

ST. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



CELEBRATING HARVEST TIME

OCTOBER 2016



CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

9.00 Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

10.30 Family PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE with GOSPEL PRESENTATION by J.A.M Sunday School
All food DONATED DURING THE SERVICE will be GIVEN TO THE LOCAL Foodbank

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE & J.A.M Sunday School

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER

10.00 'WELCOME TO THE TABLE' FAMILY Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER & SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE & J.A.M Sunday School

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2016 - WEALTH



'The desire for wealth is nearly universal, and none can say it is not laudable, provided the possessor of it accepts its responsibilities, and uses it as a friend to humanity.'

(PT Barnum, The art of money getting)

When I was a child, I shared with my brothers and sister a good sized collection of Story books. As I reflect this year on the celebration of Harvest Festival, I'm reminded of an old beaten up Ladybird book called 'The Pilgrim.'

The pilgrim told the story of a pilgrim who had reached the outskirts of a village and was settling down under a tree for the night, when a man from the village came running up to him. 'The stone' the villager shouted. 'The stone! Give me the precious stone.' 'What stone?' asked the pilgrim. 'Last night I had a dream,' the breathless villager continued. 'god spoke to me.' 'And what did your god tell you?' the pilgrim enquired. 'God told me to go to the outskirts of the village at dusk and there I would find a pilgrim who would give me a precious stone which would make me rich forever,' the villager explained.

The pilgrim rummaged in his bag and pulled out a stone. 'He probably meant this one,' he said, handing the stone to the villager. 'I have not had it for long, for I found it on the path by the stream only a few days ago. But you can certainly have it.' The villager was overjoyed and gazed at the stone in wonder. It was the biggest diamond he had ever seen, so big he could not close his fingers around it. So, gripping the precious stone in both hands, he walked away, returning to the village to share the news of his riches. But that night he tossed and turned in his bed, unable to sleep.

The next day, at the crack of dawn, he returned with the precious stone to the outskirts of the village and woke the slumbering pilgrim. 'Give me the wealth,' he cried, 'the wealth you must still have, the wealth that makes it possible for you to give away this diamond so easily.'

Harvest is a time of plenty, a time to celebrate the wealth of God's creation, that like a precious stone he has given to each one of us and for which we give thanks. But Harvest time is also a time that inspires us, in our thankfulness, to seek the true wealth hidden behind the act of giving. Like the man from the village, harvest is a time for us to see beyond the precious stone, the harvest. To the great wealth of grace within God the giver. A time during which we can, holding our own precious stone of wealth, return to God and ask him to give us that real wealth, found in the act of our giving to others. A wealth of compassion, a wealth of generosity and a wealth of love, as well as the wealth of being a true friend to humanity.

Happy Harvest Adventures

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP

During September the lighting of the Church Tower was sponsored on:

Saturday 3rd September

To celebrate my Wedding to Ron in 1978 from Eileen Griffiths

Saturday 3rd September

In loving memory of my lovely Aunt, Gladys Jeffries from Irene Giles

Tuesday 6th September

In memory of John Walker & Rose Clarke,
and to celebrate the 99th birthday of Gladys Sexton.

Three dear friends who shared the same birthday. From Vi Matthews

Tuesday 6th September

In memory of my dad, Bob Moy, who would have been 100 years today.

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September

In memory of Max Turner for his 40th Birthday

Sunday 11th September

In memory of Bill Harlock from Irene Giles

Monday 12th September

For my dad, Ernest, 26 years since he died

Friday 16th September

Happy 70th birthday Jacque Hall

Monday 19th September

In memory of Ewen Keen on their birthday with love from Fred & family

Friday 23rd September

Happy 90th birthday Donna Button. With love from Pat & Tony Cooper

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.

St Margaret's Church



Praise & Worship Service

Sunday 2nd Oct

10.30am

Harvest Festival



CELEBRATE THE HARVEST IN FANCY DRESS

Come along as a farmer, scarecrow, farmyard animal or even a vegetable.
Or just come as you are & join in the fun..... Best dressed wins a prize!



Gospel presentation by J.A.M.

'All food donations will be going to support the local Foodbank' 
milk (UHT or powdered) * sugar (500g) * soups * cereals * instant mash potato * fruit juice (carton) * pasta sauces * rice / pasta * sponge puddings (tinned)
tomatoes (tinned) * rice pudding (tinned) * tea bags / instant coffee * jam * tinned meat / fish * tinned vegetables * tinned fruit * biscuits / snack bars

OPERATION CHRISTMAS Child - Shoebox Appeal

Last year, members and friends of our church took great delight in filling 32 shoeboxes for the above appeal. If you would like to take part in this year's appeal, you can either: (a) fill your own shoebox, (b) donate items for joint shoeboxes, or (c) donate £3, which goes towards the cost of shipping each box.

ITEMS WHICH CAN BE INCLUDED:

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, notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush and 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 of the following year).

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.

The following day, **Monday 17th October**, the Church Ladies' Group will meet to cover and fill shoeboxes so any donations received by then will be much appreciated.

Finally, to raise some funds to help with the shipping costs of the shoeboxes we fill, we will be holding a BRING & BUY STALL after the 10am service on Sunday 16th October.

OCTOBER

With the dark nights and afternoons getting nearer, I look back and think how quickly the summer has gone. Dark nights seem to come round so fast. The autumn does have its own beauty with misty mellow and often sunny days. It's just the days are shorter, one minute bright, then as if a blind is drawn it's dark.

We count our blessings though as once again we were able to get out with family and friends. Betty and I were able to see all the plays at Aldeburgh Summer Theatre which were very good as usual. One Saturday I wanted to see the heather at Dunwich Heath. We always knew it as Minsmere, but were told the National Trust had changed it to Dunwich Heath. Over the years we've spent lots of times there when our children were younger. At weekends volunteers take 3 people on a golf trolley all over the heath, places we've never been to. We found out so much history about what went on during the war, areas where the radar and search lights were, remains of the tank traps, plus where a little settlement once was; now so peaceful. It made us thankful we were so well protected. To me, sitting on the beach, seeing the purple of the heather and the blue of the sea, is Heaven on Earth.

Margaret Clarke



Photo: Dunwich Heath

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 fruit pie. Let us take this special time 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. And as it is also Grandparent's Day on 2nd Oct this year, let us take time to thank all the grandmas & grandads for everything they do, with a yummy fruit pie.

Granny's Fruit & Ginger Crumbly Autumn Pie

Ingredients:

1 deep dish 9-inch pie crust

540g peeled & sliced cooking apples (about 2-3 apples)

540g peeled and sliced just-ripe pears (about 3 pears)

3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

70g brown sugar

25g plain flour

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

For the Crumble Topping:

60g rolled oats

25g plain flour

3 tablespoons packed brown sugar

2 tablespoons finely chopped crystallised ginger

75g unsalted butter, cut into small pieces

Method:

Preheat oven to 450°F.

If using a store-bought deep dish frozen pastry, allow to thaw 10-15 minutes before you're ready to fill and bake the pie. Otherwise, you can prepare your favourite pie pastry recipe, roll it into a deep-dish pie pan, and chill while preparing the filling.

Place apples, pears, and lemon juice in a large bowl. Add the brown sugar, flour, ginger, cinnamon, and nutmeg, and toss everything together until fruit is well coated. Transfer filling and any juices to the prepared pie shell, spreading it evenly and packing gently.

Prepare the crumble topping by mixing oats, flour, brown sugar, and ginger in medium bowl, and cutting in the butter with a pastry cutter or fork until the mixture clumps together. Sprinkle crumble over the fruit.

Place pie on a baking pan to catch any drippings and bake in lower third of oven for 15 minutes or until pastry edge looks cooked. At this point, I wrapped a thin strip of aluminum foil around the edge of my pie to prevent the crust from burning. Reduce oven heat to 375°F and bake for another 50 minutes or until juices are thick and bubbling and topping is brown. Remove from oven and let cool completely before slicing.



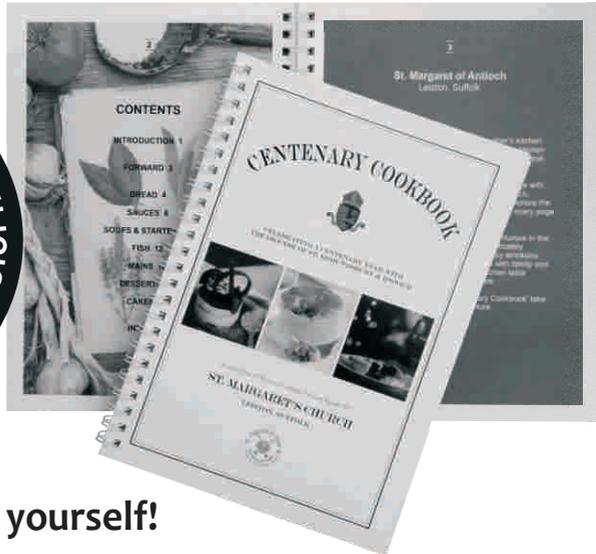
CENTENARY COOKBOOK

The Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich of which St. Margaret's Church is a part recently celebrated its 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 celebrate a special year & raise funds for St. Margaret's Church.

Pick up your copy of the cookbook now!



Ideal gift or treat yourself!
(Great to Post)

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

Available from St. Margaret's Church or Margaret's Shop, Sizewell Road, Leiston

Ladies Group AGM

We met in church on Monday 19th September to plan activities for the next year. It was lovely to meet up again and to chat to everyone, catching up with all the news. Lovely too to welcome back Liz after her period of illness and to welcome Jill to join us.

After much discussion it was agreed our meetings revert to Monday afternoons unless the venue dictated we meet on another day. We have planned times to work on the Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes and soft toy tombola for the Bazaar. Also an afternoon on 28th November is planned to create Christmas floral decorations for the church. Our usual beetle drive and Christmas tea is planned with the ladies from the United Church.

Everyone voted to request our "Christmas" lunch in January again at the Wentworth Hotel. A games afternoon, an Easter craft workshop, lunch out at Peasenhall Weavers, a trip to the Suffolk Punch Trust, a fish and chips lunch at Sizewell T and a treasure hunt in Saxmundham all form part of the planned programme.

Our next meeting is the covering and filling of the shoeboxes on Monday 17th October – all welcome to help with this task. Contributions to the contents of the shoeboxes would be gratefully received.

Pat Carter

Emily & Robin's Wedding Photos

Robin & Emily Oxborrow would like to invite you to a presentation of their wedding photos on **Saturday 15th October at 2.30pm** at Leiston Baptist Church (John Street, just off Kings Road). This will last about half an hour and will be followed by tea and cakes.

If you would like to come but have no transport, please call Sandra Harle (Emily's Mum) on 01728 833578 and we'll arrange a lift for you.

Sandra Harle

LEISTON DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL

A crowdfunding page has been set up to raise money to set up a second Community Public Accessible Defibrillator site in Leiston. Permission has been given to locate the site at the Leiston Children's Centre in Waterloo Avenue. This has been approved by the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust. When a person suffers a sudden cardiac arrest the electrical rhythm that controls the heart becomes chaotic and disorganised. The quicker this can be treated by defibrillation the greater the chance of successful resuscitation.

Leiston Town Council has agreed to grant a very generous £500 towards the project. A further £1,500 is required. If you would like to make a contribution towards this life-saving equipment you can do so at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Leiston-Defibrillator. A Facebook page has been set up called **Leiston Defibrillator News** where you can follow the project's progress.



Photo Above: Example of CPAD site



Photo Above: Leiston Children Centre

JANE BROCKET

A telephone call alerted me to a requested meeting at the church. I agreed to make sure the church was unlocked for a visit by Jane Brocket. She told me that she wished to look at our Rope windows for a proposed book. She was coming to Aldeburgh on holiday for a week and we arranged to meet on 12th September.

We met at church and Jane explained that the book about stained glass would not be published until spring 2018. She spent some time looking around the church and taking photographs of our windows. We saw in the lower corner of each window the trademark of a Margaret EA Rope window, a tortoise and the initials MEAR. We also spoke about our war memorial which was designed by Dorothy AA Rope and I was able to show Jane the panel in coloured plaster by Ellen Mary Rope (the Nativity scene) in the vestry. There is also a panel of repousse silver by Dorothy Rope, a memorial to Arthur Rope who died as a young boy.

She was planning to spend part of her week in Suffolk visiting local churches to see the wonderful examples of Rope glass windows. I explained that on Friday I was going, as part of a U3A group of church crawlers, to Blaxhall where I knew there were some fine examples there. She had already planned to visit Blaxhall on the next day.



Jane by one of our Rope windows

Windows in the porch at Blaxhall are the work of Ellen Mary Rope. The magnificent east window is the work of Margaret Agnes Rope working jointly with her younger cousin Margaret E Aldrich Rope, a memorial to members of the Rope family. Also in the church is the War Memorial, a bronze plaque, the work of Ellen Mary Rope, a small bas-relief memorial in plaster by Dorothy Rope, sculptress niece of Ellen Mary, and a small scale relief panel depicting an angel leading a small boy by the hand by Ellen Mary Rope. Such a talented family and so many treasures tucked away in an isolated country church.



East window at St Peter's, Blaxhall

A few days after I met Jane I “googled” her and found that she has written several books about domestic crafts (The Gentle Art of Domesticity, The Gentle Art of Quilt Making, The Gentle Art of Knitting and also cookery books), the Grand Provincial Tour series and for several years wrote a blog. I wish I'd looked her up before I met her and then we could have talked about one of my interest patchwork and quilting!

Pat Carter

Suffolk Churches Sponsored Bike Ride

On Saturday, 10th September Mummy, Daddy and I set out on the Suffolk Churches Sponsored Bike Ride.

We started from home at Rendlesham and first of all visited the two churches in the village, which are St Felix and St Gregory's. St Felix is a very modern church, which was originally built as the base church when the Americans were here at USAF Bentwaters which is now Rendlesham village. In contrast St Gregory's is a much older more traditional style of church and it was interesting to see the differences between the old and the new.

Next we began to get further away and stopped at Eyke and Bromeswell, then headed into Woodbridge, where we were able to visit six churches. In Woodbridge we went to the Methodist Church, St John's, St Thomas' RC, Quay Chapel, St Mary's and Seckford Almshouses Chapel. When we got to Woodbridge, the weather was a bit unkind and decided to rain on us, so we took shelter in St John's and St Mary's whilst the showers were passing over. St John's was one of my favourites as it looks very old from the outside, but inside it has been refurbished and is modern, bright and very pink. I also liked the snacks there - chocolate millionaire shortbreads and mini rolls, yummy! I also really liked St Mary's because there was a really nice lady inside, who welcomed us so warmly and spent time to talk to me. Before heading out of Woodbridge we stopped for some lunch to get some more energy and then made our way to Melton where we visited St Andrew's and Melton Old Church (the picture here is taken outside Melton Old Church).

After Melton we travelled to Ufford. This church was particularly interesting as they had recently made a discovery of a wall painting in the Lady Chapel and the man on duty told us that one of the pews dated back to the early 1300s - it is interesting to think how many people must have sat down on this seat over the years!

From here we cycled to Campsea Ashe up a very big hill, which was quite exhausting, but there was a warm welcome at the church when we arrived.

We then made the decision to go home via Tunstall and Daddy even had enough energy to go via Blaxhall and meet us at Tunstall Church - he must have ridden quite fast as he was only a couple of minutes behind us getting there. In Tunstall we visited St Michael and All Angels and then finally Tunstall Baptist Church before heading home. In total that day we cycled 25 miles, visiting 17 churches on the way, raising £50 to be shared between The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and St Margaret's, and although I was absolutely exhausted at the end (and didn't really want to see my bike again for a good few days) I had a really good time, which surprised me because I was reluctant to go in the beginning and then ended up really enjoying myself. My favourite parts of the whole ride were getting to visit churches I hadn't seen before and meeting lots of lovely people at the all the different places that made them all seem so welcoming. I am looking forward to taking part again next year.



Charmian S Berry2016

By Grace Nash (Age 10)

Kids Zone

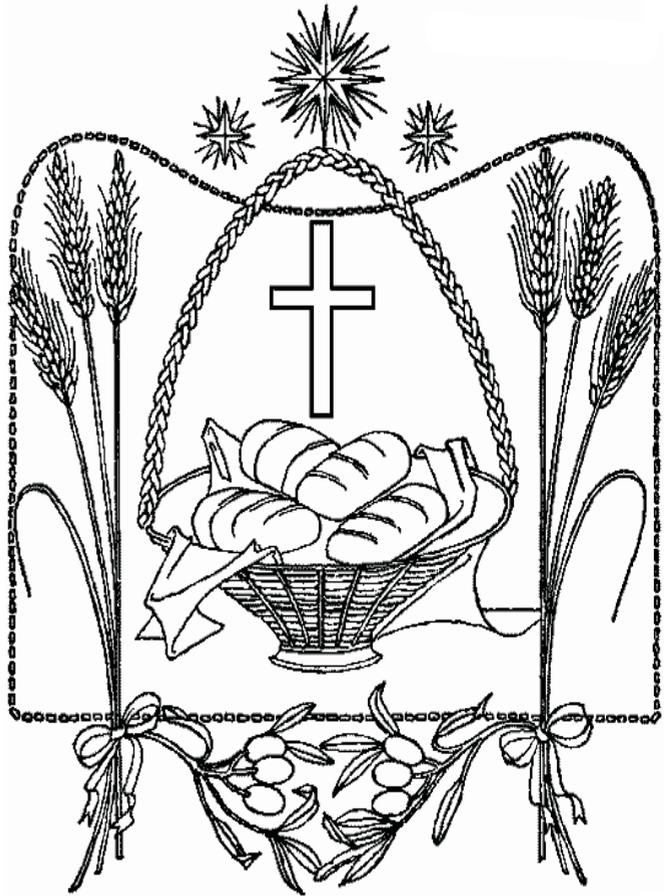
Welcome to
'your page'
full of fun
activities to enjoy!

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.



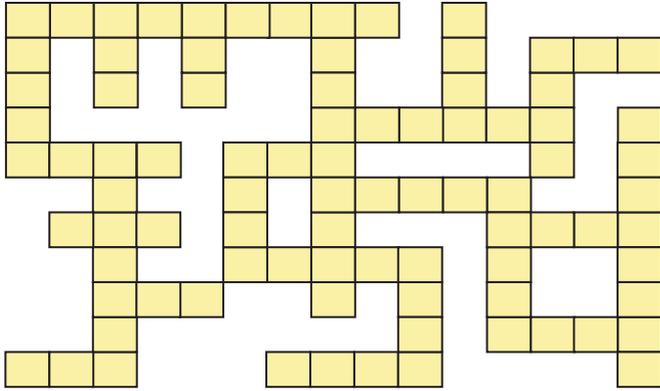
*'We Plough the
Fields and Scatter'*



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

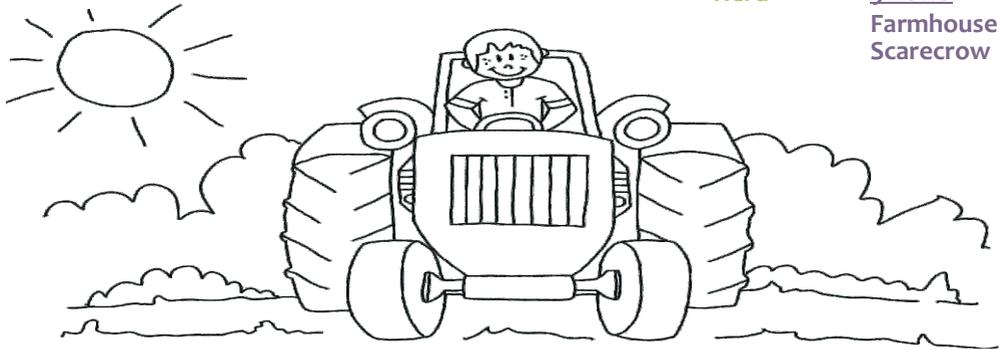
Chicken

8 Letter

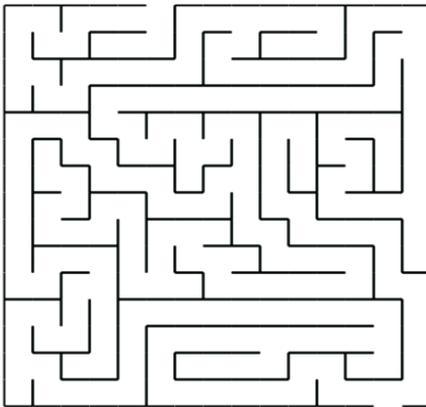
Windmill

9 Letter

Farmhouse
Scarecrow



MAIZE MAZE



FARM ANIMAL WORD JUMBLE

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P ESEH

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T ACS



Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' Sessions - Kids of all ages welcome!

Sun 9th, Sun 23rd & Sun 30th Oct - All @ 10.00am

ST. MARGARET'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat 19th Nov: 11am - 2pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

The St. Margaret's Church Christmas Fair will be held at the Church on Saturday 19th November this year.

We are planning to have again this year the popular Soft Toy Tombola stall. If you have any Soft Toys which are in good condition and that need a new home, we would be most grateful to receive them. Please either bring them to church or Margarets Shop or contact Sandra Harle on 833578 to arrange collection!

As always, many thanks for your support.

Thanks, Sandra



Sandra Harle

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Pop Up Shop and Coffee Morning on **Saturday 8th October from 10am – 4pm**. Entrance is free at the Market Hall, High Street, Saxmundham. Angela and Mary Skelcher are raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association in memory of their late father Barrie.

On sale will be quality second hand clothing, vintage home wares, arts and crafts, as well as homemade cakes. Come along and treat yourself to some goodies, a slice of delicious cake, or do some early Christmas present shopping!

The MND Association (Reg Charity 294354) raises much needed funds for research, equipment and services for patients, and raising awareness of this deadly disease. MND is a fatal rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord, attacking the nerves that control movement, so muscles no longer work. It affects up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time and kills six people every day. There is no cure. The MND Association is the only national charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland focused on MND care, research and campaigning.

Angela Skelcher

RBL Poppy Appeal 2016 - LEISTON AREA

There are now three separate Poppy Appeal areas, and the Organisers are as follows:

Leiston and Sizewell:

Mrs. Pat Carter, 42 Haylings Road, Leiston. IP16 4DN,
tel: 01728 831852, email: pm42carter@gmail.com.

Deputy Organiser: Mrs. Sandra Harle, 4 Lime Tree Avenue, Leiston. IP16 4EH,
tel: 01728 833578, email: philipharle@btinternet.com.

Aldringham and Thorpeness:

Mr. David Fryer, 5 Aldringham Park. IP16 4QZ, tel: 01728 830691.

Theberton and Eastbridge: Mr. Stuart Smith.

This year the house-to-house collections will take place between **Saturday 29th October and Saturday 12th November**. There will also be collections in the Leiston Co-op Store on **Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Thursday 10th November**. David, Pat and Sandra would welcome all offers of help with this year's campaign. Those who usually assist with the collections will be contacted nearer the time but new helpers are always needed.

The annual RBL Poppy Appeal helps to provide thousands of modern veterans, service men, women and families with vital advice and support. Your help, if only for one hour, will be much appreciated.

Sandra Harle

Suffolk Coastal Filling Station

The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew, Suffolk IP17 1LL

Thursday 27th October 7.00 pm – Speaker: Revd Jeremy Crossley

Filling Station meetings are an informal way of expressing or exploring the Christian faith for those from any church background, or none.

You will find a very warm welcome at this month's Suffolk Coastal meeting on Thursday, 27th October, where we offer delicious refreshment, friendship and fellowship, contemporary sung worship and prayer ministry. Our speaker is Revd Jeremy Crossley, Rector of St. Margaret's Lothbury in London.

To find out more, visit: www.thefillingstation.org.uk or contact Robin Alderson on 01728 688255 or robin.alderson@btinternet.com

Katie Boulton
Publicity, Suffolk Coastal Filling Station

NEW EDITOR REQUIRED FOR ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH MONTHLY PARISH MAGAZINE!

After what will have been an enjoyable & rewarding
2½ years as St. Margaret's Church
Parish Magazine Editor
I have decided to pass the baton onto someone new.

We are therefore looking for someone to continue
this wonderful form of outreach,
in the New Year or before if preferred.

No previous experience needed,
**just a passion for
spreading the Good News!**

If interested please speak to the
Reverend Martin Phillips-Last
T. 561149 or E. rev.phillips-last@sky.com

Editor's Note



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

We're having our Christmas coffee morning at The Market Hall, Saxmundham on **Saturday 19th November** this year from 10.00am-12.30pm. As usual there will be cakes, preserves, books, bric-a-brac, produce, a magnificent Christmas hamper raffle, tombola, Christmas cards and a grand draw. Admission is only £1 and includes coffee and biscuits. Please come and join us and change a child's story. Thank you!

Lorraine Lloyd

Secretary of The Saxmundham & District Committee, The Children's Society

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY! 2ND OCTOBER

Grandparents' Day was first introduced to the UK in 1990 by the charity Age Concern and is now widely celebrated across the world.

The occasion has its origins in the US, where in the 1970's one woman made it her mission to ensure that grandparents were recognised for the contribution they made to the family and wider society. Marian McQuade, grew up watching her own grandmother care for all of those around her and thought that grandparents everywhere deserved a special day dedicated to them.

During the 1970's Marian campaigned tirelessly for a national holiday to be created to recognise the hard work and support that grandparents provided on a daily basis. From baby-sitting and cooking to providing financial and emotional support, grandparents enrich the lives of those around them, so it's easy to see why Marian believed they deserved some appreciation.

After a few years of campaigning President Carter officially recognised the occasion and Grandparents' Day was born. Two decades later the national holiday was brought over to the UK by the charity Age Concern who believed that British grandparents also deserved a day of celebration. The occasion has been celebrated on the first Sunday in October every year since, with this year it being celebrated on Sunday 2nd October. So a very happy 'Grandparents Day' to all grandparents out there!





Welcome to your Community Prayer Page



This is a new page for the
St. Margaret's Church Parish magazine
and we would love you to get involved!.

**Is there either a community, local, national or worldwide
issue you would like us to pray about as a group?**

If so, we would welcome you sending in a short article.
This will then appear in the Church Parish Magazine
for us to read, contemplate & pray about as a collective.

Please send your articles to:
stmargaretchurchleiston.one@suffolk.net

Articles for November's Magazine would need to be received by 18th October please

LET'S PRAY... YOUR KINGDOM COME

In Psalm 82 we read of the righteous God presiding over heaven's court. The writer is obviously concerned about the activities of people on earth, who treat others badly. "Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and the helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people." v 3-4

Lately we hear a lot about female genital mutilation, which is one of several forms of abuse, which has been described by one commentator recently as "cruel beyond words". It behoves us as Christians to pray that the evil people of which the psalmist speaks might be brought to account and that evil practices will be stamped out.

I was challenged recently when reading about the woman caught in the act of adultery (John 8:1-11) to notice a reference to Deuteronomy 22:22-24 which says, "If a *man* is discovered committing adultery, both he and the woman must die" I'm by no means suggesting such a code should be adhered to today, but I am pointing out that the onus here is on the man. It is impossible to be caught in the act and not find two people there at the time! I become alarmed when this passage in John is referred to and no-one thinks to point out that two people were involved and how dare they accuse the woman who had very little status at that time, without demanding justice for her by presenting the man at the same time.

I have often wondered whether Jesus wrote in the dust, "Where's the man?" as the teachers of the law and the Pharisees stood accusing her. The aim of the exercise was to trap Jesus and to be able to use something against him, but they in fact fell into their own trap, for surely they knew that their law demanded that both the man and the woman should be held responsible.

Jesus alone had the right to judge and in judgement he remembered mercy. Sadly, still today the slant of criticism falls only too often toward the woman, when men clearly know that they are not to covet what belongs to their neighbour and are challenged to watch over their own thought life, which if heeded, would protect them from actions they would regret.

Let's pray for wisdom for our government that men and women are protected and children and young people kept safe from the grasp of evil people, whether that be the people smuggler, unjust bosses or abusers of any kind.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR OCTOBER 2016

Dear Friends,

October'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 & 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'll add you to our 'special prayers' section.

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Weddings - September 2016

Saturday 3rd September **Charlene & Stuart Mays**

Our warmest Congratulations to you both and wishing you a happy future together from all your church family here at St. Margaret's.



Funerals - September 2016

Thursday 22nd September **Valda Madge Clark**

Monday 26th September **Dorris Smith**

Wednesday 28th September **Patricia Sibert**



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

Psalm 119:76

PSALM 66 Vs. 1 - 11:

1. Be joyful on God, all the earth, sing the glory of his name and the glory of his praise,
2. Sing to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength, your enemies shall bow before you.
3. All the earth shall worship you, sing to you, sing praise to your name.
4. Come now and behold the works of God, how wonderful he is in dealing with human kind'
5. He turned the sea into dry land; the river they passed through on foot; there we rejoiced in him.
6. In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.
7. Bless our God, O you peoples; make the voice of his praise be heard,
8. Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip.
9. For you O God have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
10. You have brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens on our backs.
11. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

A COMMENTARY

Most Sundays we try to watch Songs of Praise. It is a real joy to see members of the various congregations singing their hearts out both in traditional congregations with traditional hymns as well as the large congregations singing contemporary hymns and songs. They seem very often to express praise simply because God is God.

In the first verse in this psalm, the author expresses similar uninhibited praise of God. It is as if he knows he lives in the presence of a wonderful maker. In colloquial language it is just 'Wow' about God. We move on to the activities that he believes God has done for his people but for a moment we pause that someone is so confident about God because God is God. We are all able to say 'sing the glory of his name'. If we met someone who has this confidence in God it would be so infectious.

So we go on to 'How awesome are your deeds! Because of your strength, your enemies shall bow before you'

So the writer returns to the specific deeds that the people had received especially from God – their freedom from slavery and the escape across the Red Sea.

But the writer appears to be a man of prayer because he feels it is 'God who cares for our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip.'

Yet for the writer it has not been all honey because there have been hard times and occasions when 'heavy burdens have been laid on their backs'. Enemies too have caused them to suffer but at the end again and again their God has brought them out to a place of safety.

We will find, I suspect that the writer has parts of his life when his belief in God seems spontaneous. Other times life is hard and this pattern applies to most of us. At the end of the day occasionally we feel 'Wow' about the God we believe and put our trust in.

Revd. Chris Gonin

God's Wondrous HARVEST



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may we be gentle.

The earth is fractured,
may we be just.

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and generosity as we together
share in thanks & giving.

With awesome deeds,
with saving justice you answer us,
O God our Saviour.
People all over the world & across
the distant seas trust & hope in you.

Those who live at earth's farthest
bounds are awed by your signs.

You make the gateways of the
morning & the evening shout for joy.

May the God who gathers
and scatters us as seed give us a
harvest of peace sown in justice,
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God of the Harvest,
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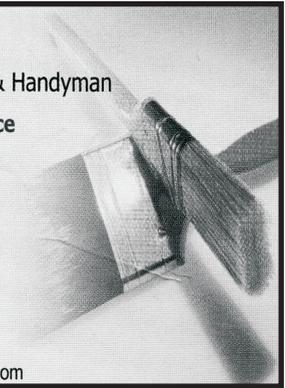
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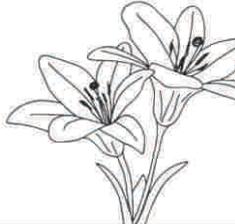


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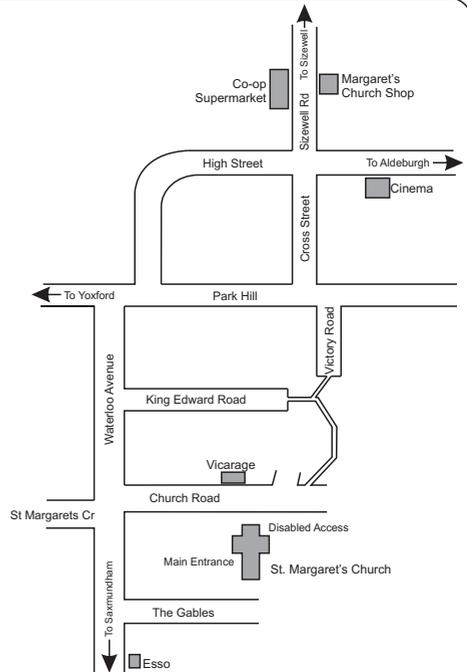


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