy of the cookbook now!**

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**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**

# THE LADIES GROUP PLAN AN INTERESTING YEAR

The Group met in church on Monday 21st September to plan activities for next year and to cover shoeboxes. A varied programme was settled with indoor and outdoor visits. Some of these were old friends, like our “Christmas” meal in January. Everyone agreed that, as we had been looked after so well at the Wentworth Hotel last year, we would like to repeat this in January 2016. Details of the arrangements and menu choices will be available nearer the time. Sue Hawkes has agreed to lead us in making Christmas floral decorations for the church again this year.

Trips out to Southwold and Dunwich have been discussed and a Treasure Hunt in Peasenhall. Once again we plan to enjoy fish and chips at Sizewell T. Details of each meeting will be on the pewsheets and in this magazine. All outings are self funded and no membership or subscription fees are payable. You do not have to be a church member to belong to the Group so do come along if you're interested.

We planned a sale after the morning service on 18th October with two purposes in mind. Firstly to raise money to top up the contents of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and also to raise the £3 needed for the transportation of each shoebox to its final destination. The ever resourceful Betty had called at Sara's Shoe Box to ask about unwanted boxes. Over twenty were offered and once the business was settled we all covered the boxes with pretty Christmas wrapping paper we had brought with us. Sandra was able to give us details of suitable contents.



The meeting finished with tea and coffee and maple syrup biscuits (brought back from Canada by Helen on her recent trip).

Pat Carter

# “CHARLIE”

Our neighbour moved recently and it seems very quiet and empty without them. They were a lovely family, and they became like family; becoming like our extended family, with the children like extra grandchildren. Also was “Charlie” their dog. He never barked, ignored our cat and looked forward to a Bonio Dog Biscuit whenever we saw him. Over the four years they lived near us, we got to know the family very well and helped each other out when problems arose. Bill picked up the youngest from school sometimes, stopping to get sweets or apples. One day Bill took him for sausages & chips which he still remembers to this day. We even looked after Charlie when the family went on holiday, plus after that most days if their door or gate had been left open Charlie would come round to our house tap on the glass door to be let in; I’d give him a few biscuits and some meat, and then a carrot which he has daily. If we didn’t hear him tap on the back door he would come to the front door and tap on that until we let him in. I’m sure if we’d had a door knocker he would have used that. He stayed again this year for two weeks and now has his special chair with a cover on, it’s even referred to as “Charlie’s Chair”. Are we silly? No, we just love him and miss him.

Margaret Clarke

## **THE CHILDREN’S SOCIETY - COFFEE MORNING**

Join us for coffee at The Market Hall, Saxmundham

**Saturday 21st November from 10am - 12.30pm**

A wide selection of homemade cakes, preserves & produce,  
plus Christmas Cards, Books and Bric-a-Brac.

A Christmas Hamper Raffle, Tombola & Grand Draw with a first prize of £50.

Admission is only £1 and includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

**You will be most welcome!**

Lorraine Lloyd The Children’s Society - Secretary (Saxmundham & District Committee)

# HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE - 4TH OCT

St. Margaret's Family Praise and Worship service went 'Bananas' this month. In fact St. Margaret's looked more like a fruit and vegetable bowl than a church. With children and adults alike gathered together, with faces painted like strawberries and cherries, and with hats that looked like leeks, all celebrating the harvest.

Our harvest festival service focussed on Jesus' parable of the growing seed, Mark 4:26-29. So, with the help of two rather big and over ripe bananas and a kazoo, we learnt how important it is to give thanks for all the people who, from planting a seed to cooking the dinner, provide us with food.

The most important discovery though was that the source of the life within a seed that helps it to grow, along with sunshine and rain, is God. And it was to God that we together gave our thanks, praise and worship. We also welcomed to the service a number of fruit and vegetable heads made by the children and all of which were great fun and won prizes.



The Church Collection raised for 'Water aid' totalled £40.20, and all food donated was given to the local Food Bank. Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the Food Bank as well as the 'Water Aid' Appeal. Our thanks also go to all those who helped decorate the church for Harvest; the church looked beautiful. It was also great to be joined by the 'Rainbows'.



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICES  
10.00AM ON SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AND SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

# Sponsor A Chorister!

**'Bow down and worship God for truly, God is here among you.'**  
(1 Corinthians 25).

Paul's words to the Corinthians highlight how wonderful it truly is to worship God, because it is in the very centre of our worship, that God is present.

As a great encouragement and continued blessing to our worship here at St Margaret's Church, the Lord has been encouraging new voices to join the St Margaret's Church Choir, each voice adding a new dimension to the already inspiring worship that is at the very centre of our community.

To help encourage new members in the choir and in their part of leading us into worship and so into the presence of God, we have begun a new campaign entitled '*Sponsor a Chorister*'. We would therefore like to invite you, if you are able, to make a donation of any size so that we can buy new robes, worship books and so on for new members of our choir. If you would like to make a donation please see Sandra Harle, our Church Treasurer.

We thank you in advance for any help that you are able to offer.

**For more information about this appeal please see our Organist & Choirmaster, Jonathan Williams**

Jonathan Williams

## Thank you

Chris and Elspeth are most grateful to the many of you who contributed to our marvellous farewell gift. We are also very appreciative of all who kindly sent us best wishes through cards for our new home.

We have managed to reduce a 'gallon' from 15, The Gables into a 'pint pot' of 24, Booth Court by many helpful hands especially Alan and Maureen Fox. We are settled and happy. Thank you all so much.

*Elspeth & Chris Gonin*





## **The Royal British Legion (Leiston Branch, sub-Branch Aldeburgh)**

We have a busy programme for Poppy Appeal Fortnight and Remembrancetide which started with house to house & static point collections on 24th October - 7th November.

Our Poppy Collectors will have also been in the Co-op on 29th - 31st October and then again on 6th November.

The Leiston Detachment of Suffolk Army Cadet Force will be carrying out a street collection for us on 31st October and the Leiston Air Training Corps Squadron on 7th November.

The RBL Band will be holding their Festival of Remembrance at the Leiston Film Theatre on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £6.50.

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service is on 8th November. The Parade will muster on the Cadet Centre Parade Ground at 10.20am. On arrival at St Margaret's Church the wreath laying ceremony will take place at the war memorial after which the parade will move into the church for the Service of Remembrance. This year we will be joined by Deputy Lieutenant Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett, Dr Terese Coffey and County Councillor Richard Smith. Following the Service the Parade will return to the Cadet Centre.

On Armistice Day Wednesday 11th November at 11.00am an Act of Remembrance will take place on the Victory Road Recreation Ground.

Our thanks go to all who help and support the Branch during this busy period.

**The Branch AGM will take place on Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm at the Ex-Service Club, Victory Road, Leiston.**

**Trevor Peskett: Chairman - Leiston Branch TRBL**

### **ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH** Church Road, Leiston

## **Sunday 8th November**

**Sunday Morning Eucharist Service**  
**Starting at the earlier time of 9.30am**

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**Remembrance Service at 11.00am**





Welcome to  
'your page'  
full of fun

activities to enjoy!

Armistice Day is on 11th November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, back in 1918. A two minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who died in World War I, as well as World War II, along with other past and present conflicts. It is important we remember those who fought so hard to give us the freedom we enjoy today. Remembering will also hopefully help prevent wars in the future. We must never forget!

## REMEMBRANCE WORDSEARCH

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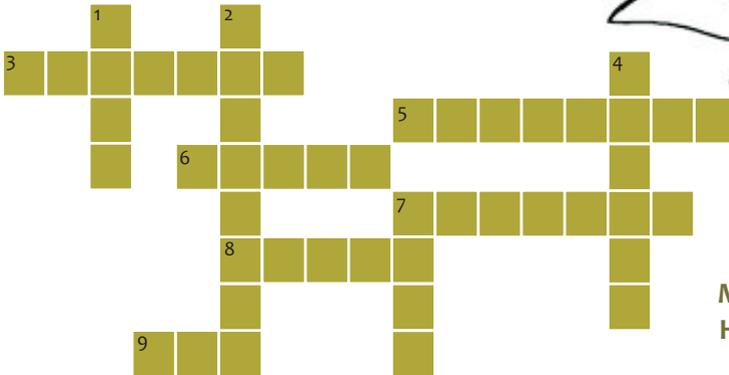
# REMEMBRANCE CROSSWORD

Across:

3. Someone who fights when there is a war
5. Relating to the armed forces
6. A period free from war or conflict
7. A day for celebration when many people stay home from work / school
8. To show no fear in times of danger
9. Fighting between two or more countries

Down:

1. A piece of cloth with a special colour & pattern used to represent a country
2. To keep someone in your memory
4. A large number of people marching or riding in vehicles, usually part of a celebration
7. A person who performs bravely in battle



- Flag
- War
- Parade
- Hero
- Soldier
- Brave
- Remember
- Peace
- Military
- Holiday

## ARMISTICE ANAGRAM

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army    bravery    courage    freedom    November    peace    poppies    war  
    soldier    veteran    wreath    sacrifice



Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' Sessions - Kids of all ages welcome!  
**Sun 8th Nov, Sun 22nd Nov & 29th Nov - All @ 10.00am**

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS Child Shoebox Appeal

Just a reminder that if you would like to donate either complete shoeboxes or items for the Shoebox Appeal these are needed by **Sunday 8th November**. For further information please see Sandra Harle.

Thank you also to everyone who supported our Bring & Buy Stall on Sunday 18th October, in aid of the Shoebox Appeal. With everyone's help we raised £50.

Sandra Harle

## LADIES GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 2015

Following the very successful sale after the Sunday service on 18th October, the Group met the next day to fill some of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes which it had covered with Christmas wrapping paper at their previous meeting.

The photograph shows one of the boxes and its contents – things to bring joy to the heart of a little girl I'm sure you'd agree.

The Group meets next on Monday 30th November at 2.15pm when member Sue Hawkes will lead us in the creation of Christmas floral arrangements to be used in church over the festive season. Please come along & join in the fun.



Pat Carter

## CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CHRISTIAN Aid

For the tenth time, I will be sending a donation to Christian Aid to help those less fortunate than myself. This donation will be in lieu of buying and sending Christmas cards to my church friends at St Margaret's. You will still be wished a blessed Christmas but this will be in person.

The gift catalogue shows a wonderful array of useful gifts which will help those who receive the gifts to become self sufficient. We have so much and others have so little. God's world and its many gifts are for all to share.

If you'd like to join me in this, as many of you have in other years, please let me have your donations by cheque made payable to Christian Aid by Sunday 6th December. Give joy this Christmas!

Pat Carter



# *Recessional*

R. Kipling



God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,  
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold  
    Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The Captains and the Kings depart:  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
    A humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called, our navies melt away;  
On dune and headland sinks the fire:  
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
    Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!  
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe,  
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the Law—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust  
    In reeking tube and iron shard,  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard,  
For frantic boast and foolish word—  
Thy mercy on Thy People, Lord!  
Amen



Sent in by Hilda Woodhead



# “Living History”

Several years have elapsed since I first learned I had become “living history”. It all began with a telephone call from my sister. She thought an article in her local newspaper would interest me. A film company was making a series of programmes for schools under the heading “Living History”.

A researcher had discovered an old film showing school children demonstrating how they would behave in the event of an air raid, and the company was hoping to trace former pupils to interview and perhaps recognise themselves in the film. The school was one I had attended at the time the film was made. My sister gave me the contact number listed in the newspaper and out of curiosity made the call.

I spoke to a young man who explained that he wished to speak to those who had contacted him in groups of 10 or 12, preferably in a house, so that he could record their conversations. Apparently a large group in a hall would create too much background interference for a useful recording.

I mentioned the names of people I'd been at school with and happily discovered several had already made contact with him. He then gave me the name and address of one of the people who would host a meeting. I was delighted to learn that Joan was to have one as we had been play mates when we were young children.

The evening we were due to meet, I drove to Sussex to stay with my sister and in the morning made our way to Hove where Joan lived. Although it had been over 45 years since we had been in contact, we recognised each other straight away. On entering her sitting room there were others I knew, including Audrey (front row of photo right) whose father had been one of the soldiers rescued from the beaches of Dunkirk. The film had been transferred on to a video tape and after we had exchanged greetings, settled down to watch it. So much was familiar and although we could all name the teachers, we were unable to recognise any of the children. It had been a happy occasion and before leaving exchanged telephone numbers and addresses.



Just a few weeks later, Joan informed me that a reunion was being contemplated and asked if I would be interested. I immediately agreed to attend and asked her to reserve two tickets as I was sure my sister would come along as well.

The evening of the reunion arrived and once again made my way south to meet my sister and together headed for Hove and an evening I will never forget. It was an amazing success. The hall in which we met was licenced to hold 200 people,

although many more had turned up. Only those with tickets could be allowed in the hall, so the many without gathered in the grounds outside. There was ample refreshments for all and as it was a warm balmy evening, no one seemed to mind. I learned later a great number of people travelled long distances to attend, including one family from New Zealand. The video was being shown and several people asked if they could have a copy - including me. A few weeks later the tape arrived through the post and I immediately put it in the video player, but my initial reaction was disappointment. Instead of seeing my old school, I was looking at something completely different, but never the less interesting. It showed clergy and choristers, followed by civic leaders, leaving St. Peter's Church in Brighton after a Service of Thanksgiving. Buses passing the church were decorated with flags and bunting and pictures of Churchill and Stalin on the front. There were military parades along the seafront and numerous street parties with the local MP and his wife in attendance, together with the Mayor. At one party a piano had been pushed into the street and the Mayor was happily playing to the delight of local residents. Eventually the section showing the school appeared. The school was a little unusual as it consisted of three totally separate departments; mixed infants - 5, 6, 7 year olds, senior girls and senior boys aged 11 years onwards.

Young children sitting at their desks put on their gas masks (this extract has been shown many times on television programmes illustrating the war), others were sitting in the air raid shelter having a reading lesson with Miss L Elliot, the head teacher, known then as Governess. Senior boys in the woodwork and metal work rooms switched off machinery and made sure everything was safe before marching to the air raid shelter, with senior girls in the domestic science rooms turning off gas cookers and unplugging electric irons, then making their way to the shelter. Infants and seniors all marched in orderly lines, encouraged by the boys' science master, wearing the tin helmet he had when he served in World War I.

The air raid over, everyone left the shelter to make their way back to the classrooms. The film ended with a young girl and boy sitting on a rocking horse waving a union flag. I remember that rocking horse. It used to stand in the infants hall and oh how I longed to be able to ride it.

A few years ago, a friend's daughter, who was a primary school teacher mentioned she was giving a history lesson which included the years during the second world war. I told her about the tape and offered to let her borrow it. She had it for quite a long time and I began to wonder if it had been mislaid. I needn't have worried. Several of her colleagues had seen it and asked if they could borrow it for their history lessons. Occasionally I watch the film, now transferred to DVD, but still can't recognise any of the children, perhaps because everyone passed the camera so quickly. I smile to myself at the memories it stirs and the thought that I am now officially "Living History".

# LEISTON Old Folks' Outing

The 78<sup>th</sup> Leiston Old Folks' Outing took place during the afternoon of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Seventy two guests were collected from their homes by twenty nine volunteer car drivers and taken to the assembly point at the Sizewell Club car park.

From there, they travelled in three convoys on a mystery tour through Kelsale, Middleton, Westleton, Yoxford, Peasenhall, Sibton, Bruisyard, Cransford and Parham. The final destination was Hacheston Village Hall. Many thanks to Ron Geater, Trevor Hawkins and Roger French for, once again, planning such an enjoyable route for our passengers.

At the hall a lovely tea had been prepared by Sharon and Toby Slaughter and their helpers. This was served to our guests whilst they were entertained by singer and keyboard player Lynn Withey and her friend Donna. Their wide ranging repertoire was much enjoyed by everyone. To conclude the afternoon, there were two free raffles – the first when everyone won a small prize – and the second for the beautiful cyclamen plants which had decorated the tables. Before leaving, the guests expressed their thanks to everyone who had been involved in providing such an enjoyable afternoon.

The LOFO committee would like to thank all our loyal drivers for their help and support, without which this outing would not be possible. Also many thanks to Leiston Town Council and Kevin Welton's Thursday Bingo Club for their continued financial support.

Sandra Harle

# CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

This year our Christmas Fair will be held Saturday 21st November and, once again, we would like to have a 'Guess the value of the Hamper' competition as this has proved very popular in the past. We are, therefore, asking for your kind donations of any seasonal food & drink items (with their value shown but removable, if possible). We shall also be holding a Hamper Raffle in the Co-op Supermarket on Thursday 10th December, so surplus items will be used for that purpose.

**Just a reminder that donations are also needed for the:**

**Cake Stall, Plant & Produce Stall, Jewellery Stall, Bottle Stall, Book & Toy Stall, Gift and Nearly New Stall, as well as the Christmas Stall.**

**Prizes are also needed for the: Draw, Tombola, and a Teddy (soft toy) Tombola.**

Items can be brought to church, taken into Margaret's Shop, given to Betty or Sandra or brought along on the day. Many thanks, in advance, for your help and support.

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# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

## INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER 2015

Dear Friends,

November'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 email [stmargaretsleiston@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretsleiston@gmail.com). If you feel you would prefer to be remembered in a particular month then please let us know. Also, if you have a specific need for additional prayer time then please let us know and we'll add you to our 'special prayers' section.

### In our Church Family Prayers

Jim & Pauline Florance

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## In our Special Prayers



Peter Mower

Joan Whale

Leah Crudgington

Lesley Hambridge

Robin Ellis

Jean Hardisty

Dee Penney

Karis Braithwaite



## Funerals - October 2015

Monday 26th October

Peter Gordon Drew

Tuesday 27th October

John Bloomfield



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

Psalms 119:76

## A Prayer for All Souls Day

2nd November 2015



Jesus, dear Saviour, on this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died. Please give them comfort and hope, and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally.

Thank You for our memories of them and for the good times we shared.

We ask You, Lord, please through their intercession, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before You, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom.

Amen.

Unknown

# **PRAY FOR ...**

## **...SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING**

“We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding”.

Colossians 1: verse 9

Brother Roger of Taize wrote, “Prayer is not the privilege of a few. It is a reality easily accessible, for tiny children as for old men. It finds expression in innumerable ways.”

When I was at Missionary Training College in the 1960's one student used to tell us how her mother, a young widow with several children, trusted God to help her make ends meet. Every week-end her mother would empty her purse onto the kitchen table and pray over what was there, before she went out to shop. Week by week the Lord enabled her to purchase nourishing food for them all, and week by week, she thanked God for his help.

In the Old Testament we read of King Hezekiah, who had done a lot for his people. He had sorted out the worship throughout the country, rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem and made sure that they had a safe source of water, if they were ever under attack. One day, the king of Assyria sent an army to besiege Jerusalem and even when the army withdrew because another country was attacking Assyria, king Hezekiah received a horrible, threatening letter, which would have undermined anyone's confidence.

King Hezekiah went into the temple and spread the letter out before the Lord. He poured his heart out to God, asking that God would not only help them, but defend his own Holy Name. God sent him a comforting message through the prophet Isaiah, promising that the enemy troops would go away and not return. Read about it in Isaiah chapter 37 to see what God did.

Today as then there are threatening messages about as our government and other governments deal with foreign policy. Nothing is too big a subject to pray about and nothing too small. Whatever you face, whether it be making ends meet, deep concern over a loved one, or worry about future policy politically, we are able to come before the Lord trusting him for wisdom and understanding. Equally, we can pray that God will raise up leaders across the nations who will act wisely. God is able to do abundantly more than we can ask or imagine. What changes would you like to see across the world? Be like Hezekiah and spread the matter before the Lord.

# PSALM 16 - A COMMENTARY

1. Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge  
I have said to the Lord, you are my Lord, all my good depends on you
2. All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
Upon those who are noble in heart,
3. Though the idols are legion that many run after, their drink offerings of blood I will  
not offer; neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
4. The Lord himself is my legion and my cup, in your hands is my fortune.
5. My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed I have goodly heritage.
6. I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, and in the night watches he instructs  
my heart.
7. I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
8. Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my flesh also shall rest secure.
9. For you will not abandon my soul to Death, nor suffer your faithful one to see the  
Pit.
10. You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy and in your  
right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## The Commentary

It is a real pleasure to meet someone who is fully satisfied with their lot. The impression the psalmist here gives is that he is such a person both in material and spiritual life. We do not know whether the psalmist is a man or woman but life seems full and satisfying. In addition this person has a full and complete relationship with God – here the psalmist finds wisdom and blesses God for that. The writer does not simply talk about God, it is clear that praying, both talking to Him and listening to Him, is a vital part of life and ensures that the relationship is rich and fulfilling. In verse 4 the writer says that the Lord is my legion and my cup indicating the psalmist may well be thinking of God as the source of refreshment – a picture that as Christians we would think of in terms of the Eucharist. Not for this writer are the offerings that others make to the numerous gods that surround them – it is the Lord only who is to be trusted.

This psalmist has great confidence in God with regard to life beyond this one when writing 'you will not abandon my soul to death' which adds to the joy of trusting in God. Saint Peter in the Acts of the Apostles Ch 2.25 quotes from this psalm vs 7-11 and St Paul in Acts 13.35 very freely referring to the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This psalm then makes a bridge between the Old Testament and the New with its strong reference to life beyond death.

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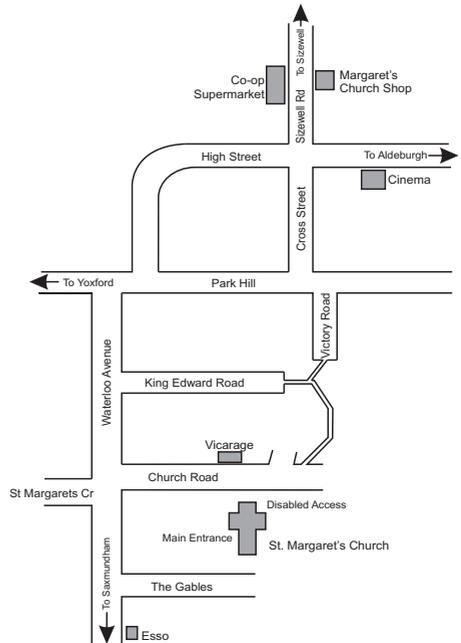
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