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Living in uncertain times -

Over the last couple of years and particularly over these past few months, I have been reflecting, like many other people, upon the state of our nation and the turmoil in which we find ourselves but I'm not just thinking about the political machinations surrounding Brexit, rather the parlous and powerless state in which some folk find themselves. There seems to be an ever growing divide between the 'haves and the have nots'. We are seeing, for example, a growing number of families having to resort to food banks, with the inevitable loss of confidence and dignity. There is an ever increasing number of people resorting to taking illegal drugs and a consequential rise in crime.

This uncertainty and unsettledness is not confined to this country alone. There are an increasing number of populist movements with counter cultural ideologies and agendas. Such movements are spreading rapidly across many Western nations. To me this trend is becoming divisive and potentially extremely dangerous.

This year sees the 80th Anniversary of the outbreak of the 2nd World War, in Poland. In August 1945 the end of the war was declared in Europe and on the 2nd of September VJ Day was declared by president Truman upon the formal surrender being signed aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo. Both of these events were significant, in their different ways. People's lives were changed for ever. I understand The Long shop Museum will be honouring this latter event.

At the beginning of the war in 1939 King George VI made a poignant broadcast to the nation during which he quoted from Minnie Louise Haskin's now often quoted poem 'God Knows', in which she wrote,

'I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."
And he replied,
"Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.
So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.'

In a stirring broadcast on 26 May 1940 the King called for the people of Britain to hold a National Day of Prayer, and to commit their cause to God.

I am not suggesting for one moment that we are on the brink of war, though sometimes it feels like it. Rather I'm reflecting upon peoples' attitudes and invective

towards others, especially in this social media driven age and I would have to say it is certainly not helped by some of the utterings being tweeted by our political leaders.

As I reflect upon the 'times' we live in, along with the events which led to the 2nd World War, I cannot help but ask, 'do we human beings ever learn anything? Where is justice, peace and compassion in today's world?

Let us heed the words from Minnie Haskins and respond to the call to prayer. By so doing we put our faith and trust in God. As Archbishop Justin Welby writes,

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Revd Jim Florance

Pondering Prayer

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples. "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Matthew 9:35-38

The media has covered the story of County Lines gangs moving out from London into places like Ipswich and Norwich and into the towns of North Wales, from cities like Liverpool and Manchester. Lives are being blighted!

The description in Matthew 9, quoted above, fits well with the desperate situation in many places, where people are truly harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." For every teenager in such a plight, there are many adults and other youngsters grieving and distraught, either because they fear where such a path may lead, or because they have suffered loss through the all too often attendant knife crime. What part can Christians play in combating this?

The general public cry for more police and other voices talk about the cost and from where the money is to come. Jesus says in the passage above, the labourers are few! There is a cost for the church, the body of Christ, Firstly, we need to *pray* for the labourers; *pray* that men and women will be called to reach out to the youth of our

nation. Secondly, when people are called, as we trust they will be through our prayer in response to Jesus' challenge to us, they need to be supported. Christian charities need to be paid for. The challenge to the church today is not only to pray that labourers will be called out – but also to *pray* that through those who trust and follow Jesus, the costs will be met.

“Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.” As you pray, you might also pray for Social Services, the Probation Service and all who work in the criminal justice system; for victims and perpetrators of crime; for those living in poverty or under oppression and for the work of Aid Agencies throughout the world. May God bless you as you do so.

Revd. Pauline Florance

CANCER RESEARCH UK

A street collection was held outside the Co-operative store on Saturday 27 July to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. This was the eighth year of the collection in Leiston. There were also street collections in Aldeburgh and Saxmundham and the total raised for all the locations was £1,336 72 – a wonderful result.

This is an occasion when I find collectors to support Jo Mayhew of Knodishall. My grateful thanks to the Leiston collectors I was able to organise, Margaret, Trevor, Sylvia, Cindy, Linda, Joe and Sandra.

Pat Carter

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 2019 38th RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 11 September



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Friends

September'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

Richard & Sandra Ellis	Mary, Simon, Archie & Edward Reading
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Sandra, Philip, Ellie & Laura Harle	David & Lynn Bailey
Daphne & Terri Roper	Kirsty, Shane, Ceylon, AJ & Logan Stone
Pam Bloomfield	Kathryn, Grace & Eve Phillips-Last
Graham, Sylvia, Linda & Susan Hawes	Ann Woods

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



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

Friday 2 August

Remembering Betty on her birthday,
love Margaret and Bill (Miss you)

Friday 30 August

To celebrate the wedding anniversary of
Doris and John Bartholomew

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.

SEPTEMBER

Usually a month of mellow mists and an Indian Summer and the blackberries ready to pick for Apple and Blackberry pies. I always used to make the suet puddings in basins. My cousins would stay in September and he'd say 'Got the Blackberry Suet pudding ready?' That was several years ago and now all I have are the basins ready for a Charity Shop.

The sloes are ready for Sloe Gin, crab apples for Jelly Jam and elderberries for wine. Elderberries seem to be used much more now. So many different berries on the bushes that can't be eaten but look so pretty. I love the pink Spindleberry Bush.

Everything starts to slow down for Autumn, as we wonder where the summer has gone. One again – Happy Memories of family visiting and get-togethers. Now we thank God for all is safely gathered in for the Harvest Festival. **Margaret Clarke**



VJ DAY COMMEMORATION – 17 AUGUST 2019



The above event was held at the Long Shop Museum, home of the Far East War Memorial. The Memorial is a Union Jack brought back from the Far East at the end of WW2 by Leiston members of the 4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment. The Battalion were captives of the Japanese and the Flag occupied

the place of honour over the altar in the little bamboo church in Chunki (Thailand) POW Camp. When a member of the Battalion died, the Flag was used at the burial service.

The Commemoration was well attended and included Suffolk's Deputy Lord Lieutenant, John Sutherell, Lesley Hill (Chair of Leiston Town Council) and Councillors, 1379 (Leiston) Squadron RAF AC, and members of Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association. The Revd Richard Finch led the prayers.

The Last Post and Reveille was played by three cornet players from the Leiston Royal British Band.

The Community is now planning Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on 8 May and the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day on 15 August next year.

Trevor Peskett

LADIES GROUP AGM

The next meeting of the Group is the AGM on **MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER** at 2 15 pm at the church. This is a week **EARLIER** than the previous decided date.

Please come to discuss and decide the pattern of our meetings for the forthcoming year. Everyone most welcome.

Pat Carter

WHITE CHALK MARKS IN A SUMMER SKY

*Mischievous laughing boys they grew
To swift manhood to be the few
Who flew above all human call
From Summer's height to Autumn's fall
Falling like leaves upon the weald
To russet spot on English field.
Their brief gay gallant season spent
For us our task their monument
Nature herself has taken over
And has decreed for evermore
The few shall be remembered by
White chalk marks in a Summer sky
(Anon)*

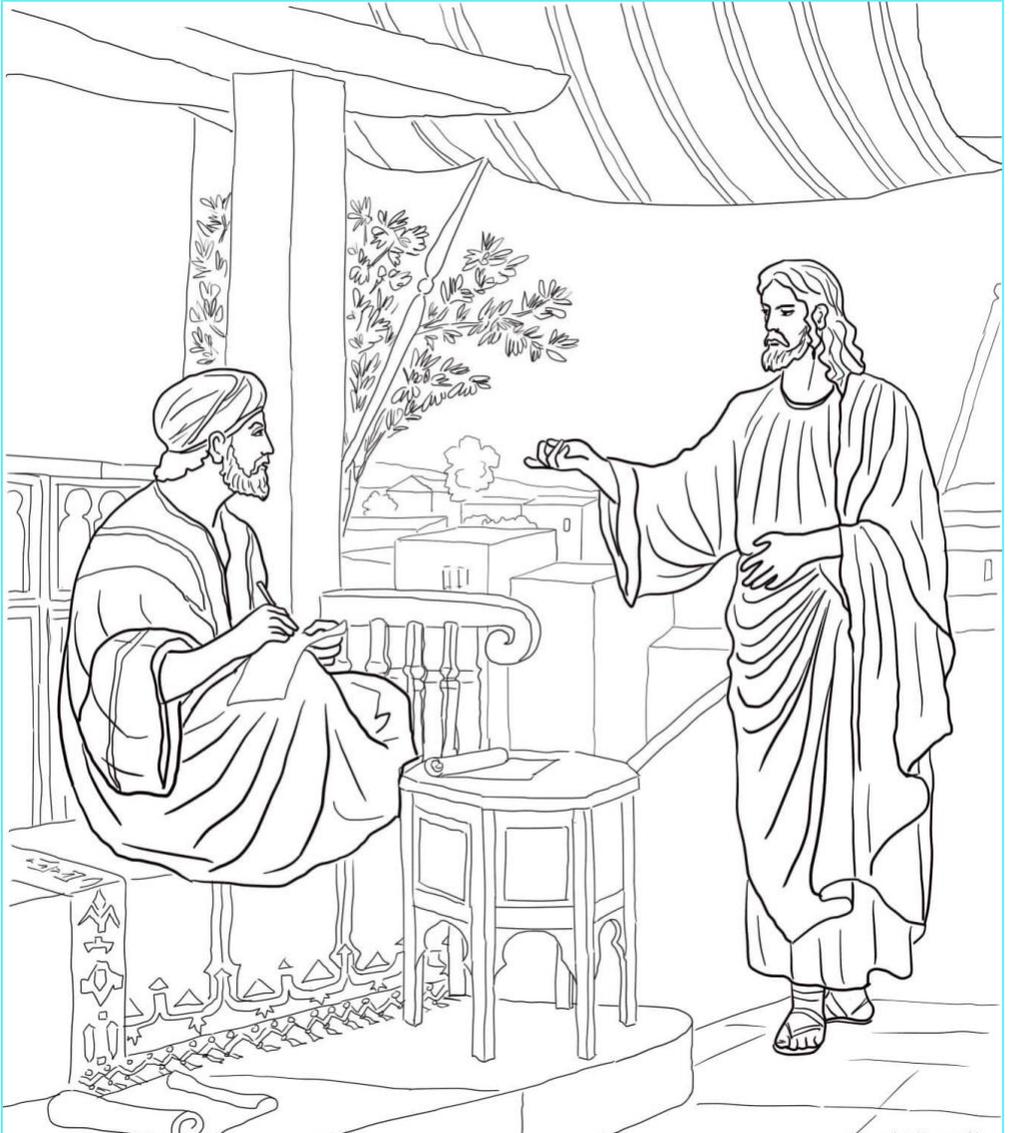
Submitted by Jan Snowden



ME LOOKING AT THE SKY

*In the sky there are clouds
Where little ones play
There's an angel to look after them
It's so much fun being with friends
We laugh and play and sing
There comes a time
When the angel says 'It's time
For us to have our rest'
She tells us stories of Jesus
And then we fall asleep
But when we wake up
Jesus is with us*

by Pam Bloomfield



Back to School

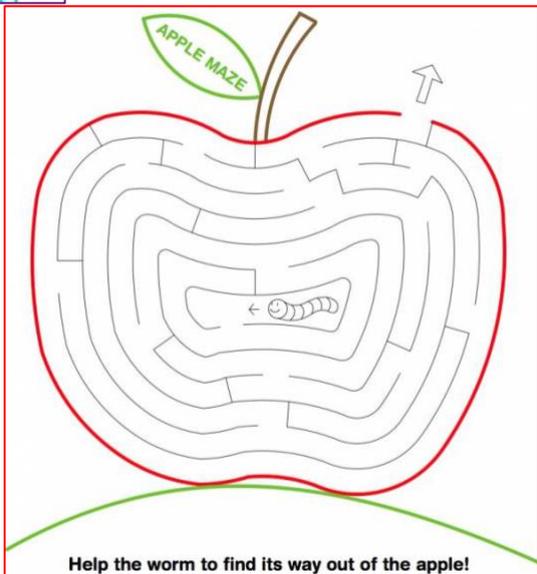
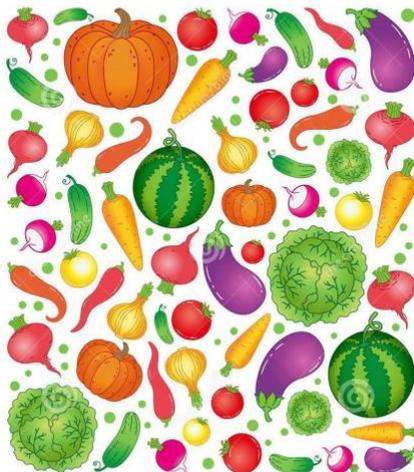


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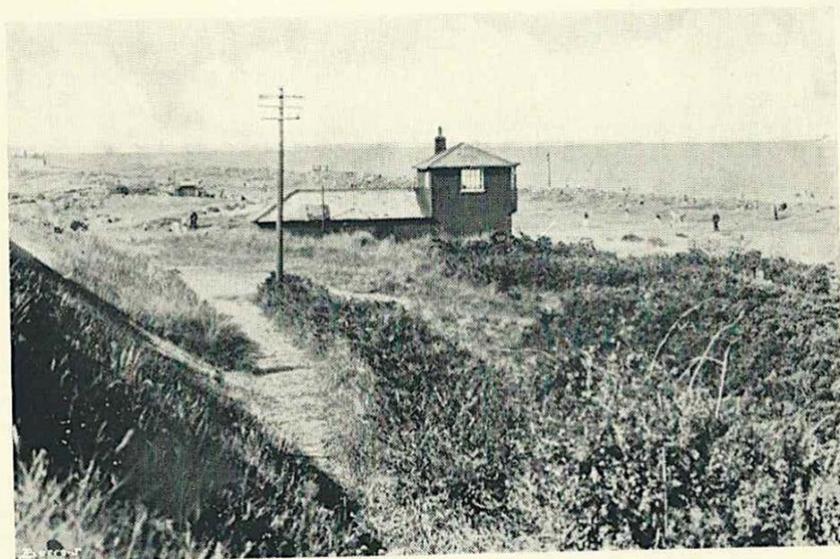
Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' sessions. Kids of all ages welcome!
Sunday 8 and 22 September at 10.00 am

TIMES PAST

Many of us fondly remember the unspoilt Sizewell Beach of our childhood. These photos are from a Leiston-cum-Sizewell Official Guide published before the WW2.



On the Sand Dunes at Sizewell



Photographs by]

[Waddell, Leiston

A Glimpse of the Sea at Sizewell

A VISIT TO CLUMBER PARK AND THE WORK OF C.E. KEMPE

On the way back to Leiston following my recent holiday in Yorkshire I broke my journey south at Clumber Park, near Worksop. The Park is an estate of some 3800 acres of parkland and gardens in the care of the National trust. Clumber Park was once the country estate of the Dukes of Newcastle, the house was demolished in 1938. In the Park is the Gothic style Chapel of St Mary the Virgin. The Chapel took three years to build and was completed in 1889. The 7th Duke of Newcastle wanted a Chapel next to his house for the use of himself, his wife, their friends and the Estate workers.

Charles Eamer Kempe was one of the most skilled painted glass artists of the 19th century. He was born in 1837 and was brought up a devout Anglo Catholic. He hoped to become a clergy man but a severe stammer caused him to change his plans.



Kempe's artistic career began with him studying architecture with GF Bodley. He was soon entrusted with the decoration of the walls and ceilings of the churches which Bodley was building or refurbishing in the correct "Gothic" style. Kempe was particularly drawn to stained glass design. His first window was placed in Gloucester Cathedral in 1865.

In 1866 Kempe set up his own design studio in London. He studied

medieval glass manufacture becoming an authority on the period and was regularly consulted on the restoration of ancient glass. Kempe was inspired by the 15th century style of stained glass. This along with the use of mainly green, blue and ruby glass

detailed paintings of figures and their settings combined to produce the Victorian interpretation of stained glass.

By the time Clumber Chapel had been commissioned Kempe had become well established and had started signing his work with a wheatsheaf which forms part of the Kempe family coat of arms. The idea of design was first drawn by Kempe and then a full size “cartoon” would be produced by his chief engineer and team of artists. The cartoon was then taken to the works for cutting, painting and leading. The work which Kempe undertook in Clumber Chapel includes The Rod of Jesse in the west window, The Nine Orders of Angels in the north window and Christ’s works within the Church in the east window.

Kempe’s work can be seen all over the world, Bombay Cathedral, Karachi and Australia and of course in Leiston, in St Margaret’s east window. In the tracery of our window can be seen two wheatsheafs – the trademark of CE Kempe, by which his windows can be recognised.

Pat Carter



In Our Special Prayers

Magda

Suzi

Pauline



ST. EUPHEMIA

is commemorated on 16 September. Our window depicts her carrying a sword. Often she is seen clothed as a pious woman with her head covered, surrounded by one or a few lions, often holding a wheel or a cross

Euphemia lived in the 3rd & 4th centuries and was discovered with forty-nine other Christians hiding in a house and worshipping God and was arrested for refusing to offer sacrifices to Ares (the Greek god of war).

After suffering various tortures including the wheel, she died in the arena at Chalcedon from wounds sustained from a lion. She was martyred for her faith in 303 AD. Euphemia's relics were laid in a golden sarcophagus, placed within a church that became a site of pilgrimages.

The relics were later transferred to a new church in Constantinople. There, during the persecutions of the Iconoclasts, her reliquary was said to have been thrown into the sea, from where it was recovered and was given to the local bishop who hid them in a secret crypt. The relics were afterwards taken to the Island of Lemnos, and in 796 they were returned to Constantinople. The majority of her relics are still in the Patriarchal Church of St. George, in Istanbul. **Rev. Morag Finch**



"A Voyage Around the Coast of East Anglia"

The Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group's next talk is by Robert Simper and is entitled "A 'Voyage Around the Coast of East Anglia". It is based on a trip he did with his son in his boat around the coast of East Anglia one summer.

Robert's family have lived in East Suffolk since at least the eighteenth century. He was born at Blaxhall in 1937, but has lived most of his life in Ramsholt. Robert left school in 1953, and started work on the family farms when horses were still being worked beside the first tractors. Drawn by the lure of the sea, he went off crewing on some of the last barges trading under sail, and these two experiences gave him a great passion for the old ways of life when the countryside moved at the speed of a horse and the merchant fleet of coastal Britain were moved by wind power.

Just after World War II Robert started going out with an uncle on his fishing boat, and at the age of nineteen he bought a small boat and sailed to Holland. He has owned a large number of boats over the years; recently they have got smaller, but he is still on the water whenever he gets the opportunity.

Robert has written over forty books, and he also starred in John McCarthy's recent film "Life on the Deben". With his wife Pearl he has travelled endlessly, recording and photographing the age that has almost gone.

The talk will be at 7.30pm on Monday 16 September at Leiston Community Centre, IP16 4JX. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members, including tea/coffee.

For further information see our website <http://aldevalleyfamilyhistorygroup.onesuffolk.net/> or contact Angela Skelcher on 01728 830949 or a_skelcher@hotmail.com.

Future Programme:

Monday 21 October, "Grandparents in the Great War" (audience can bring family medals), Dave Empson, 7.30pm Leiston Community Centre

Wednesday 20 November, "Rope Family Artists", Arthur Rope, 2.30pm Knodishall Village Hall, IP17 1UD

Maggie Strutt

LEISTON OLD FOLKS' OUTING

The Leiston Old Folks' Outing will this year take place on Saturday 28 September. All senior citizens (aged 70 years and over) who live in the town and who would like to come on this free outing are asked to put their names on a list which will be available in Carolyn's Shop until Wednesday 18 September. We will then write to you with pick-up details, etc.

This year is our 82nd Anniversary and we would love as many of you as possible to join us. The time-span is from approx. 1.30pm to 6.00pm., and involves our guests being taken in cars on an interesting tour around local villages to arrive at a mystery destination for free afternoon tea, entertainment and a raffle.

For further details, please contact our Sandra Harle (secretary) on 01728 833578 or by email at philipharle@btinternet.com



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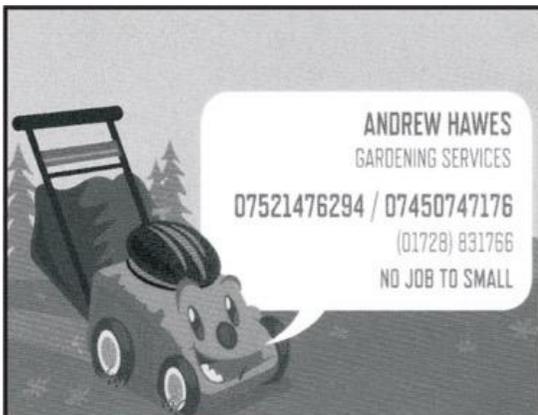
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