

ST MARGARET'S

Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
11 NOVEMBER



NOVEMBER 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

9.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

10.30 FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER

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

11.00 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER

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

EACH WEDNESDAY

EVENING PRAYER IN CHURCH AT 5 pm – ALL WELCOME

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NOVEMBER – a time for remembrance and remembering

Following on from All Souls when we give thanks for and remember those members of our families and our friends we have lost but still love is Remembrancetide. This year is most poignant as it marks the one hundredth year anniversary of the end of WW1. So many conflicts have followed this and there are still places today when lessons of the past have not been learnt and death, injury, pain and injustice continue. At this time of the year we give thanks for all those who have fought in all conflicts to allow us to live in peace in this country, those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who live with life-changing injuries. And we must all move on and continue the road to reconciliation as is happening in many parts of the world. As someone who has been fortunate and never lived through a war which has personally affected me, I have marvelled at the vast WW1 Commonwealth War Cemeteries of France and Belgium, the enormous amount of names of those with no known grave on the Menin Gate and Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium and the Thiepval Memorial in France. The reward for these incredible losses is our freedom.

During my time away in Shropshire I spent a day at the National Memorial Arboretum, the UK's centre of remembrance, a spiritually uplifting place which honours the fallen, recognises service and sacrifice, and fosters pride in our country. It is a living and lasting memorial – a 150 acre site with over 330 memorials and 30,000 trees, where a daily Act of Remembrance takes place every day at 10 50 am which includes a two minute silence. With pride and sadness I found the HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse Memorial and stood and reflected on my uncle Billy, aged 22, a Royal Marine, who went down with his ship, HMS Prince of Wales, when it was torpedoed off the Malayan coast by Japanese aircraft on 10 December 1941 with the loss of 327 lives.

As the local Poppy Appeal Organiser I have been approached for wreaths for the Friends of Leiston Airfield this year. These wreaths were to be laid on graves at the American cemetery at Madingley, near Cambridge, the resting place for USA service personnel who died in this country during WW2. Americans flew from Leiston airfield on bombing raids over Germany. A further visitor requested a supply of poppies to take to America. A British-born man, he lives in Utah with his American wife. He is a member of a pipe band and on 11 November there will be a massed band memorial service outside the Capitol building in Salt Lake City and the members of his band wished to have British poppies to wear. I was able to provide some of the special Centenary poppies for him to take back to America. Donations were received for the wreaths and poppies which will aid the work of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which cares for all ex and serving men and women and their dependants in need.

Remembrance is a time for us to give thanks for all who have aided us on life's journey, for those who have supported us in times of trouble and travelled along with us.

A prayer written by 13 year old Anna Crompton for the beginning of 2000 (on display in the chapel at The National Memorial Arboretum)

Dear Lord our heavenly Father

*At the dawn of a new millennium, in a world of darkness give us your light,
In lands of war and prejudice grant us peace, in a world of despair give us hope,
In a world of sadness and tears show us your joy, in a world of hatred show us your love,
In a world of arrogance give us humility, in a world of disbelief give us faith
Give us courage to face the challenges of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked,
housing the homeless and healing the sick
Give us the power to make a difference in your world and to protect your creation
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

NOVEMBER - The month of Remembrance

Betty's funeral Service went well. The address and eulogy covered most phases of her life; there will always be many stories to tell by friends – she led such a full life. Marian and several people saw a butterfly fluttering about in Church at the beginning of the service and when I was told, I said 'that's Betty keeping an eye on things.' That really helped me. Although sad, it was happy meeting up with her many friends and family, each with a tale to tell.

It's been a sad year for Leiston as so many well-known people have passed away. The loved ones left still have to carry on their lives with their own special memories, so every day is a remembrance to them however long ago.

With the recent spell of glorious weather in October I walked down the lane amongst all the colours of Autumn and the many berries on the bushes. I remembered all the times walking through that lane with my children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren – all happy memories.

Remembrance Sunday is with us, and we think of all the many who gave their lives in the past, plus today having to live a different life without limbs and/or damaged minds. If only people could live in peace and realise each day is a gift from God, what a better world it would be. **Margaret Clarke**

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



1 October

In memory of our dear Friend Betty RIP
Love Brenda & Margaret

If you would 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

Pathfinders

Every Tuesday is Pathfinders
Betty and Paul are our minders,
Always lots of things to do
Table tennis, badminton too.
Bible cricket we sometimes play
Shipwreck another day.
Just 10p at the church hall
Pathfinders beats them all!

Sandra came across this lovely Pathfinders poem whilst sorting through Betty's church papers.

Does anyone recognise the poem or remember writing it?

Christmas Fair



Saturday
17th November

11am - 2pm

Everyone Welcome!



**COME & SEE
SANTA!**



Father Christmas
Small Free Gift for each Child

Stalls

Grand Draw

Delicious
'Hot Home-Made'
Refreshments

Live Ukulele Band

Gifts & Crafts

Tombola

Festive Music

St. Margaret's Church, Church Rd, Leiston

In Our Special Prayers

Hilda
Magda

Sperry Free



Baptisms

Sunday 7 October

Edie Anne Shotter
Evangeline May Molloy
Matilda Donna Molloy



Marriages

Saturday 27 October

Hannah Merrett and Stuart Paul Tilbrook



Funerals

Tuesday 2 October

Betty Maud Harland



Pondering Prayer

“As clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand”

Jeremiah 18:6

“Clay in the Potter’s hand” was the motto of the Missionary Training College I attended half a century ago. It was a very useful symbol for those of us who left Britain’s shores, and learned to adapt to a new culture. Being flexible in God’s hand, gives us hope that the end result will be something lovely.

I recently bought a cup and plate, for a friend, which has an indentation for a cup, which then serves as both saucer and plate. Surveying the pottery in the store was fascinating, What beautiful items can be produced by a skilful potter, with a keen eye judging when to put pressure on certain areas to create an object of beauty.

I guess each of us could tell our own story about feeling under pressure. Some of us like the pressure of a deadline to get a job done or a target to lose some weight, or attain some sporting achievement. However, too much pressure is not good for us and can lead to ill health mentally or physically.

Maybe that’s why the Lord encourages us to “carry each other’s burdens and in this way we will fulfil the law of Christ “ Galatians 6:2 Praying for someone under pressure, getting under the load with them, relieves the pressure. We say don’t we, a burden shared is a burden halved?

Being alert to the messages on our Prayer Board in church is one way to get under the load. We don’t need all the background details. Knowing they are asking for our prayer support can catapult us into action. The Lord knows the details and he, the skilled Potter, will use their circumstances to draw them closer to him, as we are faithful in remembering them.

I have been touched lately by the number of people from our fellowship who are coping with pressure one way or another either through ill health, bereavement or in response to what is happening in the life of someone they love.

In all these things we have a part to play as we lovingly express our care for one another, lending a listening ear, and trusting the Lord to show us our part in making the burden lighter.

When God sent Jeremiah to watch the potter (Jeremiah 18) he wanted him to be aware that whatever prevented him from being the person he longed to be, or the

person God intended him to be, something could be done to make things better. As you pray, will you trust the Lord to do the remaking and re-shaping in your life which will cause you to flourish in your walk with him?

May our heavenly potter shape us at St. Margaret's as it seems best to him, so that we can say with the Apostle Paul, "we have this treasure in fragile jars of clay so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our lives. (see II Corinthians 4:7-10)

Rev. Pauline Florance

CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER – 11am to 2pm

This year our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 17 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 7 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, given to Sandra (4 Lime Tree Avenue – tel. 833578) or brought along the day. Many thanks, in advance, for your help and support.



OUR DEAR FRIEND BETTY



Betty was born, lived and died at 6 Eastward Ho, Leiston. She was born on 2 August 1938 to loving parents and a little sister to her 7 year old brother George. Her mother was in delicate health and Betty helped with the housework from an early age. She died when Betty was 22 and her father when she was 29. Betty looked after her father and George after her mother died and George once her father died. Betty was a CARER. Her two great friends, Brenda and Margaret were born eight weeks apart. Brenda first, then Betty and finally Margaret and thus was forged a special bond which gave them a close friendship. Thus Betty was a FRIEND, not I hasten to add to just Brenda and Margaret, but to so many people.

The girls started at the Primary School together and then on to the Modern School where Betty became Head Girl, thus a LEADER. Betty used to do shopping on Saturdays for her mother and auntie and was very quick to work out money and banking and so she became a TREASURER. When she left school, she began her life-long association with the Leiston Co-op, first a year in the Grocery Department and then promotion to the upstairs office, thus becoming a CLERK. She made lots of good friends at the Co-op and that friendship continued into her retirement.

Whilst at work Betty continued her caring role, looking after her parents, auntie and George plus lots of other people who needed help, cooking them meals and lighting their fires for them early, thus a HELPER. She helped her friend Ursula, who became very ill and helped with her baby daughter Anne, the first of Betty's godchildren, thus she became a GODMOTHER and she also became a GUARDIAN ANGEL to Anne.

Betty became very close to the Burrows family, her friend Brenda's family. She helped Brenda with her children, sister Jean, and Marilyn and Peter when another sister Jenny, Pete's wife, became so ill. Betty's cousins have kept in touch and been very good to Betty during her final illness, nursing her and helping with her frequent trips to hospital.

Another side of Betty's life, which was very, very important to her was her faith and her life in St Margaret's Church. She was a CHRISTIAN and a SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER at the Sunday School in the Co-op Hall (now demolished and under the Co-op carpark) and then in the Church Hall. She ran the Pathfinders and CYFA groups so

a YOUTH WORKER with the help of the wonderful Paul Snowden, and others, of whom lots of children in Leiston have fond memories (my own included). Trips to Crown Pools in Ipswich were a real treat and rounders and games on the recreation ground were enjoyed in summer months. Sunday School outings were thoroughly enjoyed by Betty and she always brought along some bags of sweets to be taken up and down the bus as we went on our journey.

Betty was a very active member of the Ladies Group so I suppose she (and all of us) became LADIES. In earlier years we would go out on cycle rides in the summer months and call in at local public houses for a reviving drink. Betty was the treasurer of St Margaret's for many years and knew exactly how much money was in the bank at any time. When she was at work, if you did a charity collection you could arrange to take it to the Handibank one evening to have it counted on the coin sorter and once Betty retired she bought her own money counter so her help with money counting continued. The thing that amazed me about Betty was that she could always remember how much a particular person had collected the previous year – and she was always right. She was ACCURATE.

Betty was the Children's Society organiser and each year the boxes went to her to be opened and the money counted. For many years she was treasurer for the Leiston Old Folks Outing and she got great pleasure in seeing all the happy faces of the guests on the day of the outing, even though she was old enough to go on it herself.

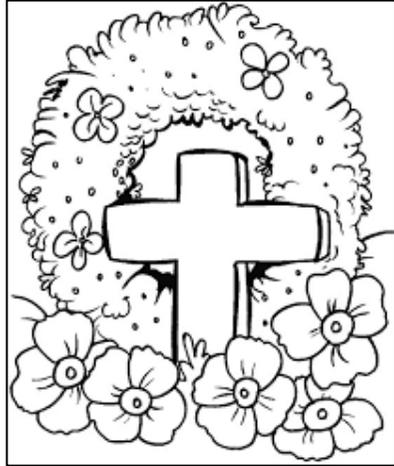
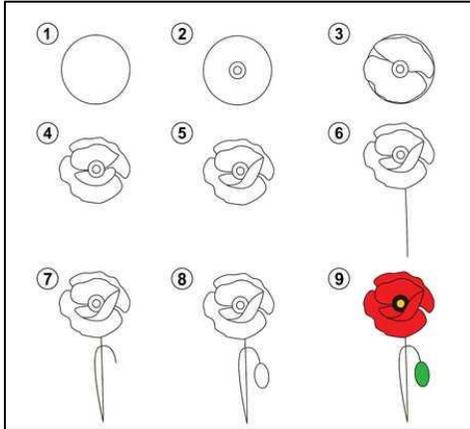
Betty loved children. Never lucky enough to have any of her own she would spend as much time as she could with children. She was delighted to make the acquaintance of my new granddaughter Chloe and the grandchildren of her extended circle of friends. When a new Vicar arrived in Leiston with a young family, Betty would look after them for the day, and take them to the Film Theatre. Oh, I forgot to mention that in her "spare" time she worked at the Film Theatre as an USHERETTE.

Above all Betty was a LISTENING EAR, a COMFORTER, a REAL FRIEND. If you had a problem and went to talk it over with Betty, she would listen, offer advice but never tell you what to do but by the time you had finished talking to Betty you knew what you needed to do. Betty helped anybody and everybody. She bore no grudges. She had time for everyone. She made thousands upon thousands of Betty Specials for all sorts of events and would never tell anyone the recipe. "When I'm gone you'll have it" she would say and so on the back of her funeral service sheets there it is.

Betty was all the things I've typed in capitals but she was so much more. Betty was love, plain and simple. She is missed and will be missed by us all in so many ways.

Pat Carter

Welcome to 'your page'
Full of fun activities to enjoy



Try drawing a Poppy

Remembrance Day Word Scramble

Unscramble the jumbled words below, all of which are used in Dr John McCrae's poem from 1915, "In Flanders Fields".

1. leesp _ _ _ _ _
2. oef _ _ _
3. utesns _ _ _ _ _
4. sppipoe _ _ _ _ _
5. srcsoes _ _ _ _ _
6. atifh _ _ _ _ _
7. vleod _ _ _ _ _
8. nwad _ _ _ _ _
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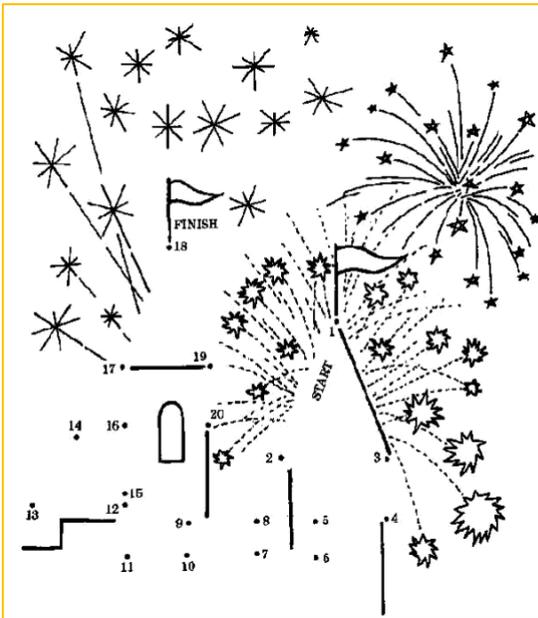
BONFIRE NIGHT NOVEMBER 5TH



Remember, remember the fifth of November
The gunpowder treason and plot.
I see no reason why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.

Guy Fawkes, 'twas his intent
To blow up king and parliament.
Three score barrels were laid below
To prove old England's overthrow.

By God's mercy he was caught
With a dark lantern and lighted match.
Holler boys, holler boys, let the bells ring
Holler boys, holler boys, God save the King.



Guy Fawkes Word Search

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A	S	D	F	G	H	J	J	K	L	Z	X	C	V	T
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GUY FAWKES, TOFFEE APPLE, ROBERT CATESBY,
BONFIRE, ROCKET, GUNPOWDER, FIREWORKS,
CODE, SPARKLER, PARLIAMENT, EXPLOSIVES,
TREASON, CATHERINE WHEEL



JAM

Jesus and Me

Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' sessions. Kids of all ages welcome!
Sunday 11 (9.30) and 25 November at 10.00 am

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

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. 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

Martin Phillips-Last	Magda Chandler
Simon, Sheena, Hannah, Tom & Matt Merrett	Bruce & Phyllis Songer
Sheila Mckinnon, David & Midge Mckinnon	Stephen & Gail Southgate
Phil, Sue, Joshua, Charlotte, Connie & Greg Watson	Naomi Kerans
David & Cindy Fittell	John & Sue Last
Emma Fittell	Helen Rivett
Paul, Alexander, Aidan, Cory & Amyleigh Fittell	Judith & Mike Stigwood
Jonathan, Kathryn & Joshua Williams	Maureen & Jason Fox
Mike & Lesley Cassie	Wayne, Ben & Niamh Fox
Vi Matthews	Fi Long
Stephanie Luckhurst	Allison King
Joan Whale	Luke, Asha & Jai Mewett
Paul Espindola	Clare & Kane Hambridge
Ann & Peter Essex	Peter & Jenefer Roberts
Mary Murphy	Charles & Pauline Stride
Terry Ferguson	Steve, Christine & Nathan James
Jo Tozer	Derek & Sheila Stiff
Sue, Dale, Ewan & Cameron Threadkell	Eileen & Sperry Free
Frank & Joan Huxley	Philip, Ian & Susan Huxley

LEISTON OLD FOLKS' OUTING

The 81st Leiston Old Folks' Outing took place on the sunny afternoon of Saturday 29 September. Fifty-eight guests were collected from their homes by twenty one volunteer car drivers, plus one mini-bus, and taken to the assembly point at the Sizewell Club car park.

From there, they travelled on a mystery tour through the villages of Theberton, Middleton, Kelsale, Carlton, Rendham, Bruisyard, Cransford, Parham, Marlesford and Great Glemham. The final destination was The Riverside Centre in Stratford St. Andrew. Many thanks to Terry Hodgson, for not only planning such an enjoyable route for our passengers but also for being a lead driver, together with Roger French and Michael Hill.

At the hall, afternoon tea had been prepared by Coastal Catering. Many thanks to Sharon and her team for providing such a delicious spread, which 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.

Chairman Phil Harle thanked the small committee which organises this annual event - Peter and Theresa Reader, Josephine Smith, Ron Geater, Terry Hodgson and Sandra Harle. A minute's silence was held for fellow member Betty Harland who sadly passed away on 11 September. Betty had not only been a LOFO committee member for over twenty years but also a very capable treasurer, and she will be greatly missed by her many friends.

As always, many thanks to our loyal car drivers and also, this year, to CATS who provided a free mini-bus and driver. Financial support for this year's outing has, once again, been received from Sizewell 'B' and Kevin Welton's Thursday Bingo Club. The Hamper Raffle held in the Co-op Supermarket at the end of August raised £150 to help with costs. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets.



TWO FOND FAREWELLS

For many of us the month of September was emotional and exhausting.

It had been decided by the PCC that, for financial and practical reasons, our shop would close at the end of August. So, in early September, a number of us, with mixed emotions, began to clear the shop of its contents. Then, whilst undertaking this onerous task, we lost dear Betty.

As I filled countless boxes and bags and made numerous trips to the recycling centre, I could hear her voice in my head and then recalled the many anecdotes which she loved to share with us. All the mishaps she had whilst working in the shop (once tripping over into the DVD section and having to wait for customers to help her up again), all the successful sales made (even though buyers would often ask for a reduction in price, she always stood her ground) but mostly her stories about the various customers who came through the door. Betty had time for everyone, she was always interested in what they had to say and the many hours she spent in the shop enabled her to meet and chat with people of all ages, both locals and visitors.

One of my final tasks was to sort through a basket of greeting cards. When I came across one with the following words printed on it I cried, and then smiled and remembered how blessed I had been, together with so many others, to have had Betty's love and friendship for so many years.

***'If I should die and leave you here awhile,
Be not like others sore, who keep
Long vigils by the silent dust, and weep.
For my sake turn again to life and smile,
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do,
Something to comfort other hearts than thine.
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine,
and I, perchance, may therein comfort you''.***

And so we will, in loving memory of dear Betty, who will stay in our hearts and minds forever.

Sandra Harle

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 2018



The 37th Bike Ride and Stride this year was very successful for Leiston St Margaret's Church. Our usual participants, the Nash family, Terri Roper and I were joined this year by additional volunteers, Emma Jameson and her husband and Clare Foster. This day is a wonderful opportunity for us to visit our beautiful churches and chapels and to meet the hardworking people who care for them. Everywhere there was a warm welcome and offers of refreshments.

The Nash family and Terri were on two wheels and the rest of us on two legs. Well done to the Nash family who cycled thirty miles! As I've torn the muscle at the back of my right knee (at last seeming to repair itself) I'm not using my cycle at the moment. So I decided with Marian to walk somewhere instead and friends told me about how the places of worship at Felixstowe had got together and worked out a walking/cycling route taking in all the Felixstowe and Trimley churches. So we drove to Felixstowe on 8 September and walked the suggested route. This took in sixteen places of worship including a convent, a first for us on the cycle ride day. We visited David Lowe's old church, St John's, and enjoyed talking to the people there about memories of David and Barbara. We visited our first church at 10 25 am and our last at 4 30 pm, a day of lots of interesting buildings, both old and new. We were especially pleased to visit the Methodist Church, a place of happy memories of lovely teas following a day spent at the Fun Fair on our Sunday School outings

Emma and her husband had driven to Bury and spent the day there visiting lots of churches including our Cathedral. Clare had driven to Woodbridge and walked around the churches there.

Everyone has now paid their sponsorship money and the total paid is the magnificent sum of £499, an increase of £80 50 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. Our church had 32 Riders and Striders who signed in; although I know some of those people had friends and family who accompanied them.

Pat Carter

WOW, WHAT A YEAR!

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since my husband and I arrived in Leiston. After visiting the Suffolk Heritage coast for many years on holiday we always dreamed of one day making a home there. With heathland, beautiful coastal towns and wildlife havens it was hard to leave after each visit however circumstances prevailed and life continued. That was however until an opportunity arose for employment and therefore a reason to make the move to our dream location. After some divine intervention the job was secured, house sold and new home found all within three months which at the time seemed like a whirlwind! We have been blessed with a beautiful home, friendly, helpful and welcoming neighbours and extremes of weather (snow in Suffolk!) which has helped us settle into the area and feel like we have been here a lot longer than 12 months.

It is often said that Leiston is the poor relative of the more 'upmarket' towns such as Aldeburgh, Thorpeness and Southwold however I must disagree. Leiston is such a lovely town with all the facilities you could need on your doorstep and a real community spirit. We have sampled all the food on offer from the wide variety of takeaways and independent shops, watched many good films at the Cinema, chatted to shop keepers and other Leiston residents and enjoyed the events which have been organised by hardworking organisations and individuals. I myself have been welcomed with open arms by the friendly congregation at St Margaret's Church who have made me feel part of the Church family and who have passed on their local knowledge which is invaluable. My husband is enjoying exploring the local area on his bike and we have both joined in the fun at Park Run a free event organised completely by volunteers each Saturday at Sizewell. So, with all that in mind, we would like to say thank you to Leiston and all it's residents for making us feel so welcome and becoming a new chapter in our lives. **Emma Jameson**

ALL THE COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW

Red and yellow and pink and green, orange and purple and blue, all the colours of the rainbow and the theme of this year's Harvest Festival celebrations.

Blessed with a swelled congregation we took time to give thanks for all that we have and to thank those who grow and provide the food that we eat. It has been a challenging year for those who work on the land with the 'Beast from the East' and extremely high temperatures however we are still able to visit our chosen locations to buy the food that we enjoy.

For some though even basic food and supplies are out of reach and with this in mind members of the congregation generously came bearing toiletries, fruit, vegetables, tins, packets and handmade bread for those in need.

These gifts were laid before the altar on the beautiful collage created by JAM (Jesus and Me) Sunday School to create an amazing rainbow. Readings were read, hymns were sung and blessings given and after the service those who were able to joined together for our Harvest lunch. Not only a time for sharing delicious food but also to talk to one another sharing stories, thoughts and to laugh, for food is much more than nourishment for our bodies being good for our souls and bringing people together to.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu once spoke of the Rainbow Nation asking people to raise and wave their hands saying “Look at your hands – different colours representing different people. You are the Rainbow People of God”. With these words in our hearts let us continue to show the love of God through our everyday thoughts, words and actions so that we can all live together in harmony. Emma Jameson

ST. MARGARET’S GETS CRAFTY - BUT IN THE NICEST POSSIBLE WAY!

Earlier this year, Maureen came up with the brilliant idea of holding a Craft Fair in the church and the date chosen was Saturday 6 October.

Through Maureen’s many contacts on social media, we soon had bookings from fifteen different stallholders. This ensured that there was a wonderful selection of handmade goods for our many visitors to peruse and it was a perfect opportunity to purchase some early Christmas gifts and decorations.



Goods on offer ranged from handmade cards to bath bombs to gluten-free cakes. We were also pleased to be joined by Rona Lear, who brought along her spinning wheel and a selection of the woollen garments which she creates.

Our ladies in the kitchen were kept busy throughout the event, serving up delicious refreshments, which had been kindly donated by members and friends of St. Margaret's and the raffle, as always, was well supported. The total amount raised for church funds amounted to £367.15, so many thanks to everyone who came along on the day and/or helped in any way.

All the stallholders did a brisk trade, commented on the lovely atmosphere and said they were very much looking forward to the next one!

Sandra Harle

A MUSICAL DELIGHT!

On Saturday 13 October a large audience was treated to a delightful evening concert. Our beautiful church provided the perfect setting for music performed by Stewart Green on the harp and Carol Skinner on the flute. The very varied programme consisted of well-known pieces such as 'Amazing Grace' and 'You'll Never Walk Alone' to others less familiar but all very much enjoyed.

Stewart is a volunteer with the Leiston Works Railway, and he has been playing the harp for over fifty years. Many of his compositions have appeared on examination syllabi, and have been performed on both radio and television. Carol studied at the Royal College of Music and, in addition to teaching flute and piano,



has played in various local ensembles and orchestras. The concert had been kindly organised by Stephen Ginger (LWR) and it was Stewart's penultimate public performance, as he plans to retire from playing the harp in the very near future.

During the interval, whilst partaking of light refreshments, the audience were able to find out more about the Leiston Works Railway Trust and its plans for the future.

Through a retiring collection, donations for refreshments and a well patronised raffle, the total sum of £532.80 was raised. This will be shared equally between St. Margaret's Church and the Leiston Works Railway Trust.

Those of you who came along and enjoyed the evening, then please 'watch this space'. Stephen is hoping to organise more joint fundraising concerts for next year!

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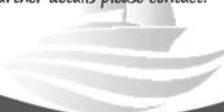
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