

# ST MARGARET'S

## Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



*'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM'*

**NOVEMBER 2017**

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

7.00pm 'LIGHTS TO REMEMBER' SERVICE

## SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

9.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

10.30 FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

## SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

9.30 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE & J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

11.00 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

## SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

10.00 'WELCOME TO THE TABLE' FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

## SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE & J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

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# **TIME FOR A BREAK**

Dear Friends

For Sandra and I it's been a busy year.

Although the autumn and winter months see a drop in the numbers of holiday visitors to our coast there are still a lot of people renting holiday cottages, houses, and flats in Aldeburgh and the surrounding area. Cleaning work drifts from a handful of visitors over Christmas and the New Year, increasing at half term holidays and Easter, and then turns into a manic rush in the summer months.

Summer cleaning is relentless, day after day turning round lets between visitors and keeping people happy, both visitors and owners alike. It is of course good for business, but it is very tiring for everyone on the cleaning team, and a break/holiday is essential to recuperate.

The same can be said for me. Driving coaches for schools, and church commitments, particularly funerals takes its toll both physically and mentally. So a holiday is essential and at the beginning of October we revisited the small town of Managgio by Lake Como in Italy.

We enjoyed ten days of sunshine and a carefully planned itinerary of doing nothing but sit by the lake sipping wine, eating beautiful local food and watching the world go by. IT WAS GLORIOUS, very relaxing and refreshing. We stayed at a small family run hotel, with home cooked food and a very nice friendly family. Our room was basic but comfortable with a small balcony and a lake view.

It seemed like heaven for ten whole days. We returned home refreshed and ready to carry on until next time, and we thank the Lord for our break and the new acquaintances we made.

**Revd. Richard Ellis**

## **LEISTON OLD FOLKS' OUTING**

The 80<sup>th</sup> Leiston Old Folks' Outing took place during the afternoon of Saturday 7 October. Sixty five guests were collected from their homes by twenty seven volunteer car drivers and taken to the assembly point at the Sizewell Club car park. From there, they travelled on a mystery tour through Snape, Iken, Sudbourne, Orford, Chillesford, Butley, Melton, Woodbridge and Martlesham. The final destination was Waldringfield Village Hall. Many thanks to Ron Geater, Trevor Hawkins and Roger French for, once again, being the lead drivers and to Terry Hodgson for 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. As this year was a special anniversary, there was a beautiful celebration cake, made by Tonia Edwards, to mark the occasion, a piece of which was given to everyone to take home. 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.

The LOFO committee, which consists of Peter and Theresa Reader, Josephine Smith, Ron Geater, Terry Hodgson, Betty Harland and Philip and Sandra Harle, would like to thank all our loyal drivers. Also many thanks to Kevin Welton's Thursday Bingo Club, EDF Energy, Galloper Wind Farm Ltd and the Sizewell C Neighbourhood Fund for their very generous financial support for this year's outing.

## **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 2017**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Bike Ride and Stride this year was very successful for Leiston St Margaret's Church. The Nash family, Terri Roper and myself took part in the ride, mostly in the sunshine. Once again this was another opportunity for us to visit our beautiful churches and chapels and to meet the wonderful people who care for them. Everywhere there was a warm welcome and offers of refreshments.

Everyone has paid their sponsorship money and the total paid is £418 50, an increase on last year's total. The money has been paid to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, half of this sum will be returned to us for the work of the church. I would like to thank all those who sat in our church and welcomed our visitors and those who sponsored us. **Pat Carter**

# **ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP**



**During October the lighting of the Church Tower was sponsored on:**

**Monday 30 October**

In memory of Joan Mower on her birthday  
From son Richard

If you'd like to mark a special occasion by sponsoring the lighting of the Church Tower for a donation of £5 per day, please write the details in the diary provided in church, then put the completed payment envelope in the wall safe. Many thanks.

**Love to Sing Community Choir**



# **Family Christmas Concert**

**Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm  
St. Margaret's Church, Leiston**

**Tickets: £5 Adults, £2 Children  
Available from the Choir on 01728 687923  
or [love2singchoir@gmail.com](mailto:love2singchoir@gmail.com)  
from the Church on 01728 833578  
or Margaret's Shop, Leiston**

**Christmas Stalls and Raffle**

**Licensed Bar open from 7pm  
(closed during performance)**

**Tea, Coffee and Seasonal Refreshments  
available to purchase after the concert.**



# Pondering Prayer

## Asking the Lord of the Harvest

When the Lord Jesus gave us the great Commission, as we read it in Matthew 28 he told his followers to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

The disciples probably had no idea how they were going to reach people of all nations, but God had a plan which included people of many nations being in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost and inevitably some of the Jewish people who opened their hearts to the Lord that day, came from far and wide. As they returned home, they would take their love of the Lord Jesus with them and tell others.

Interestingly the disciples had had a couple of practice runs at going out to tell about the Kingdom of God, one we read about in Luke 9 when Jesus sent the 12 disciples out and another in Luke 10 when this time he sent 72 out possibly showing the growth in numbers following Jesus. This shows the success of the first outreach in chapter 9 because now so many more were ready to go and tell. In Luke 10 they were to go out in twos to every town and place Jesus was about to go to.

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. *Ask the Lord* of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.” (v2) which suggests to me that they were already well versed in prayer being a vital part of their outreach.

When the Prayer supporters for Town Pastors pray, they are encouraged to pray for people living within a ten mile radius. This is a rule of thumb worth taking up as *we* pray. That way we are likely to cover the area of our Deanery in prayer.

Another way of targeting prayer is to focus on groups of people. I have been challenged recently to learn of Scripture Union's '95 Campaign.' As a result of recent surveys they have concluded that 95% of British young people are outside church life and have little idea of what it means to have a relationship with God through Christ. This came as rather a shock to me. I knew it was true of many – but so many? Is it not time *we* got down to some serious prayer, asking the Lord of the Harvest that he will send out labourers into this harvest field in Britain today?

Revd. Pauline Florance

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY



The  
Children's  
Society

Please come to our

### *COFFEE MORNING*

At The Market Hall, Saxmundham on  
Saturday 11 November from 10.00am – 12.30pm

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Champagne & chocolate raffle

Hamper raffle

Tombola

Christmas cards

Grand draw – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50

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## **Psalm 96. 1 – 9, 10 -13**

1. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
2. Sing to the lord and bless his name; tell out his salvation from day to day.
3. Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.
4. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.
5. For all the gods of the nations are but idols; it is the Lord who made the heavens.
6. Honour and majesty are before him; power and splendour are in his sanctuary.
7. Ascribe to the Lord you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
8. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
9. O worship the lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth tremble before him.
10. Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King. He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the people with equity.
11. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad, let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
12. Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them; let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.
13. For he comes he comes to judge the earth; with righteousness he will judge the world and the peoples with his truth

This psalmist reminds us of the tremendous importance of worship. In some human relationships it is not unusual to meet people we greatly admire – and perhaps part of our relationship is to realise qualities in the other which highlight some of the shortcomings we experience in ourselves. If with the psalmist we are filled with awe when we experience the wonder of God this too may highlight what we see as our own shortcomings – and encourage us to face the challenge that brings. The psalmist writes of the salvation God gives us in the light of these sins and weaknesses. Although the psalmist wrote before the

time of Christ this is a reminder to us as Christians of Our Lord's work on the cross for our salvation.

Archbishop Coggan whose book helps me with these commentaries, challenges us in his book about posture for prayer. How rarely do we these day kneel or bow in Church as marks of wonder at the presence and glory of God! How many of us kneel to say our prayers? This is very challenging. Our bodies in positions of worship encourage us to express the worship we feel.

"He is the blessed and only Sovereign, King of kings and Lord of lords, he alone possesses immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, him no one has ever seen or can ever see, to him be honour and dominion forever! Amen (1 Timothy 6.15 – 16)"

The People's Bible Commentary - Donald Coggan, Bible Reading Fellowship

Chris Gonin

## **Found in the church porch of St Peter in the Anglian Parish of Wakatipu in Queenstown, NZ**

### **Suggestions for Pilgrims**

As you walk around our wonderful landscape take time to walk mindfully, aware of being fully alive in the present moment. Travel slowly through landscape that is familiar, taking the opportunity to looking through different eyes - eyes made aware of God's glory in creation - to the extraordinary range of people and places through which we pass, often blindly, each day. As you go, pray for significant places and the people who visit them: the school, the pub, the shops, the post office. At the town hall, pray for those involved in local government. At the car park, pray for drivers. Sit in the park, resting in God and thanking Him for the gift of relaxation and leisure. Spend time simply being in God's presence. Think of the journeys that Jesus made in his lifetime, from that first journey to the stable in Bethlehem, through the teaching and healing in the villages around Jerusalem to that last bitter walk to the cross and afterwards along the road to Emmaus.

**Pat Carter**

# NOVEMBER



Our neighbours across the road have had this lovely owl carved out of the stump of an oak tree.

It has been such a talking point, people have stopped cars to take photos, children have posed with the owl for parents to take photos - it has caused so much interest. He is so lifelike; we get a lovely view of him from the front bedroom window and each morning Bill goes into the bedroom and says 'Morning Horace,' although the owl is named Ollie! Close up to him his eyes look at you and his claws grip on to the rest of the stump.

That tree over the years has had a full life. We have watched it grow, seen fresh leaves in the Spring and the leaves fall in the Autumn. We have seen it full of acorns which the squirrels come after and pigeons roosted on the branches. Over the years branches had to be cut down but although our kitchen gets sun in late afternoon and evening, we get even more light in.

That tree has had such a purpose in life and given so much and now to think that one man with a chain saw has had the gift to carve out this wonderful owl – all this from one little acorn.

**Margaret Clarke**

## **Leiston Community Defibrillator**

There will be a drop-in awareness evening at Leiston Children's Centre on Friday 17 November. A training officer from the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust will be demonstrating how to use the defibrillator and do cardiopulmonary resuscitation. He will be using training equipment and everyone attending will have the opportunity to have a go for themselves. The training officer will be there from 7pm until 8.30pm.

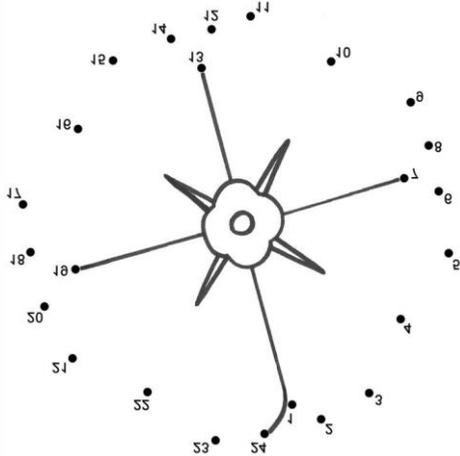
**Linda Hawes**

### Full of fun, activities to enjoy

#### Remembrance Sunday



In the UK Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday in November. It commemorates the contribution of the British and Commonwealth people who fought in the First and Second World War and later conflicts.



#### Alphabetical Order - Remembrance Day

All of these words are associated with Remembrance Day.  
Write the words in alphabetical order on the lines below.



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parade	wreath	ceasefire	poppy	war
armistice	sacrifice	peace	November	soldiers

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## Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night

On the night of November 5<sup>th</sup>,  
we commemorate  
the capture of Guy Fawkes  
with bonfires and fireworks



### Firework Wordsearch

FIREWORKS	GUNPOWDER	GUYFAWKES	
SPARKLER	ROCKET	BANGER	BONFIRE
ROMAN CANDLE	FUSE	SMOKE	

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Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to  
 our 'JAM' sessions. Kids of all ages welcome!  
**Sunday 12 and 26 November – At 10.00 am**

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

## INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Friends

November'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 and prayers always.

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 will add you to our 'special prayers' section.

### In our Church Family Prayers

Jim & Pauline Florance  
Bernard & Patsy Smith  
Joe Diegnan  
Pat, Neil, Lucy, Craig & Ryan Carter  
Daryl & Helen Cartley  
John and Joy Kemp  
Mary Joel  
Kate Kersey  
Peter Downey  
Donna Button  
Billy & Margaret Clarke  
Lesley Martin  
Julie, Ellie & Charlie Howard  
Kay, Trevor & Grace Nash  
Anthony & Sue Hawkes  
Hilary & Richard Slaughter  
Toby, Sharon, Emma & Sophie Slaughter  
Jill Staff  
Glyn & June Clarke  
Robin & Mary Cornish  
Gladys Stannard  
Trevor & Thelma Hawkins  
Kirsty Stowe  
Rodney Avis

Roy Hubbard  
Shirley Newman  
Matthew, Vanessa, Alex, Kierah & Sasha Newman  
Kathryn, Mark, Ian & Stuart Langley  
Adrian & Jackie Shotter  
Stephanie, Craig & Isla Shotter  
Kim & Dan Keeble  
Jan Snowden  
Nicola, Jon, Toby, & Robert Kerridge  
Josie, Steven, Olivia & Maisie Snowden  
Derek & Barbara Cole  
June Linsell  
Magdalene Chandler  
Hilda Woodhead  
Pat & John Swatton  
Debbie, Samantha & Matthew Vettesse  
Kay Curtis  
Colin, Lucy, Freya, Lola & Leeam Curtis  
Nicola, Matthew, Callum & Jamie Smy  
David, Lisa, Isle & Neave Curtis  
Elaine & Jon Ellis  
Norman Chapman  
Eamonn, Cathy & Ursula Harvey  
Helen Thackeray

## **In Our Special Prayers**

Ann Colley

Pam's Grandson Joshua

Magda's daughter Jackie

Penny Batho

Noah

Malcolm Briggs



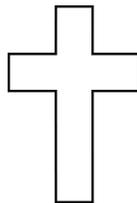
## **Funerals**

Wednesday 4 October

Jaimie Louise Hallett

Monday 16 October

Violet Lilian Rosa Harper





## QUAKERS AND LOCAL HISTORY

At the next meeting of the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group, members of the Leiston Quaker Meeting will talk about Quakerism in general and in our local Alde Valley area. You may be familiar with some of the beliefs and works of famous Quakers, but did you know the Society of Friends has always taken records particularly seriously? From their origins in the 17th century to the present day, with no formal church hierarchies they have needed to do so, and their records of membership and activities can illuminate many more general features of local life.

The meeting will be held on 20 November at 2.30pm at Aldeburgh Community Centre. Visitors welcome. Admission: members £1, visitors £3, incl tea/coffee.

### 1914 V: The Soldier

*If I should die, think only this  
of me:  
That there's some corner of a  
foreign field  
That is for ever England.  
There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer  
dust concealed;  
A dust whom England bore,  
shaped, made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to  
love, her ways to roam,  
A body of England's,  
breathing English air,  
Washed by the rivers, blest by  
suns of home*

*And think, this heart, all evil  
shed away,  
A pulse in the eternal mind,  
no less  
Gives somewhere back the  
thoughts by England given;  
Her sights and sounds;  
dreams happy as her day;  
And laughter, learnt of  
friends; and gentleness,  
In hearts at peace, under an  
English heaven*

**Rupert Brooke**

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's Harvest Festival Service was led by Revd. Jim Florance and Sandra Harle (church elder) with help from the children. Harvest gifts were collected up and placed on the altar table; these were then donated to the local Food Bank.



*The altar cloth was made by JAM Sunday School*

Cameron read the parable from Luke 13 of a gardener who came looking for figs on his fig tree but found none. Nevertheless the gardener gave the tree another chance. He was a hopeful gardener, doing his very best to make the tree produce fruit. Jesus' stories are usually about

God and God's relationship with us. Perhaps God is looking to see whether our lives have produced a good harvest but is he disappointed? Yet this gardener, and therefore God, in love gives us another chance. Before the Ground Force team is called in to dig us over, God waits a bit longer for the fruit to come!

We then learnt about three special gardens (The Apple, Olive and Grape Gardens), which between them hold the clue how our lives can produce the fruit and the harvest that God is looking for. Now in fact these three gardens all have one rather special gardener to look after them. All these three gardens are in the Bible and **God is the faithful gardener.**

The children then gave out grapes to everyone in the congregation as a symbol of the good fruit of God's Spirit.

After the service, many of us enjoyed a Harvest 'bring & share' lunch with delicious food and warm fellowship. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this in any way.

# **CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER**

**11am to 2pm**

This year our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 18 November in church 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 and drink items (with their value shown but removable, if possible).

We shall also be holding a Hamper Raffle in the Co-op Supermarket on Friday 1 December, so surplus items will be used for that purpose. Collection Box for donations near church door.

Just a reminder that donations are also needed for the:

- Cake Stall
- Jewellery Stall
- Book and Toy Stall
- Gift and Nearly New Stall
- Christmas Stall
- Soft Toy Tombola
- Maureen’s Tombola
- Bottle Stall
- Grand Draw

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. **Sandra Harle**

## **CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CHRISTIAN AID**

Just a quick reminder that if you’d like to join me in sending a donation to Christian Aid instead of Christmas cards, as many of you have in other years, please let me have your donations by cheque made payable to Christian Aid by Sunday 10 December . You will still be wished a blessed Christmas but this will be in person. Give joy this Christmas!

**Pat Carter**

# St. Margaret's Church Christmas Fair



**COME & SEE  
SANTA!**



**Saturday 18th November**  
**11am - 2pm**

Fun for all the family - Everyone Welcome!

**Grand Draw**

**Delicious Refreshments**

**Gifts & Crafts**

**Stalls**

**Festive Music**

**Cakes**

**Tombola**

**St. Margaret's Church, Church Rd, Leiston**

# Bishop Martin has written this about the Annual Report 2016:-



As financial restraints begin to have an affect we become freer to more fully serve God and the people of Suffolk. Staff at Diocesan House have borne huge changes to reduce central costs and parishes and benefices have been working hard to meet the parish share. People across the Diocese have been putting things in the right order: God - mission - money. For too long it has been the other way round and money - or its lack - has shaped mission and God is a distinct third. Let's all work on getting this the right way round, trusting first in God and the cloud will then disperse.

Pat Carter

On Sunday 8 October there was only one little boy in **JAM** Sunday School. He did some activities based on the bible readings which all had a horticultural theme. He planted a tulip bulb in a plant pot and decorated the pot. He put two labels on it. One with 'Faith is like a little seed – if planted it will grow' and the other with 'Dear God thank you for helping us to grow big and strong in your love so that our lives are fruitful'. He cut out some shapes of parts of a flower and stuck them on a piece of paper to make a flower. The paper had 'To grow with God we need to ...' written on it. He then wrote on the petals the things that we need to do. He wrote 'love God', 'pray', 'read bible stories', 'be kind' and 'smile'. He then made and coloured in a paper 'stretchy' boy and put some ribbon on the head so that it could be hung up. It had written on it 'God also helps us to grow by... 'loving us', 'guiding us', 'supporting us', listening to us', 'God is our friend and he loves us. We are all God's children'. He did have some help from his mother! **Linda Hawes**



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