

ST MARGARET'S

Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell



St Margaret's Summer Fete

SEPTEMBER 2017

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

9.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

10.30 FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

10.00 'WELCOME TO THE TABLE' FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

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

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JESUS, A SPECIAL FRIEND, FOR SCHOOL DAYS AND FOREVER

For many years the start of September meant for me (and I imagine the same goes for most busy mums) a frantic rush to organise uniforms and stationery items needed for the start of a new school year. This involved making sure that every garment was clearly named, collecting together all the items required to fill a pencil case and making a trip to John Self's shop in Fram to buy shiny new shoes for one or more of our three daughters.

September can also be a very emotional month. A small child in a grown-up uniform being waved off at the school gate for the first time can sometimes cause a few tears – but that's usually just the mums and, perhaps, a few dads! Nowadays children are well prepared for their first full day at primary school and most actually look forward to it. They attend nurseries and playgroups from a very young age and, along the way, make friends who will then be their classmates in school.

Seeing your child move on from a small village primary to a large secondary school can be equally daunting especially if, for the first time, a bus journey is involved. Will they make new friends? Will they like their teachers? Will they miss the bus home?

Living in Blaxhall in 1967 meant that I started my school life at Snape Primary. No nurseries or playgroups in those days and, therefore, no early friendships made, just an afternoon visit to the school at the end of the summer term. Then, six short weeks later, the 'Big Day' arrived. No uncomfortable uniforms then but a three-mile bus journey without Mum's hand to hold. What a scary undertaking for a little five-year-old girl with no older siblings to look out for her!

At midday I decided that I had had enough of school and that I would rather spend the afternoon at my Nannie's house. At that time children who lived nearby went home for dinner so, alongside the local children who were being met by their mums, I slipped unnoticed through the school gates. I ran along the road to Nannie's house, which stood near the top of Snape hill. She was surprised but pleased to see me, and gave me some dinner. She then walked me back to school in time for the afternoon bell, where we both got a good telling off from Mr Holland, the headmaster (ex-Army and very strict) - me for leaving the playground and Nannie for not returning me straight away!

Memories of our school days stay with us throughout our lives and, for some, friendships made during those years last a lifetime too. However, for everyone, there is a Special Friend with whom we can share all the uncertainties and upsets that life has a nasty habit of throwing at us. That wonderful hymn tells us:

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear,
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer.*

Jesus is always beside us, reaching out with a comforting hand when we are faced with difficult and scary situations. All we have to do is place our hand in his and we then have the Best Friend anyone could ever wish for – whatever our age!

Sandra Harle (Lay Elder)

PS: One lady who I know reads this magazine will have her own memories of Snape School. She was my Class 2 teacher and she was much kinder than Mr Holland!

LEISTON OLD FOLKS' OUTING

The Leiston Old Folks' Outing will this year take place on Saturday 7 October. 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 either Carolyn's Shop or Margaret's Shop until Saturday 16 September. We will then write to you with pick-up details, etc.

This year is our 80th Anniversary and we would love as many of you as possible to join us for this special event. 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 tea, entertainment and a raffle. For further details, please contact our secretary on 01728 833578 or by email at philipharle@btinternet.com



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



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

Wednesday 2 August

Happy Birthday, Betty
A Special Friend

Friday 4 August

In memory of Hubert Free on his 91st birthday

Saturday 12 August

Remembering dear Elle Cook, who left us two years ago today

Wednesday 23 August

Happy 21st Birthday, Ellie!
With lots of love from all your family & friends

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.

LEISTON RBL POPPY APPEAL 2017

On Friday 28 July the annual Poppy Collectors Evening was held at Leiston Community Centre. This evening is an opportunity to thank all the Poppy Appeal collectors and to give awards for service to the Appeal. Mr Anthony Hawkes, President of the RBL Leiston Branch, presented the awards. In his speech he first congratulated Emily Oxborrow, Janet Buck, Lesley Hill, Terri Roper, Pat West, Cindy Fittsell and Sammy Betson, all of whom had collected for the first time in November 2016.



Awards were made to Felicity Richardson (Five year certificate), Keith Cook and Jacque Hall (Ten year certificates), Pat Carter (Fifteen year brooch) and to David and Mary Morsley (Twenty year badges). Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the Leiston Army Cadet Force and 1379 (Leiston) Squadron ATC. Not all of the award recipients were able to attend but the awards for those people have been made since.

Victoria Denny receives certificate on behalf of Army Cadet Force

It was reported that on that date Leiston had raised £6,188.16, Suffolk £758,717.85 and the National total was £44,939,061.48 After the presentations everyone was able to chat and enjoy the excellent refreshments.

Civilian Instructor Dennison and two cadets receive certificate on behalf of 1379 (Leiston) Squadron ATC.



The RBL Poppy Appeal is always looking for additional help. If you would like to become involved in this very worthwhile charity or require further information please contact Pat Carter, Poppy Appeal Organiser, 01728 831852.

Pondering Prayer

In the New Testament the apostle Peter writes to Christians who have been scattered across present day Turkey. The tourist guide to Cappadocia, in central Turkey speaks of ‘the distinctive “fairy chimneys”, tall cone-shaped rock formations clustered in Monks valley, Göreme and elsewhere. Other notable sites include Bronze age homes carved into valley walls by cave dwellers,’ which were later used by early Christian refugees. There is also a 100 meter-deep canyon there which houses numerous rock-face churches, suggesting that Christians remained in that area for a long time.

When Christians fled from the persecution in Judea they ended up all across the Mediterranean and even as far north as the Black Sea. In our day we can easily get a sense of the horrors people went through, as we see so much on our TV screens about refugees and war torn areas.

In his letter of encouragement to them, Peter urged them, if anyone asked them about their hope as a believer, always to be ready to explain it in a gentle and respectful way.

Hope is a word with wide connotations. We say, ‘I hope it will be good weather when we go away, ‘or ‘ I hope they will let me know that they’re coming, so I can get the shopping in time’ There is also the hope we have when we are ill, that the doctors will be able to help us get better. It ranges from the not so serious, to the extremely serious.

The Psalmist wrote about his hope in times of extremity saying, “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, because you are close beside me”. God promised his people in Hosea chapter 2 that when they were going through a barren time he would transform their Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope.

I wonder what ‘hopes’ you are encountering just now? It may be about health, or finances; exam results, about a relationship that is not going according to plan; or maybe hoping that we’ll get the kind of Vicar you want. It may be that you feel devastated because your hopes have been dashed.

It seems to me that we are never promised a smooth path. None of us knows what is ahead. What we may be sure of is that the Lord Jesus invites us to come to him with our “little “and our very important hopes. He promises to meet us where we are and as we cry out to him in prayer to speak tenderly to us and to show us the gateway of hope.

We sometimes say, ‘a burden shared is a burden halved’. Is there something you would like to share so that we can pray about it together?

Revd Pauline Florance

GOODBYE TO A GOOD FRIEND OF ST. MARGARET'S

On Wednesday 16 August, our church was privileged to hold the funeral service of a very special lady - Janet Buck, who passed away suddenly at the end of July. The large number of family and friends who attended the service reflected the great affection with which Janet was held and the many lives that she had touched during her lifetime. She was a much loved mum to Carol, Elaine and Paul, and a proud and loving nannie to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had also made many friends through her various interests - dancing, bowls, gardening, etc. - and was a good neighbour to those who lived near her in Carr Avenue.

She was a loyal supporter of many local organisations and here, at St. Margaret's, we will remember her with great fondness and gratitude for the many times she baked for cake stalls (wonderful cheese scones) and helped out at our various fundraising events - sometimes accompanied by daughter Carol. She also delivered church magazines for us and Carol has very kindly offered to continue to do so in her mum's memory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Janet's family and friends at this very sad time.

Sandra Harle

PSALM 149

1. Alleluia O sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful,
2. Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
3. Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.
4. For the lord has pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with salvation.
5. Let the faithful be joyful in glory: let them rejoice in their ranks.
6. With the praises of God in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7. To execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;
8. To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with fetters of iron;
9. To execute on them the judgment decreed; such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia.

The refurbishment of St Margaret's Leiston a few years ago was a great pleasure to most of the congregation. The pews disappeared mainly because the woodworm had invaded them and to continue with their use was to risk ongoing damage to the new floor. The floor itself became a place where dancing was possible and at one social evening some of us danced on the beautiful new floor. When working in South London Elspeth and I went to a conference when dancing as a part of the liturgy was taken for granted. After that experience we even had dancing in the liturgy in the parish where we worked.

Dancing in Church has never really developed. But on 19th July 1998 in Canterbury Cathedral, there was a great service to mark the opening of the Lambeth Conference – Archbishop Donald Coggan has written about it in the reference referred to below to which some 800 Bishops and their spouses came. After the Gospel dancers came into the aisle and danced their praises to God. He writes 'The young dancers, male and female danced their way down the great central aisle, their white garments flowing, like a tide. Dancing is another way of expressing feelings – feelings of joy perhaps or pleasure and indeed praise to God.

I wonder what you think watching 'Songs of Praise – when we see those singing in so many different kinds of Songs and Hymns. It may be that a traditional hymn sung with great intensity in one congregation and the modern songs sung equally intensely in another achieve the same purpose of praising God. Sometimes I feel that some sing 'over the top' but who am I to judge if the singer sings with the 'praises of God in their mouths' as the psalmist puts it, the worshippers express their worship in words and songs and beautiful dancing. The staid but imposing pairs of choristers in the parish churches could be enhanced by beautiful dancing. What a challenge!

Chris Gonin

Ref: Psalms The People's Bible Commentary – Donald Coggan The Bible Reading Fellowship

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL

JAM Sunday School have learnt about some of the parables in the Gospel reading from Matthew. Jesus taught a crowd some parables to explain what the kingdom of heaven is like. They made some shells out of clay and pearls to go inside them. They put them on some polystyrene plates which looked very pearl like. They had the words 'Like a pearl, being in part of God's family is precious' written on them. They also put their own designs on white card pearls to go on a pearl necklace. Some of the pearls had the words 'It's great to be in God's family' on them and some had 'Being in God's family is the best thing ever.' After the service, members of the congregation designed some more pearls for the necklace. The children also made some treasure chests out of card and put some treasure inside them. Some of the treasure was pieces of card with words written on them. Examples being; 'Being kind' and 'sharing'. There was also a prayer to go with them.

Lord help me to store up my riches in heaven and not on earth,
by doing what is good, speaking what is true
and learning to love you more and more day by day.

Linda Hawes

**‘..... there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same**

God who activates all of them in everyone.’ *1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 6*

For many years the Church of England have had men and women who have trained and ministered as ‘Lay Readers’, as they used to be known. Many of these ‘Readers’, as they are now called, have served the Church faithfully and with distinction. They have been extremely effective through their preaching, teaching and in leading acts of worship. We owe a great debt to them. Here at St. Margaret’s we are so blessed with having Bernard Smith as our Reader who continues faithfully to serve amongst us.

In this Diocese we have another growing band of Lay Ministers who are serving their churches in wonderful new ways. They are known as ‘Lay Elders’. St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich was one of the first Diocese in the country to pioneer this new form of ministry well over thirty years ago.

As a result of the introduction of Lay Elders many churches, both in the towns and villages, have gained new leases of life as a result of Lay Elder ministry. Their training is rather different to that of Readers, the emphasis is more on the practical such as pastoral care and leading simple acts of worship such as morning and evening prayer. It is important that Lay elders, Readers and clergy work together as a team. In ‘ecclesiastical speak’ it is called collaborative ministry. Collaborative ministry is essential for growth in our churches especially when clergy are increasingly having to minister to multiple parishes and benefices. Like the Reader, Lay Elders share the responsibility of shepherding their congregations.

On the 21 May of this year the Archdeacon commissioned two Lay Elders, Sandra Harle and Pat Carter, in our church for the very first time, which was a most moving occasion for them and for the church.

Who and what are Lay Elders?

The following adapted extract comes from the Diocesan website and explains the purpose and role of a Lay Elder.

‘Lay Eldership provides a flexible ministry through which a variety of lay Christians can offer their gifts, skills and experience. Lay Elders are chosen by the local Church and authorized by the Diocesan Bishop to minister in the local congregation and community, mainly in pastoral care and leading worship. Currently the Diocese has over 500 Elders. As the Elders’ Certificate says, Elders’ ministry may include ‘visiting parishioners, praying with and for them, and encouraging them in Christian discipleship; leading Morning and Evening Prayer, and other forms of a Service of the Word; reading the Bible in worship; assisting in the administration of the sacrament at the Holy Eucharist; and distributing the sacrament to people in their homes or in hospital.

Elders focus on particular areas of work within this wide range, according to their skills and availability, and local needs. Usually a benefice has a group of Elders with complementary ministries, working alongside the Incumbent.’

Selection and training

‘Anyone who is baptised and confirmed and a regular communicant member of the local Church and normally resident in the community may be considered for Elder training and ministry.

Elders are selected by the local Church through the Incumbent and Parochial Church Council (P.C.C) who then formally request their commissioning. Commissioning by the Diocesan Bishop (or his representative) happens locally, at any time of year. The commission is for 3 years (renewable). Elders may lead worship or exercise pastoral care across parish boundaries within their benefice, provided that each PCC concerned has given its formal assent.

Six training sessions may be done either side of Commissioning. For more experienced Elders, there are two eight session courses, Leading Worship and Pastoral Care, one or both of which are done during the first year or two of ministry. Training runs on a benefice or deanery basis and develops the skills, knowledge and

confidence needed for public ministry. It involves no formally assessed written work. A range of further in-service training opportunities, sometimes shared with other ministers, is available to Elders as their ministry develops.' *

The Diocesan training courses are open to all who wish to grow in their faith or explore or test their vocation. There is no commitment to become a Lay minister. If you are interested please speak with one of the clergy or visit the Diocesan Website at <http://www.cofesuffolk.org/> or read the online Diocesan eNews which also tells you what is going on in the Diocese.

** Please note all authorised and Licensed ministers including Lay Elders have to comply with the Diocesan Safeguarding requirements and attend Safeguarding training.*

Reverend Jim Florance

KNODISHALL METHODIST CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

Reminder!

Our next big fund raiser is a quiz night on Friday 8 September to be held at the Church at 7pm with quiz masters David Jobson and Gary Morling.

The cost will be £6 per person which includes supper. Teams of 4-6 can be booked by emailing wendy@jobson.ws, phone 01728 831100 or text 07890 489005.

Thank you for your support.

Wendy Jobson

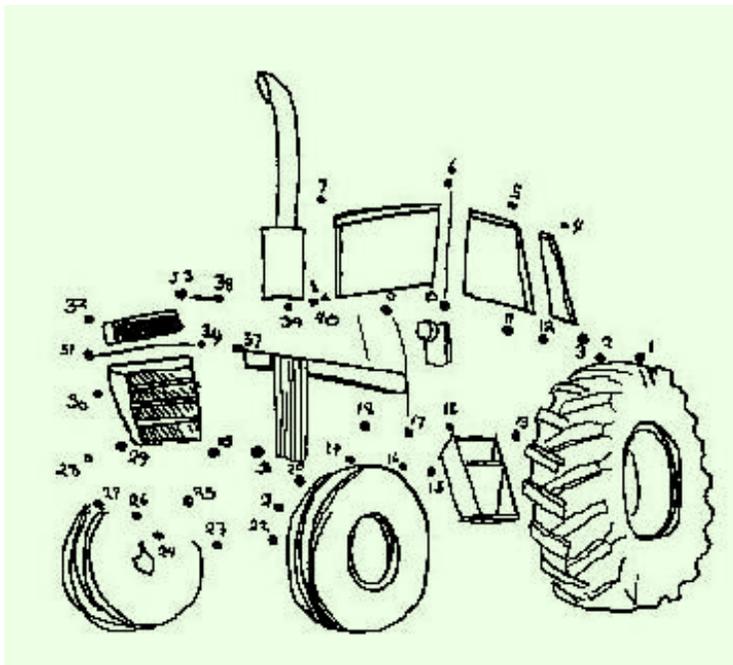
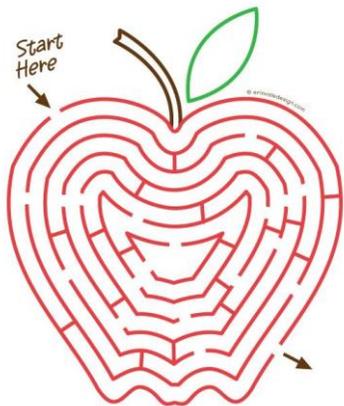
Full of fun, activities to enjoy



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SOC CER BASKETBALL
BASEBALL FOOTBALL
VOLLEYBALL SWIMMING
HOCKEY RUNNING
TENNIS GOLF



JAM Jesus and Me

Want to hear more about Jesus? Come along to our 'JAM' sessions. Kids of all ages welcome!
Sunday 10 and 24 September – At 10.00 am

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

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

Martin, Kathryn, Grace & Eve Phillips-Last

Simon, Sheena, Hannah, Tom & Matt Merrett

Sheila Mckinnon, David & Midge Mckinnon

Phil, Sue, Joshua, Charlotte, Connie & Greg Watson

David & Cindy Fittell

Emma Fittell

Paul, Alexander, Aidan, Cory & Amyleigh Fittell

Jonathan, Kathryn & Joshua Williams

Mike & Lesley Cassie

Vi Matthews

Stephanie Luckhurst

Joan Whale

Paul Espindola

Ann & Peter Essex

Mary Murphy

Terry Ferguson

Jo Tozer

Sue, Dale, Ewan & Cameron Threadkell

Frank & Joan Huxley

Philip, Ian & Susan Huxley

Magda Chandler

Bruce & Phyllis Songer

Stephen & Gail Southgate

Naomi Kerans

John & Sue Last

Helen Rivett

Judith & Mike Stigwood

Alan, Maureen & Jason Fox

Wayne, Ben & Niamh Fox

Fi Long

Allison King

Luke, Asha & Jai Mewett

Clare & Kane Hambridge

Peter & Jenefer Roberts

Charles & Pauline Stride

Steve, Christine & Nathan James

Derek & Sheila Stiff

Eileen & Sperry Free

Don Bridges

In Our Special Prayers

Ann Colley

Pam's Grandson Joshua

David Dutson

Magda's daughter Jackie

Penny Batho

Doreen Thomas

Robin Cornish



Weddings

Saturday 5 August

Martyn John Leek and Lynnette Yvonne Eagle

Thursday 10 August

Ryan Michael Reid and Amy Elizabeth Wegg



Funerals

Friday 4 August

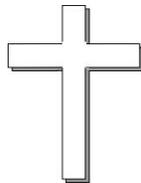
Graham Charles Kersey

Monday 14 August

Rita Jolly (Seven Hills)

Wednesday 16 August

Janet Eileen Buck



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Suffolk
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37TH RIDE AND STRIDE – 9 SEPTEMBER 2017, 9 am to 5 pm

Our beautiful church will be open to receive both visiting cyclists and walkers. If you are able to help man the church during the day, please sign-up on the list in church. This year we are also becoming a Bike and Bake church. Cakes and biscuits etc. will be offered for sale on the day of the Bike ride. Any money raised from this will be kept by our church. If you are able to make some cakes, biscuits or cookies for sale please bring them to the church or contact me for collection.

Pat Carter



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning will be held in the Methodist Church Hall Knodishall on the 22 September 2017 from 10-30am until 1pm to raise money for the wonderful work that the Macmillian Nurses do to help and support people who are very unwell. Please come and join us, coffee and cake will be served, and enjoy the morning chatting with us, and help raise money to for this very worthy service that the Macmillian Cancer Support does which helps so many people.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Jo Mayhew

SEPTEMBER

As I am writing this piece for the Magazine it is still August; it's a dull, wet miserable day and I'm wondering where the long hot days of August are?

The seasons have definitely changed over the years. When we were growing up you could rely on a dry summer; we did get the odd wet day, but it was mostly sunny. In the summer we had white canvas sandals and plimsolls to wear and each night we had to Blanco the white sandals and leave to dry outside overnight on the water butt.

Most houses had a water tank outside, it was brick but had a wooden lid and the rain water went into it. We were never allowed to stand on it or open the lid as we could fall in. Over the summer the water got lower, but a good supply was in there from the Winter and Spring. Mum used to scoop the water out into a bucket with a one handed aluminium bowl (you don't see them now). It was boiled in a big copper or gas boiler for washing us and hair washing, the water was soft so soap lathered well. It was heavy work in those days.

In the Summer holidays the housework was done in the mornings and windows would be open and mops were shaken after mopping bedroom floors. It was all lino then and we all had jobs to do. I liked to polish the furniture and floors. We had a dog so every afternoon we went for a walk, over the Common, round the lanes often waiting to see the train go by at Holly's Hut, waving to the passengers.

Now September a month when we often get an Indian Summer; last year we had a lovely hot spell, however the days do get shorter; but Harvest Thanksgiving will be here with 'All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above.'



Margaret Clarke

ALDE VALLEY SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

After a pause in August, the Group's next meeting will take place at Leiston United Reformed Church at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 18 September, when the Group's Chairman, Di Mann, will present '*My Ancestor was hanged at Bury St, Edmunds*'. Her talk has been created using the extensive archive of documents discovered relating to her 1st cousin four times removed, John Mann, who was executed in 1825 for assaulting and robbing John Raynham of Hadleigh, Suffolk. Ironically, John Mann's father was Constable of Kersey, and Di is pictured below holding the Kersey constable's truncheon.

Visitors are reminded that the entrance to the church is along the left-hand side as you face the building. Parking is available in the adjacent Co-op/Solar car park, but you must register your vehicle at the tills in the supermarket or possibly face a £100 fine. Anyone with an interest in family or local history is welcome; admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members, and includes tea/coffee.

Family historians are reminded that the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group's research centre in the Leiston Council Offices is open to all, free of charge, on the first and third Saturday morning of each month. The facilities can also be booked on Wednesdays by appointment (contact Maggie Strutt on 01728 602298 or maggiestrutt@btinternet.com). There is a wealth of local material in the archives, much of it not available online, and the research centre also provides computers with Internet access, Wi-Fi connectivity, a printer and a scanner. Experienced family history researchers are also on hand to provide assistance if required.

The Group looks forward to helping you with your family history research and looks forward to welcoming new members into the fold!

Further Programme:

16 October "Barnados Foster Children in Suffolk 1890-1950" - Peter Davidson - at 7.30pm Leiston United Church

20 November "History of the Leiston Quakers" - Ruth Hawthorne & Seija Tattersall - at 2.30pm at Aldeburgh Community Centre

Chris Broom

NOTES FROM PCC MEETING 19 JULY 2017

The meeting opened with prayer at 7 pm, with Peter in the chair, 11 members present plus Marian Peskett. All agreed to the appointment of Marian as Minutes Secretary and Peter welcomed her to her new post.

Matters arising from previous meeting. Comments had been received from the Rural Dean and Archdeacon about the Parish Profile. Simon offered to assist Kay in the amendments/production of more photographs. Both Lay Elders had signed Working Agreements and both now part of Ministry Team. Work had been carried out in Vicarage garden.

Sandra presented financial report – copy issued to those present and attached to minutes. Some discussion about funeral fees took place. Extra £150 received from Concert by Shantymen – total now £830 36.

Fabric Report Churchwardens had met with Simon to discuss minor repairs and maintenance. One quote had been received, Kay asked if there should be additional quotes sought, Simon would investigate. Main stone work repairs conservator's report required.

JAM would run on two Tuesdays in school holidays, 10 am to 3 pm. Sandra Ellis advised Safeguarding register is now up-to-date and appropriate training is being carried out.

Betty advised that sales are down in Margaret's shop – all charity shops in Leiston have found the same. More helpers needed.

Future Events

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust cycle ride 9 September 9 am – 4 pm

Next PCC Meeting 13 September 7 pm

Deanery Synod meeting at St Margaret's 21 September

Kay has been looking into printer contract – she will clarify position for next meeting. Bishop Martin had agreed to lead the Family Praise and Worship service on 3 September at 10 30 am.

Pat Carter, Secretary to the PCC

LOOK FOR ME IN RAINBOWS

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky
In the evening sunset, when all the world is through
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you

It won't be forever, the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again
Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky

Every waking moment, and all your whole life through
Just look for me and love me as you know I loved you.
Just wish me to be near you
And I'll be there with you.

Conn Bernard

SUMMER FETE



Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our Summer Fete on Saturday 19th August such an enjoyable and successful event.

Thanks to everyone who donated items to sell, all those who ran stalls and came along to spend their money and to everyone who helped to set up beforehand and/or clear up at the end.

The sum of £779.30 was raised for church funds.

We were pleased to be joined once again by Sally and David Berry and their friendly Alpacas, who welcomed everyone at the gate, and also, for the first time, by Street Jesus, who were raising awareness and funds for The Beehive in Nakuru (Kenya), details of which can be found at www.parting-seas.co.uk. And last, but by no means least, many thanks to Jonathan for providing his wonderful organ playing during the afternoon. A real treat for visitors and stallholders alike!

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Kay Martin

FAMILY PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

The Family Praise and Worship Service on 6th August was led by Reverend Richard Ellis and Sandra Ellis. They did a presentation of the Gospel Reading from Matthew in which Jesus feeds a great crowd with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Sandra was the narrator and Richard was Jesus.

There was some amusement when Richard got in to a cardboard boat to go across a lake. Some of the children played the disciples who gave the food to the crowd (congregation). After the presentation picture cards were handed out. We had to choose whether the things on the cards were things we want or things we need. Some of the pictures were of things such as food, a home, God and love, and others were of things like games consoles, fast cars and expensive clothes. It was a bit difficult to decide on some of them. We decided that some things that we wanted were also things that we needed!

After the exercise Richard said that God knows all the things we want and need, and that he gives us all the things that we need but not all the things that we want.

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