

ST. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



CELEBRATING HARVEST

OCTOBER 2015



CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

9.00 Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

A Traditional Service using Common Worship

10.30 Family PRAISE & Worship SERVICE

An all-age Informal Service for the whole Family.
Praising the Lord through Drama, Readings & Music

SECOND & FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 PARISH SUNG EUCHARIST SERVICE & 'JAM' (JESUS & ME) Sunday School

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 'WELCOME TO THE TABLE' FAMILY COMMUNION

A simple Family Communion Service
where all are welcome to the table

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10.00 PARISH SUNG EUCHARIST SERVICE & 'JAM' (JESUS & ME) Sunday School

6.30 COMMUNITY HEALING SERVICE

Listen to the healing word of God through Prayer
Please note: No Service in October

WEDNESDAY mid-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

10.00 Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

Please note: No Services in October

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

HARVEST FESTIVAL REFLECTION



One of my own favourite stories in the Bible at harvest time, is the story of the growing seed from Mark's gospel 4:26-29. An amazing story told by Jesus about how a farmer who after spending all day out in his fields sowing seeds, returns home and goes to bed. Basically that's it! The farmer plants the seeds and then gets on with his daily life, not having a clue how the seed grows, but thankful for the crop that from it he will eventually harvest.

Today of course through observation and science, we know a lot more about the process that seeds go through to germinate, sprout and grow. It's also true that today through our relationship with God, and our observation of his creation, we discover the source of life behind and within the mystery of the growing seed. Harvest time is a time to remember who the source of all life within all of nature really is, and give him our thanks and praise. God is the life giving breath that helps nature grow throughout the year, and maturing in autumn without human help. So that we, along with the wild creatures, can enjoy the fruits of the season.

At harvest time we give thanks and praise to God for all his wonderful gifts of food that this season and his creation bring forth through plants which mature in autumn and nourish us all year. Harvest is an opportunity to give thanks and to praise God for all human hands that work together with creation in God's transforming of the earth at harvest time.

Harvest time is also an opportunity for us to freely share with others the gifts of the harvest that God has freely shared with us. So that we, along with all the creatures of God's creation, become a community created, sustained and given life by God. That at harvest time and for all time, we can as one, glorify God through all he gives; including the grain and grapes which make bread and wine.

Happy Harvest adventures,

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



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

2nd September

Eileen Griffith - Remembering a Happy Wedding Day

5th September - 12th September

Cindy Fittell

11th & 12th September

In memory of Ernest Roper

18th September

To celebrate Sue & Anthony Hawkes Wedding Anniversary

23rd September

To celebrate Donna Button's 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.

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VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY

A wonderful afternoon of fun, laughter and Christian fellowship was had by all who came and supported the Vicarage Garden Party, in aid of St. Margaret's Church Choir, on Sunday 30th August. With everyone's support the fantastic total of £422.91 was raised for the Choir. Thank you to all who helped, got involved and visited.



OCTOBER

Once again we are heading towards the dark nights and colder days; where has the summer gone? It has been a busy summer for us with visitors and family staying as well as dog sitting, but one of the best things has been the Summer Theatre at Aldeburgh.

Betty and I call that our Summer Season and once again have been lucky to see all the plays; with Ann, Barbara and Sandra joining us for two of the plays. Going through the doors of the Jubilee Hall is a different world, sat on our seats entering a world of intrigue, mystery and laughter - it was lovely to hear everyone laughing. One play we were in stitches, laughing so much; to think a few actresses and actors, by timing and expressions, could do so much. The last play had us spellbound and you could feel the tension and feeling all the way through.

Thank you Betty (and Ann for driving us) and for a little while each week, able to get away from a world of trouble.

Margaret Clarke

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!

Sunday 4th October celebrates Grandparents Day in the UK. This celebration was first introduced to the UK in 1990 by the charity Age Concern to raise awareness. It is a day to honour grandparents, and to help children be aware of the strength, knowledge and guidance older people can offer. It has traditionally been held on the first Sunday in October since 2008, with this year being celebrated on Sunday 4th October; so a Happy Grandparent's Day to all grandparents!

*Grandmas and Grandpas are everything nice.
Like presents and sweets and raspberry ice.
And chocolate fudge sundaes, with cherries on top.
And popcorn and peanuts and grape soda pop.
In winter or summer, in rain or in sun,
Grandmas and Grandpas are wonderful fun!
Grandparents are meant for kisses and hugs,
For watching rainbows and catching bugs,
For baking all of your favourite things,
For books to read and songs to sing.*

Poem Author unknown



OPERATION CHRISTMAS Child - SHOEBOX APPEAL

Last year, members and friends of our church took great delight in filling 28 shoeboxes for the 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal. Our boxes, together with 181,409 others, were sent to children in Belarus.

If you would like to take part in this year's appeal, you can do this in two ways: You can cover and fill your own shoebox (please enclose £3.00 per shoebox to help cover the shipping cost). Alternatively you can donate items for joint shoeboxes.

Items which can be included in the shoebox include:-

TOYS: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush & toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

OTHER ITEMS: Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March 2016).

DO NOT INCLUDE: used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; playing cards (of the 4-suit variety); sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; clothing other than as listed above.

Our boxes will need to be ready for collection by mid-November. Leaflets giving full details can be obtained from Sandra Harle.

We will also be having a Bring & Buy Stall at St. Margaret's Church on Sunday 18th October (after the 10am Service), in aid of raising funds to help with the shipping costs of the shoeboxes filled. Please come along & help support this appeal & bring a little bit of sunshine into a child's life this Christmas.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX APPEAL
BRING & BUY STALL
SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER - AFTER THE 10am SERVICE
RAISING FUNDS TO HELP WITH THE SHOEBOX APPEAL'S SHIPPING COSTS



Cooking with the Bible

With Harvest traditionally observed towards the end of September / early October, what better way to celebrate than to bake a home-made apple cake. Let us take this special moment in the year to be thankful to God for what he has provided us; and in return pray for a more harmonious and respectful world.

COUNTRY HARVEST Apple Cake

- 1 lb (450g) Bramley Cooking Apples
- ½ lemon (juice only)
- 8 ounces (200g) butter, softened
- 10 ounces (250g) golden caster sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 12 ounces (320g) self raising flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 tablespoons Demerara sugar

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C / 360°F or Gas mark 4.
2. Grease & line a rectangular baking tray – approx 9 x 7 (27 cm x 20 cm) or a 9" (27 cm) round cake tin.
3. Peel, core & thinly slice the apples then squeeze the lemon juice over them to stop them discolouring and set them to one side.
4. Place the butter, caster sugar, eggs, vanilla extract, flour & baking powder into a large roomy mixing bowl & mix well until smooth. You can use an electric hand whisk if it's easier.
5. Spread half of the cake/pudding mixture into the prepared tin. Arrange half of the apples over the top of the mixture.
6. Repeat the layer with the remaining half of cake/pudding mixture & apples – the apples should be arranged over the top of the cake/pudding mixture. Sprinkle over with the Demerara sugar.
7. Bake for 45-50 minutes until golden brown, well risen & springy to the touch. Leave to cool slightly for 10 minutes & then cut into squares or bars.
8. Wait until the cake has completely cooled before removing the cake & the baking paper from the tin – store in an airtight tin or container.
9. Alternatively, if you wish to serve this warm as a pudding, wait 5-10 minutes and then cut and serve with cream, custard or ice cream.





CENTENARY COOKBOOK

2014 was a very special year for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich of which St. Margaret's is a part, as it is the diocese's centenary year. To help celebrate this momentous year we at St. Margaret's Church have created a cookbook full of tasty recipes for you to try.

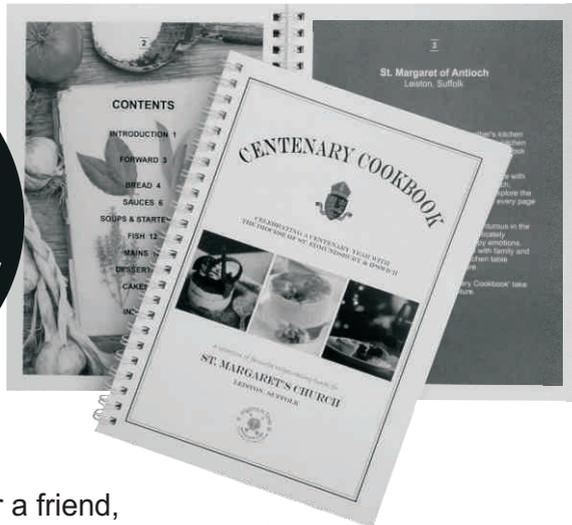
Help us celebrate this special year & also raise funds for St. Margaret's Church. Pick up your copy of the cookbook now!

IDEAL GIFT!

Only £5.00

Over 50 tasty recipes for you to try!

DELICIOUS RECIPES!



Makes an ideal gift for a friend, loved one, or simply why not treat yourself!

Helping to support your local Church and the important work it does.

Available after each Sunday's Service or Pop along and pick up your copy from Margaret's Church Shop, here in the heart of Leiston

CONGRATULATIONS TO EAMONN & CATHY

Several of us were able to attend the wedding on Saturday 22 August at Our Lady & St Peter Roman Catholic Church, Aldeburgh, of members of our congregation, Cathy Dickson and Eamonn Harvey. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and a very pretty wedding.

Cathy was given away by her sister, Sheree Laming, who had travelled over from her home in Canada along with her daughter, Naomi, who was one of the two bridesmaids, the other one being Cathy's daughter, Ursula, who has been a member of our Sunday School since the family came to live in Leiston. The bridal party was preceded into the church by three flower girls, Gracie and Sophie Edwards and Hannah Stebbings, who scattered petals as they moved down the aisle.

The service was conducted by Father Philip Shryane who had been Eamonn's mother's priest. The service started with a hymn we didn't know but which had beautiful words "Let Us Build a House where Love can Dwell".

Two readings followed "Blessing for Marriage" by John O'Donahue, read by Stephanie Ellyne and a reading from Corinthians read by Martin. During the wedding ceremony Charlie, Eamonn's black Labrador, gave service as the ring bearer.

After the Eucharist we sang the second hymn "Be Still for the Presence of the Lord".

The happy couple then signed the register which was placed on the altar. After a final blessing we all followed Mr & Mrs Harvey outside with an opportunity for a few photographs.

We wish Eamonn, Cathy and Ursula every happiness as they begin their new life in the Stowmarket area.



NOTES FROM PCC MINUTES - 9TH SEPT 2015

The meeting opened with prayer at 7 pm with Martin in the chair, 8 members present.

Garden BBQ raised £422.91 for Choir fund (total of fund £608.91). Lighting of tower is good source of income. After discussion decision made to enter contract to lease colour printer. Magazine, pewsheets, posters etc would all be produced using this – a cheaper option than those used at present. Bill for work on carpet is still outstanding.

Inspection hatch to sound chamber has been made. Bell frame will be inspected on 10th September. Replacement floodlight has been fitted.

Choir numbers now 12 (both adults and children). Will miss Chris Gonin's input. Purchase of 100 copies of Songs of Fellowship (comprising Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4) to be made. Suggested congregation be asked to donate for copies with commemorative labels attached as has happened before.

Martin will be back to full duties by end of September. Meeting in church on 23rd September to discuss formation of Deanery Town Pastors group, all clergy have been invited, along with Police, councillors and other interested parties. Good lines of communication with both Leiston schools. Martin continues to visit in the parish.

Youth group did not meet in church this summer – school buildings will probably be used in future as more equipment available there.

21st November Autumn Bazaar, 13th December Christmas Concert with Royal British Legion Band. Christmas service details available at next meeting.

More helpers needed at Margaret's shop. There is an increasing problem of dog excrement in churchyard – larger notices needed. St Margaret's will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal again this year.

Date of next PCC Meeting Thursday 5th November in Church, 7 pm.

Pat Carter - Secretary to the PCC

O COME LET US SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 95)

THE CHORAL TRADITION AT ST. MARGARET'S, LEISTON

The origins of the present choir at St. Margaret's can be traced right back to the mid 19th century. For a considerable period of time the choir consisted of solely male voices; indeed according to church records the first occasion when a discussion took place as to whether ladies should be admitted to the choir was in 1920.

Across the period 1870 - 1935 the choir saw rapid expansion. In 1877 the then Rector, Rev B. W Raven, M.A., noted that there were fourteen choristers singing alongside the gentlemen of the choir. Such were the numbers singing that new choir stalls were commissioned and built in 1911; these beautiful stalls are still in use today. Numerous references are made in the records for the need to purchase additional cassocks and surplices, particularly for the 'treble' choristers. In 1924 these boys even acquired 'Eton collars' as the church hierarchy wanted them all to look 'uniform'.

With the introduction of female voices during the 1920's, the choir continued to expand and develop. Just prior to the outbreak of war in 1939, church records describe how it was decided to rearrange the seating of the choir, so that the ladies should sit in the front choir stalls to assist the boys. It does not mention whether this assistance was to improve reading the music or the behaviour!

September 1945 saw the arrival of Mr F.T. Rowsell as organist and choirmaster, and following his recommendation and encouragement, girls were finally admitted to the choir. After 93 years, St. Margaret's Leiston could finally celebrate the fact that it had a mixed choir consisting of treble, soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices.

This month, we celebrate the fantastic achievement, commitment and loyal service of three of our current members of St. Margaret's church choir. I would personally like to express my grateful thanks to Joe Diegnan (20 years), Terri Roper (49 years) and Valerie Allchin (50 years). The long service record for a member of the choir currently rests with a Mr Pelfry, who retired from singing in the early 1920's after 60 years.

As the present organist and choirmaster of St. Margaret's, I am immensely proud of the dedication and enthusiasm of our choir today, which continues to flourish and lead the music in church each Sunday so effectively. At a time when choral singing in many churches has faded, we are very blessed at St. Margaret's to have a choir that consists of both adult and junior voices. It is also very humbling to know that as a group, we are privileged to continue a long choral tradition that stretches back 161 years. So, in the words of the psalmist, let us continue to sing our song unto the Lord.

Jonathan Williams - Organist & Choirmaster (St. Margaret's Church, Leiston)

ST. MARGARET'S CHOIR PAST & PRESENT



Above: St. Margaret's Church Choir with longest serving former Organist & Choirmaster, Fabian Rowsell - 1982



Right: Long serving choristers; Terri Roper, Joe Diegnan & Val Allchin, The Reverend Richard Ellis, The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last, and the current Organist & Choirmaster Jonathan Williams

Below: St. Margaret's Church Choir - 2015



CONGRATULATIONS - LONG SERVICE

This month, we celebrate the wonderful achievement and loyal service of three members of St. Margaret's Church Choir.

Let us thank and all celebrate together the commitment & service of Joe Diegnan who has given 20 years service, Terri Roper with 49 years service & Val Allchin with 50 years service & dedication to the St. Margaret's Church Choir.

With our congratulations and many blessings to you all from all your church family here at St. Margaret's Church.

From all of your friends at St. Margaret's Church

CHOIR - NEW REHEARSAL TIMES

CHOIR PRACTICE - NEW TIMES!

*Just to let you know that the
Choir Practice meeting times
have changed.*

*We are now meeting on
Thursday evenings at 6.30pm.*

*If you are in good voice and
fancy getting involved then
please speak to our Choirmaster,
Jonathan Williams.*

We look forward to seeing you there.



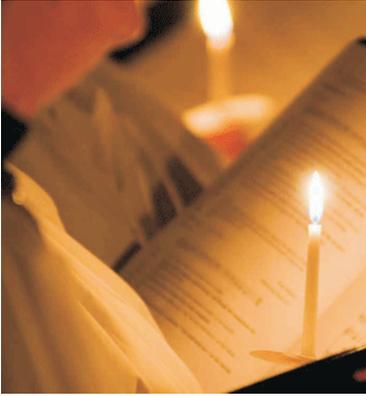
CHOIR PRACTICE

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

CHURCH ROAD

LEISTON

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
please speak to Jonathan Williams.**

Kids Zone

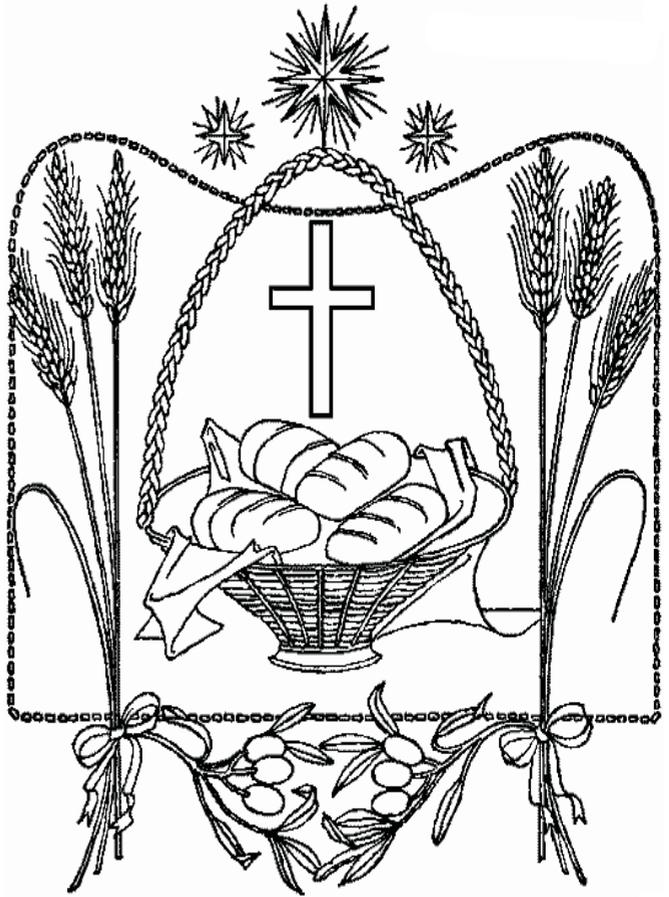
Welcome to
'your page'
full of fun
activities to enjoy!

Harvest Festival is a special time of year when we thank God for the food grown on the land.

Given the differences in climate and crops, Harvest Festivals can be found at different times throughout the world. Here in Britain it usually occurs during late September/ early October.

Traditionally Christians celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating the church with baskets of fruit and food. This food is then given to those people in need within the local community. Many churches now use this Festival to also collect food which is then either sent to poorer countries or to special Food Banks in this country, in their own local area.

Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them, and is an opportunity to help others who are in greater need than ourselves.



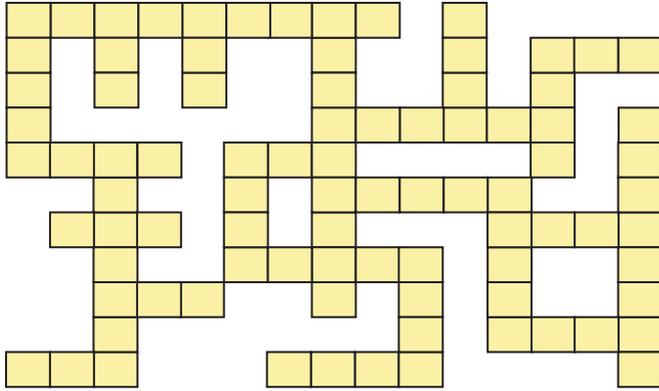
*'We Plough the
Fields and Scatter'*



HARVEST CROSSWORD

Use the words opposite to solve the puzzle

TIP: Start with the 8 Letter & work from there!



3 Letter

- Ram
- Hay
- Cow
- Kid
- Hen
- Bee
- Pig

5 Letter

- Field
- Roost
- Crops
- Sheep

6 Letter

- Rabbit

4 Letter

- Foal
- Till
- Pail
- Duck
- Lamb
- Cats
- Boar
- Herd

7 Letter

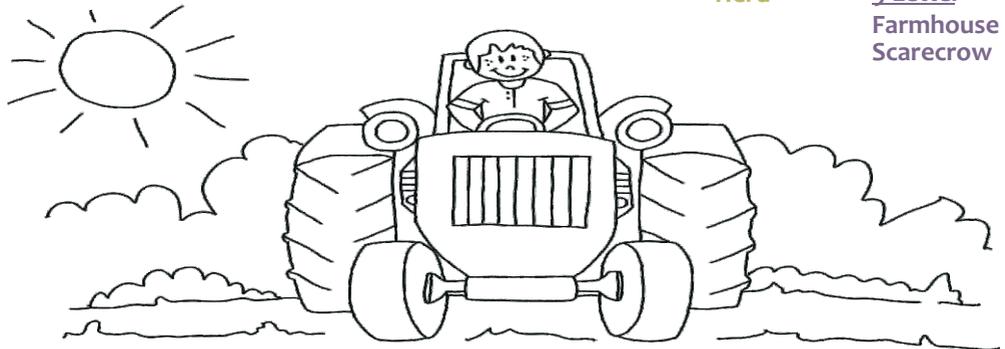
- Chicken

8 Letter

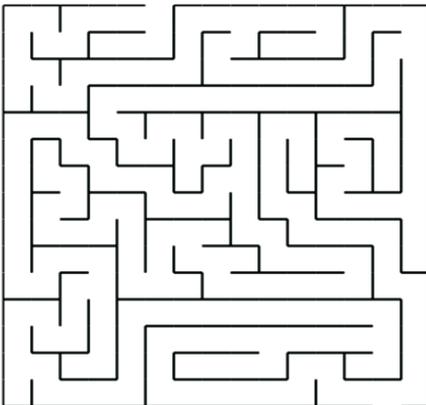
- Windmill

9 Letter

- Farmhouse
- Scarecrow



MAIZE MAZE



FARM ANIMAL WORD JUMBLE

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Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' Sessions - Kids of all ages welcome!
Sun 11th Oct & Sun 25th Oct - Both @ 10.00am

St Margaret's Church



SUNDAY
4TH OCTOBER

9AM HARVEST Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

Followed AT 10.30AM by AN INFORMAL
FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP

HARVEST SERVICE

Face Painting competitions!
Paint your face as a Fruit or Veg & enter our fun Face Painting Competition!

Mr. Fruit / Veg Head Competitions!
Decorate a Fruit or Veg to look like someone you know and enter them in our Competition!



EVERYONE WELCOME!

Harvest Festival



'All food donations will be going to support the local Foodbank'  foodbank
 WaterAid 'DONATIONS will be TAKEN TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF WATERAID'
ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, Church Road, LEISTON, Suffolk

CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Sent in by Hilda Woodhead

Poem by: Lord Tennyson

LEISTON WI

Fancy meeting new friends over a cup of tea & a natter, then come along to the Leiston WI. **We meet every 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm, WI Hall, John Street, Leiston.**

We have a selection of speakers throughout the year, as well as organising trips out, lunches, afternoon teas and competitions. There's always much fun and laughter and we are all young at heart! We'd love to see you there!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Judith Geater - Leiston WI President

AUTUMN HARVEST

Praise God for cherished autumn days,
with fields of glowing amber, and of burnished browns.
For harvest-time, when leaves fall
whispering gently to the frosty ground.

Give thanks for nature's generosity.
Gifts of honey and of bread, for wheat and corn,
and orchards filled with purple plums and
apples turning bronze and scarlet red.

Each sunflower now in autumn dress
no longer wears the frills of cheery summer gold,
but scarves of wrinkled taffeta
around their precious heavy laden loads.

The beauty of this palette of delight
dispels the gloom of summer's slow and timely death.
And so, with ever grateful hearts,
we wake up to October's chilly breath.

Poem by: Elizabeth Mason



A POLITE NOTICE TO ALL DOG WALKERS



It has been brought to the attention of St. Margaret's Church that dog walkers are using the Church grounds to exercise their pets, or bringing their dogs into the church yard when visiting the church or graveyard.

Although we welcome everyone, including dogs; we would just ask all dog owners to be responsible and respect the grounds of the church and those visiting the Church, as there have been a number of instances of people not cleaning up after their dog when it has made a mess.

There are a number of people who use the church grounds, including many young children who play in it. Dog faeces can spread disease and is very unpleasant! Please make sure you clean up after your dog has made a mess. Thank you.

St. Margaret's Church

The Royal British Legion

(Leiston Branch, sub-Branch Aldeburgh)

On 15th August the VJ Day Act of Remembrance was held at the Long Shop Museum at 11.00am. Standards were carried & wreaths laid under the Union Flag brought back from Singapore at the end of WW2. Thanks to our friends in Leiston Branch of the Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association for organising this important occasion.

Following this event the Standards were taken to St Mary's Church, Shotley for a VJ Ceremony. For two of the Standard Bearers it was a homecoming, one having been a trainee and the other ships company at HMS GANGES.

Standard were carried during an evening event at Stradbroke High School on 5th September which was held in aid of the Royal British Legion.

Leiston Royal British Legion Band are holding a Festival of Remembrance in aid of the Poppy Appeal at Leiston Film Theatre on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £6.50 and are on sale from Leiston Film Theatre. The Box Office is open Mon - Fri 10.00am - 1.00pm and evenings 7.00pm - 9.00pm, telephone 01728 833549. You can also book on line at www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk

Leiston Branch is preparing for the annual Poppy Appeal during 24th October - 7th November.

As I have mentioned in previous articles Leiston Branch desperately need a Poppy Appeal Organiser to take over following this year's Appeal in Nov. If the Poppy appeal is to continue in Leiston it is important that this post is filled. Anyone interested would be assured of the help & support of the Branch. If you'd like to be involved please phone 01728 833537 - we would be delighted to hear from you.

The next Branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October at the ex-Service Club, Victory Road, Leiston at 7.30 pm.

Trevor Peskett
Chairman - Leiston Branch TRBL

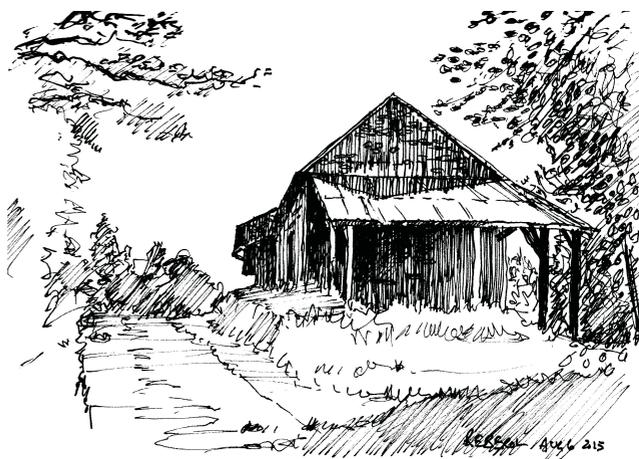
The Old And The New

The Limousin is the least populated region of France. At its centre is the city of Limoges, famous for its porcelain, which sits surrounded by hills and lakes. Jenny and I spent the first part of our summer vacation there, this August, staying in one of three cottages that have been converted from an old farmhouse and its attached barns. From there we ventured into an area we knew little about.

These cottages are in the tiny hamlet of Rebérol. There are no more than a half a dozen small farms scattered among the hills. It is very remote and the outside world hardly intrudes and the peace and tranquillity is wonderful. There is a silence, broken only by the call of woodpeckers, wood warblers and an occasional cow.

In such a place there is little to do except relax. For us a preferred way to relax is to sit and draw or paint and there were no shortage of subjects. It was hot and sunny and there were plenty of deep shadows.

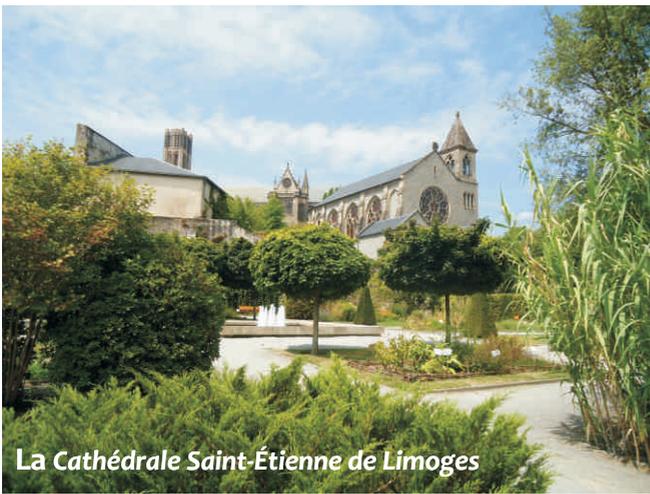
This was an area where resistance to German occupation from 1940 to 1944 was very strong. There are memorials all around the vicinity that tell of fallen fighters and their exploits. In conversation with one of our neighbours I learned that her husband had fought with the 'Résistance' as a young man. He was still alive but did not get out much.



Such was the anger of Waffen SS troops to the activity of resistance members that just after the D-Day landings they carried out the destruction of an entire village in reprisal; Oradour sur Glane. I shall write more fully on this at a later time.

Limoges is in the *département* of the Haute Vienne, one of the three *départements* that make up the *région* of the Limousin. It is a very hilly area with many small, twisty country roads. On a short visit it is a good idea to find somewhere high to get a feel for the place. Mont Gargan is one such place. Indeed it is the highest place in the Haute Vienne and fairly central. On a clear day it is said that the whole *département* can be seen. It was, unfortunately, very misty the day we climbed to the top. It was good exercise though. We could just see Limoges in the distance.

Limoges was the location chosen for lunch that day. It was served in the old quarter on the 'terrace' of a café which in this case was actually the middle of the street. It was no matter as we enjoyed great hospitality and delicious food.



The cathedral dominates the city. La Cathédrale Saint-Étienne de Limoges is a gothic construction begun in 1273 and only finished in 1888. An impressive place and the Bishop's gardens are well worth a look.

As a final treat, in the town of Feytiat, just outside the city of Limoges, was an international exhibition of pastel artists. The work on

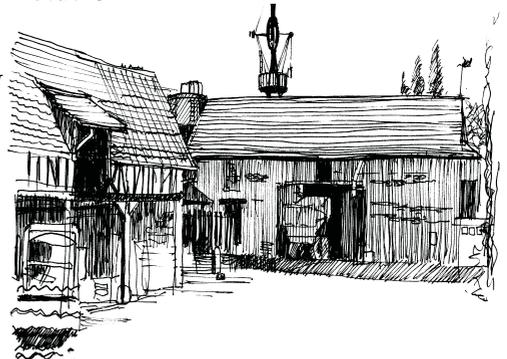
La Cathédrale Saint-Étienne de Limoges

display was absolutely stunning. Just the sort of inspiration that was needed to set us up for the next leg of the vacation.

If the Limousin was new to us then our next destination was a well-known friend. This was a farm a few miles from Vernon, close to the river Seine. There is no need to start gallivanting as we know the area so well. As we wake up in our little 'gite' it is like a home from home. Giverny and La Roche Guyon are just across the river. Another small town where Claude Monet lived for a while is Vétheuil, just a few miles further down from La Roche Guyon. We have painted there on several occasions but this time, by a circuitous route through Mantes la Jolie, we found Lavacourt. This is a little village directly opposite Vétheuil, on the other bank of the Seine. The church and whole town is visible from the tree-lined banks.



I have been working with a fine indian ink pen in my sketch books of late and find the quick 15-20 minute studies a great pleasure that may lead on to something more elaborate in the studio.



So, it was just sleep, eat, walk, paint, chat with friends, dine with friends, chat, sleep, paint or draw... and all in beautiful weather. What more could anyone want?

Vaughan Windle

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR OCTOBER 2015

Dear Friends,

October'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. If you feel you would prefer to be remembered in a particular month then please let us know. Also, if you have a specific need for additional prayer time then please let us know and we'll add you to our 'special prayers' section.

In our Church Family Prayers

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Michael, Anika, Darcey & Jack Ellis

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Valerie & Maurice Allchin

John & June Geater

Sue Geater

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In our Special Prayers



Peter Mower
Joan Whale

Leah Crudgington
Robin Ellis
Adrian Reynolds

Jayne Bennett
Mary Allum



Baptisms - September 2015

Sunday 6th September Kristi Brennan

Sunday 6th September Micheal James Brennan

Sunday 20th September Marnie Rose Morling



“The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace”.

Romans 6:24-26

Funerals - September 2015

Thursday 3rd Sept Elle Cook

Wednesday 9th Sept Joyce Chambers

Burial of Ashes - September 2015

Thursday 10th Sept Steven Leister Smith

Thursday 10th Sept Teresa Dawn Welford



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

Psalms 119:76

PRAY FOR... ALL WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY

1 TIMOTHY 2:2

Bearing responsibility for others is no easy task. Mums and Dads are often daunted by the new responsibility of caring for a tiny baby.

Teachers are returning to school to take up new responsibilities, which will have a big impact on the lives of young people. Equally a country may be left stunned by the failure of those elected to bear responsibility for the just running of the affairs of state.

Last month we took up the call to pray for those being mistreated. Over the weeks we have watched distressing scenes unfold across the world. Those who bear responsibility for governing the countries to which so many refugees are currently fleeing seem incapacitated. What is the answer? Surely it is a call to prayer for men and women who are bewildered by the enormity of the situation and fearful of what will yet unfold. Fear can prompt attitudes and actions which can lead to disastrous results.

What can we hope for when leaders are bewildered? Our only answer is to turn to prayer. During the second world war when things were going badly for Britain, King George VI called for a national day of prayer. No doubt many changes were brought about as a result. Prayer is not only about getting God to act but about getting people to change.

In the Old Testament Nehemiah was grieved about the terrible plight of people in Jerusalem, whose city lay in ruins. Over and over again we read in the thirteen chapters telling his story, of how largely prayer figured in his life. He takes a risk asking the king (the authority of the time) to release him from his court duties. In chapter one we read his prayer, asking that the king will be favourable toward his request. At times even when he is talking to the king, he sends what we call an 'arrow prayer' asking for God to open the king's heart to his request.

He returns to Jerusalem with aid for the people and through his organisational skills and his dependence upon the Lord, he enables the people to rebuild their city and their own self-respect.

Let's be praying for God's solution to the crisis across Europe and the world with the mass movement of people, at this time. Paul “urges” Timothy in I Timothy chapter 2 verse 2 that prayers, intercessions, requests and thanksgiving be made for everyone. Let's be praying round the map expecting the Lord to raise up competent leaders in order that those they serve may live “peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness.” You may like to ponder what that means!

PSALM 147 - A COMMENTARY

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| 1 Alleluia [or Praise the Lord]
How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour him with praise. | 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling. |
| 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel. | 6 The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground. |
| 3 He heals the broken hearted
and binds up all their wounds. | 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God up on the lyre; |
| 4 He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their name. | 12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their trust in his steadfast love. |

The Commentary

A clergyman friend of mine invited me to say Morning Prayer with him before a meeting. We used the latest Anglican book 'Daily Prayer' intended for the regular cycle of prayer in parish churches. I found the services quite wonderful and helped me to enjoy my daily prayer life so much more. The Psalm for this month Psalm 147 teaches us that prayer and worship are to be enjoyed 'How good it is to make music for our God, how joyful to honour him with praise' Prayer and worship are to be enjoyed and this is the theme of this month's psalm. Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking that worship is a chore. It is as if our relationship with God is to be suffered – offered to a fearsome God who is there to catch us out. The contrast here is that God loves his creation naming the stars he has made but also enjoying his human creatures who he will help when broken hearted and suffering poverty and needy in other ways. 'We are to sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, make music to the Lord with the lyre' with the drum, guitar, organ or piano – whatever we can lay our hands on.

In verse 12 (not part of our psalm this month) we are told just as we are to enjoy our God 'the Lord delights in those who fear him (hold him in awe) who put their trust in his steadfast love'. God too enjoys us as we are to enjoy Him.

Reference –Psalms Donald Coggan Tee Bible Reading Fellowship

Rev. Chris Gonin

Family PRAISE SERVICE - 6TH SEPT

Who on earth would have thought that the word 'crumbs' would have been so important to the salvation of all people! At St. Margaret's Family Praise and Worship service we heard all about how Jesus inspired a young mother as she asked Jesus to heal her sick daughter. Revealing to the world that Jesus had come to save all people, by simply using the word, 'Crumbs.'

To help us understand what had happened, we travelled to a village in the region of Tyre and found a Jewish Cat named Kahtool and a common dog named Kehleb. Kahtool the cat thought he was better than Kehleb just because he was a Jewish cat. But Kehleb the common grey pup, told Kahtool all about how the conversation between Jesus and the woman had revealed, through the word 'crumbs', how all people, no matter who they are, were all a part of God's new Kingdom on earth. In the end Kahtool and Kahleb went off into the sunset together to follow Jesus and learn more about him. If you want to learn more about why the word 'crumbs' is so important, then journey to the region of Tyre and find out more, by reading Mark 7:23-34.

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last



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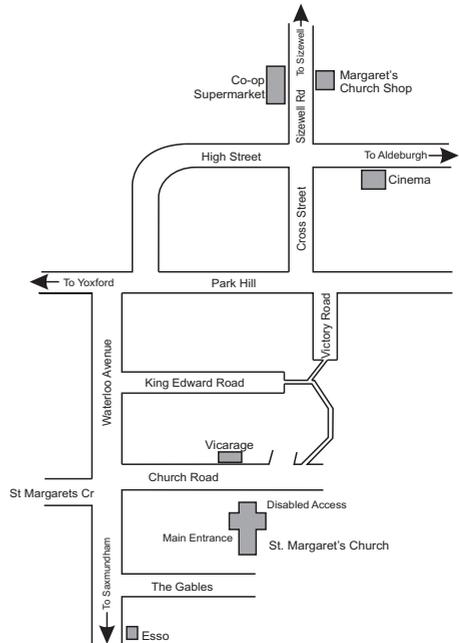
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