

ST. MARGARET'S

PARISH CHURCH FOR LEISTON-WITH-SIZEWELL



SEPTEMBER 2014

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 Informal Service Praising the Lord

Baptisms are usually within this service

If you are considering a baptism please contact us to discuss this further.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8.30 Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

10.00 SUNG EUCHARIST SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

6.30 COMMUNITY HEALING SERVICE

Listen to the healing word of God through Prayer

ALL OTHER SUNDAYS

8.30 Holy COMMUNION SERVICE

10.00 SUNG EUCHARIST SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 EVERY THURSDAY - HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

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THE REVEREND'S RAMBLINGS

I'M BORED!

The school holidays seem a distant memory now. A time when the world around us came to an exhausted crash, as young people of all ages hung up their school bags, kicked off their school shoes, collapsed onto the settee with sighs of relief and rejoiced with smiles at the arrival of the summer holidays. Minds were filled with the joy of being free of the classroom and the joy of an extra lay in or two. However it was not long before the excitement of summer, along with the sighs and smiles of joy, were often replaced with sighs and frowns of boredom.

It's true that modern life is naturally busy and in its rush offers us an abundance of experiences. We move quickly from one thing to another and fill our lives with sound, colour and action; things that satisfy our curiosity and imagination, but often only it would seem for a short while. But whether it is a spring, summer, autumn or winter holiday, when all else has failed to fend off the feeling of boredom, the Holy Spirit invites us on a great adventure into the depths and wonder of the reality of God all around us.

A holiday at any time of year is a wonderful opportunity wherever we are and whoever we're with, to become aware of what awaits to be discovered in the wonderful handwork of God around and within us. The wonderful mystery of God's hidden and glorious presence is everywhere; all we have to do is forget about the rush of everyday life for a moment, get out there, or even just be still, and discover him.

As 'Gregory of Nyssa' once said, *'Who surveying the whole scheme of things cannot see that there is a divinity in everything, clothed in it, embracing it, residing in it? For everything that is, depends on him-who-is.'* So, if you find boredom creeping up on you during a holiday, weekend or even a spare moment, God is out there waiting to meet and embrace with you in all the wonders of his creation, greeting you in the smiles and friendships of those around us whom he has created. In the excitement, the fun or even the boredom of the summer holidays, God awaits to reveal his hidden presence to you, through you, and in all that is around you.

Happy adventures.

Many blessings,

Martin

The Reverend Martin Phillips-Last

Adopt Me!

the adopt a parish magazine appeal...



There are many species of Parish Magazine, found in a variety of church habitats across this land, that have sadly and for too long been forced into a life of black & white print.

We here at **'Adopt a Parish Magazine'** have decided that enough is enough, and appeal to you to reach out and help us on our mission to bring colour to the pages of the St. Margaret's Parish Magazine.

Please help support us and adopt a Parish Magazine each month. You can do this through donating either **£1.00 per month, or alternatively with a larger donation each month.** All donations will be gratefully received, and will in turn help continue to bring colour to the pages of our parish magazine.

We will then watch as they joyfully engage with all they meet, through their illuminated coloured pages; sharing the life, colour and important work of St. Margaret's Church within our community.

If you would like to get involved and give a donation each month to the **'Adopt a Parish Magazine Appeal'**, and continue to bring colour into the world of our parish magazine please do talk to our head magazine conservationist & magazine editor, Kathryn Williams.

For further information, or to support this wonderful form of outreach into our community and give a donation please see Kathryn Williams.

Thank you for all your help in bringing colour to the life of our St. Margaret's Parish Magazine.

ST. MARGARET'S WELCOMES YOU!



Following on from last month's Parish Magazine, we are excited and proud to announce that our new Welcome Sign has been erected at the entrance to Church Road, in turn providing a warm welcome to everyone who visits our friendly family church, here at St. Margaret's. In addition to thanking everyone who kindly donated towards the cost of the welcome sign, we would also like to extend an extra special thank you to Simon Merrett and his brother, Philip Harle and Charles Stride for their time and hard work installing it.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Margaret's Church.

HARVEST

Harvest has surely been celebrated ever since human beings first planted seeds, cut the heads of grain and stored them to use through the times of scarcity.

When the children of Israel entered the Promised Land and left off their nomadic existence in the wilderness, they adapted the agricultural festivals being kept in the Promised Land and these have come down to us today.

The Gospels are full of allusion to agriculture and harvest and although early Christianity was arguably a faith of the cities, people were clear about the provenance of the food that they ate. Since the very early days the Christian Church has historically played a key role in reinforcing the connection between people and the land, particularly through the Harvest Festival.



Harvest is second only to Christmas as the most popular time for 'going to church' and is still one of the most popular celebrations, both in town and country. A harvest service is an opportunity to offer to God the contribution we make in bringing food to the table, to give thanks and pray for others in the chain upon whom we are dependent, and above all to praise God who starts off each chain. At harvest we thank and praise God for all his gifts of food and weather, especially his plants which mature in autumn and nourish us all year. Harvest is also an opportunity to give thanks and to praise God for all the creatures which move in the waters, fly in the sky and live on land. Harvest reminds us that all earthly creatures are a community created to praise and glorify God. Nature matures in the autumn even without human help. Wild creatures enjoy the fruits of the season.

With human cooperation however, nature glorifies God through cultivated fields, including grain and grapes which make bread and wine. Human hands and voices represent the whole earth community, in Christ, to God. The transformation of the earth at harvest is a sign, the beginning of the final transformation of all material creation in the resurrection when God does not make a new thing, but makes “all things new”.

God Provides

There is a harvest at the end of summer.

There is food on the table at home.

There is water available in plenty,

God provides wherever we roam.

There is love amongst family and friendships,

there is purpose in all that we do.

There are blessings in abundance around us.

God provides wherever we go.

There is power in the Holy Spirit.

There is peace in the power of Christ.

There is a harvest to be reaped from all our lives,

a harvest for which Christ paid the ultimate price.

By Malcolm Andrews

Sent in by Hilda Woodhead

LEISTON Old Folks' OUTING

The 77th Leiston Old Folks' Outing will this year take place on **Saturday 4th October**. All senior citizens of Leiston (aged 70 years and over) 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 Saturday 13th September. We will then write to you with pick-up details, etc.

We would also like to issue an appeal for some extra drivers. Several of those who have driven for us in the past are unable to do so this year and we would love to have some new drivers so that enough cars are available for those who wish to come along. The time-span would be from approx. 1.30pm to 6.00pm and would involve taking our elderly guests to a mystery destination for tea & entertainment, then returning them to their homes. If you can help and / or you would like further details please contact our Chairman, Mr David Bailey, on **01728 831032**.

We look forward to hearing from you soon, so that plans for this year's trip can be finalised.

Sandra Harle

WATER Aid - CHURCH HARVEST APPEAL



As harvest time approaches, the Archbishop of York is appealing for faith groups to give thanks by supporting **WaterAid**. The charity works in 17 countries to provide some of the world's poorest people with access to safe water, sanitation & hygiene education.

Dr John Sentamu is encouraging churchgoers to support WaterAid's Church Harvest Appeal. ***"Access to water and sanitation form the first essential step in overcoming poverty. Please join me in supporting WaterAid in this essential work,"*** he said.

Since 1998, faith groups have given over £1 million to WaterAid's Harvest Appeal through church collections & other fundraising activities.

Last year, UK church congregations transformed the lives of people living in Lahyte, Ethiopia. Congregations in the UK helped to provide safe water throughout the village all year long. Children no longer die from drinking dirty water. Women spend less time collecting water and more time helping their husbands to grow food, while their children have the chance to go to school.

This Harvest, WaterAid now need to do the same to help their neighbours in Mecheke. This neighbouring village is in the Konso region of Ethiopia, where drought is common & causes immense misery, hunger and death: The nearest water source is the Morgare stream, which is little more than a polluted trickle.

If you would like to personally donate or if you would like to hold a collection in either your church, group, or community this September – and help bring the basic need of safe, clean water to a community like Mecheke please contact us.

All donations would be greatly received.



Please contact us for further information or if you would like to donate:

Telephone Number: 020 7793 4594

E-mail Address: harvest@wateraid.org

<http://www.wateraid.org/uk/audience/community-groups/harvest-appeal-2014>

Church Sponsored Bike Ride

A church sponsored bike ride will be taking place on **Saturday 13th September from 9am until 5pm**, involving many cyclists travelling around the local area visiting different churches to raise funds for the Church.

As tradition, St. Margaret's Church will be opening its doors again this year on the day to help welcome the cyclists and any visitors. However this year will be slightly different as our very own church organist Jonathan Williams, along with Matthew Merrett will both be delighting us with some beautiful organ music as well. This is supporting a request from 'The Suffolk Organists Association', who are encouraging all church organists to play in as many churches in the diocese as possible, as a warm welcome to both cyclists and visitors alike.

It's also not too late if you fancy taking to the saddle and doing the sponsored cycle ride yourself. You can pick up a sponsorship form from St. Margaret's.



We look forward to welcoming you to St. Margaret's Church on the day, either as a cyclist or a visitor.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - 25TH OCTOBER AUTUMN BAZAAR & EVENING CONCERT

After the great success of our Summer Fete, we look forward to welcoming you back to St. Margaret's Church for our Autumn Bazaar. This will be held on **Saturday 25th October** from 11am - 2pm and will be followed by a spectacular evening of entertainment held in the church for all the family, from 7pm. Both events promise to be wonderful!

For further information on how to get involved and help during the bazaar please contact either Betty Harland or Sandra Harle.

Alternatively, if you'd like to showcase your own talents in the evening at our Informal 'Autumn Concert' please put your name and what you'd like to perform on the list provided at the entrance of the church.

FAMILY SERVICE - LOAVES & FISHES

August's Family Service included the baptism of Lily Seaman, a beautiful baby girl who slept all the way through, even when having the baptism water poured on her head.

The gospel reading for the day was **'The feeding of the five thousand' Matthew 14:13 – 21**. Acting as the disciples, the Sunday school, joined by the children from the baptism party, helped distribute bread and fish (fish shaped jelly sweets) to the crowd played by our church congregation (luckily a slightly smaller gathering than Jesus had fed).

As we acted out the story, I gained a few insights myself that morning. It wasn't a single miracle Jesus performed that day but many, with Jesus also healing many people he met before feeding them.

The passage goes on to say that *5000 men besides women and children made up the crowd and all were fed*. Meaning that if just half of those men were married that would mean an extra 2500 women also present, as well as at least 1000 children too of varying ages. Resulting in the miracle being even greater than first understood, possibly closer to the 10,000 mark being fed.

For me personally, feeding our crowd here at St. Margaret's seemed to take ages; I can only wonder how long it must have taken Jesus and his disciples to feed such a huge crowd!

Jesus' actions that day demonstrated God's love for his people in a caring, physical and practical way, as indeed his whole ministry did.

As Christians, it is now our turn to show God's love, for those in every kind of need, by caring in a physical way, as well as spiritually in our prayers.

Reverend Richard Ellis



Come along & join us every 1st Sunday of the Month at 10.30am

St. Margaret's Church Choir

Singing together is not only an uplifting and joyful experience, it's also good for you and fun!

Is it time for you to rediscover your musical talent, or to try something new in service to our Lord Jesus Christ?

Do you feel that you could offer your vocal gift to enhance the worship at St. Margaret's by joining the Choir?



As someone who is passionate about building upon our strong musical tradition, I would love to hear from you.

We are a friendly, welcoming and enthusiastic choir who rejoice in serving our church and its wider community through the power of music.

Jonathan Williams
Organist & Choirmaster

Rehearsal each Thursday in Church: 6pm - 7pm

We look forward to welcoming you there!

The Royal British Legion

LEISTON BRANCH (ALDEBURGH SUB-BRANCH)

The Branch has been very active over the last two months. Members travelled to Belgium and France from 28 June-1 July. The Leiston and Aldeburgh Branch Standards were carried and wreaths laid at the Menin Gate, Ypres Last Post Ceremony, Tyne Cot Cemetery and Thiepval Memorial. A ceremony was also held at the Suffolk Cemetery, Kemmel where a Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association wreath was laid by David Bailey on behalf of Leiston Branch of the Association.

After many months of planning the Parade and Service Commemorating Leiston in the Great War was held on 19 July. The event was extremely successful and our grateful thanks go to all involved. The Branch Standards were carried at Sung Evensong and Service of Commemoration at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral on Sunday 3 August. On 9 August the Branch Standards were also carried at the Parade of Standards prior to Legion Race Day on the July Course at Newmarket. Members and friends also enjoyed an afternoon of racing.

The 2013-2014 Poppy Appeal ends on 30 September and to date £8816.73 has been raised by the Branch.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16 September at 7.30pm at the ex-Service Club, Victory Road, Leiston.

Trevor Peskett

Chairman - Leiston Branch TRBL

Autumn Bazaar
St. Margaret's Church, Leiston

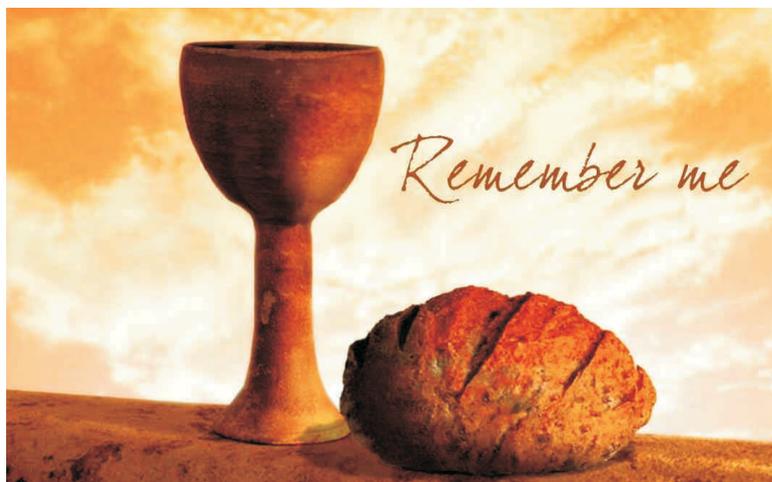
STALLS GIFTS RAFFLE PRIZES CAKES GAMES

Saturday 25th October, 11am - 2pm

ST. MARGARET'S

CHURCH ROAD, LEISTON

JOIN US FOR A MID-WEEK
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



**EVERY THURSDAY MORNING
AT 11.00AM**

'COME AND LET US CELEBRATE TOGETHER,
THE LORD'S SUPPER'

TOUR OF BRITAIN

The 'Tour of Britain' Cycle Race and the 'Tour De France' this year has made more people than ever interested in cycling.

When I was growing up in the fifties not many children had bikes but the few who did would always let us have a ride on theirs instead. You could hire a bike for sixpence an hour from Mr. Macdonald in Haylings Road. So, if you had any money given to you for Christmas, you'd save it and then hire a bike to get snowdrops on Snowdrop Island at Theberton in January or February.

I remember school children of 11 years old, living three miles from Leiston Modern School, being given new bikes to get to school instead of getting the train which then ran from Aldeburgh to Saxmundham.

Then there was the '12.30 Leiston Works lunch hour' when the men would ride from the top 'works', rushing up Gas Hill like the Tour of Britain. If there was a fire, the siren would sound and men would rush through the street to the Fire Station. One of the first men at the Fire Station would be Harry Balls; we always waited to see him!

You would also see the ladies from the neighbouring villages cycling into Leiston, filling their baskets with shopping. You could leave your bikes unlocked full of shopping in those days and nobody would touch them, so you'd always see a line of bikes leaning up against the Co-op wall.

During the summer months the Church's Ladies Group would go on bike rides around the different villages, stopping for a drink on the way home; they were lovely times together.

People would also bike (myself included) to Aldeburgh during both the summer and winter for work. My father and his generation would even happily cycle ten - fifteen miles to work, do a hard days work, then bike all the way home again.

It's always so nice to see families out on their bikes together these days too, enjoying the countryside; it brings back such fond memories of those days gone by.

Margaret Clarke

FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped in anyway with the R.N.L.I Collection held recently in Leiston. The total collected was £340, a wonderful result.

Many thanks to you all.

Gladys Stannard

St. Margaret's Family Service

A Family Praise & Worship Service



10.30am
First Sunday of the Month

We would like to invite you to
come along and celebrate a new style of
Family Praise & Worship Service with us.

This is an all-age informal service aimed at families.
Praising the Lord through imaginative drama & readings,
as well as vibrant & joyful music.

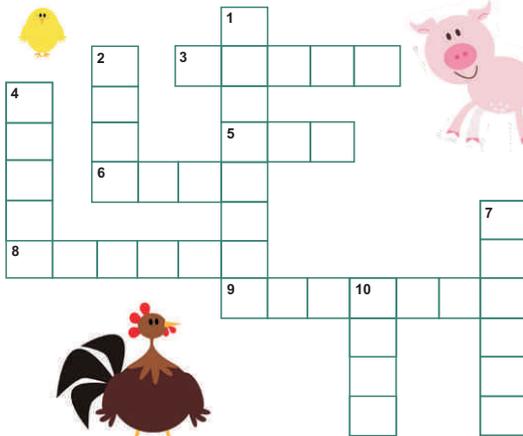
A warm welcome awaits you
and we would love to see you there!

Also log onto our website for other events & all service times
www.stmargaretschurchleiston.onesuffolk.net

Kids Zone

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

Farm Animal Babies Crossword

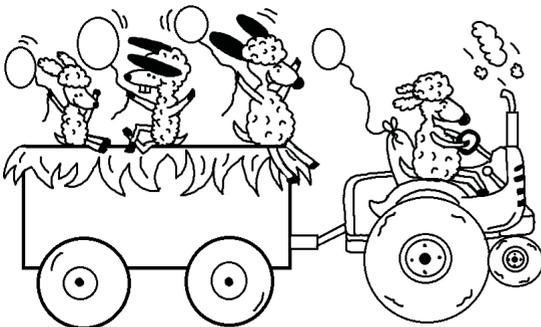


Across

- 3. a baby dog
- 5. a baby goat
- 6. a baby horse
- 8. a baby cat
- 9. a baby goose

Down

- 1. a baby duck
- 2. a baby cow
- 4. a baby hen
- 7. a baby pig
- 10. a baby sheep



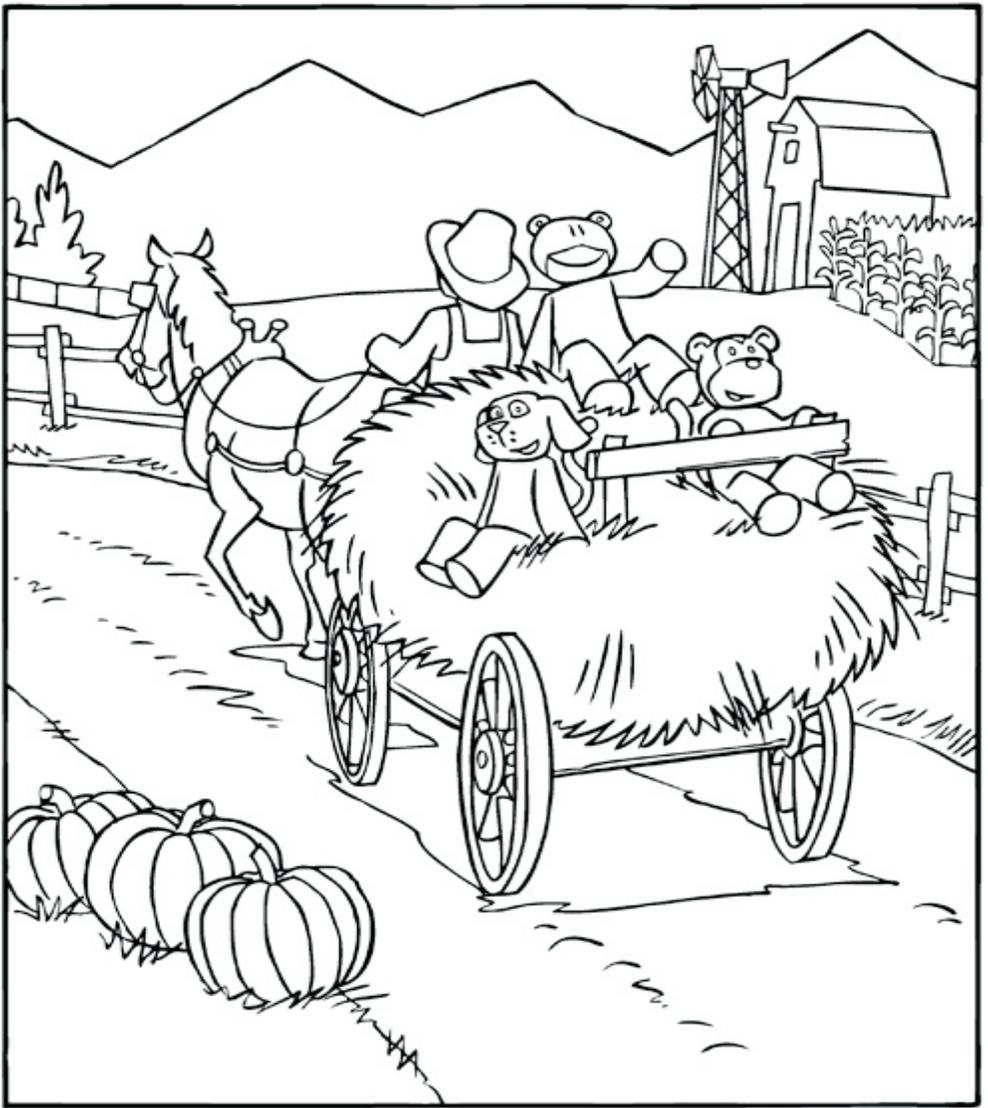
Harvest Festival is celebrated once a year. It is a special time of year when we thank God for the food grown on the land.

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 the month of September but in some years it is in 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 their 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, specifically 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.



Farm Animal Word Scramble

1. toga _____



5. speeh _____

2. ckhncie _____

6. egsoo _____

3. udck _____

7. dgo _____



4. wco _____



8. ipg _____

9. act _____



10. shore _____



Autumn concert



an informal evening of fun and laughter!

on

Saturday 25th October

7.00pm

music

singing

drama

poetry

comedy

**ALL
WELCOME!**

at

St. Margaret's Church

Church Road, Leiston

NOTES FROM PCC MEETING 16TH July 2014

The meeting opened with prayers at 7 pm. 12 members present, 3 apologies were received. Matters arising from previous meetings included the baptismal roll, Parish outing to Ely 20 September, the new noticeboard has been received and paid for by members of the congregation. Thanks to Kathryn Williams for the production of the new style magazine. Martin will ask someone to come to talk about the role of Local Giving Advisors – Diocesan training coming up.

Margaret's shop has given a further £1,500 to church funds (total for this year £5,000). Insurance has paid £1,974.04 for roof repairs. Thanks go to Simon Merrett for his help in connection with the tower. Insurance renewal has been paid - £3,396.40. Future sum of £4035.47, received with grateful thanks, from the late Miss MA Spofforth's estate. Hamper raffle in Co-op raised £231, Summer Fete £935.

No insurance claim could be entertained for the tower repairs as they are considered general wear and tear. Two tenders for work received. Agreed to accept Duncans' price. Application would be put in for Heritage Lottery Funding.

St Margaret's Child Protection Policies and Guidelines, Safeguarding Policy and Safer Recruitment Policy discussed by PCC and agreed. Now displayed in porch.

Vote for Women Bishops was good news and we rejoice in being an inclusive church. Links with Primary School good. Martin proposed church to be open 9.30 am to 2 pm **while he is at home** - agreed.

Forthcoming events:

23 August 10 am to 1 pm Street Sale between Co-op and Coopers – all proceeds to church funds

13 September Church Cycle and Stride

3 October Men's Supper

25 October Autumn Fayre in church

Date of next PCC meeting: Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 19.00 hrs

Pat Carter, Secretary to the PCC



CENTENARY COOKBOOK

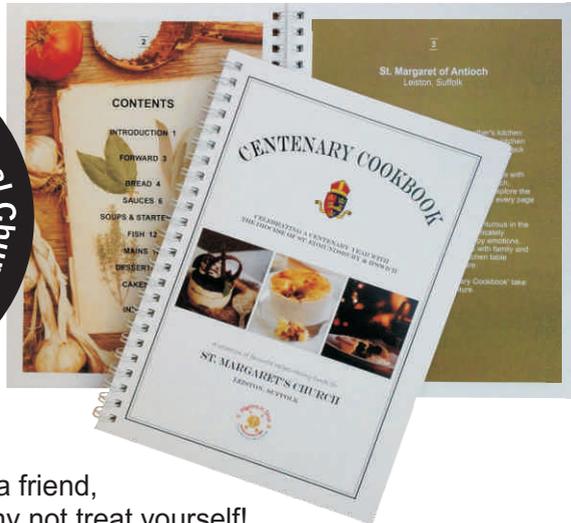
2014 is a very special year for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich of which St. Margaret's is a part, as it is the diocese's centenary year. To help celebrate this momentous year we at St. Margaret's Church have created a cookbook full of tasty recipes for you to try.

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

Help support your Local Church and the work it does!

Only £6.00

Over 50 tasty Recipes for you to try!



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

You are helping to support your local Church continue with 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**

Cooking with the Bible

What's not glamorous, but still has millions of fans around the world? What's inexpensive, but is rich in nutritional value? The answer is the humble lentil — a little legume that the Bible tells us made a stew so tempting that Esau sold his birthright for it.

One of the oldest foods on the planet, lentils have been cultivated and harvested since antiquity in Egypt, Europe, Asia and the Near East.

And while it's true that most beans may be difficult to digest, lentils are the easiest of the lot; they don't even require pre-soaking to make them more digestible. Adding cumin, crushed coriander seed, fennel, anise or dill seed to the recipe will also help prevent and alleviate any bloating whilst adding flavour.

Why not try this tasty dish and enjoy its wonderful flavours.

Rosemary-scented Lentil & Barley Stew

(Serves 2 - 4)

Ingredients:

60 ml (4 Tbsp) Olive Oil	55 g barley
1 small onion, chopped	Salt (to taste)
120 g chopped celery	Coarsely ground black pepper (to taste)
400 g Fresh Ripe Tomatoes, peeled & chopped	½ sprig fresh Rosemary (or a large pinch of dried rosemary to taste)
470 ml water	1 small carrot, grated
100 g lentils, rinsed	

Method:

In a large heavy-based pan, heat the olive oil and saute the onion over medium-low heat until tender.

Add the celery and cook for a further five minutes.

Add the rest of the ingredients except for the carrots, bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 25 minutes, or until barley and lentils are tender. Stir occasionally.

Turn off the heat, then add the carrots and let the covered pan stand for five minutes to steam the carrots.

Tasty served with crusty warm bread.

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

For the third year running, a street collection was held in Leiston on Saturday 19th July to raise money for the Campaign, collecting in Sizewell Road and the High Street. The collection was a bit curtailed by the Leiston in the Great War Commemoration event on the same day. However the collection still amounted to £272.52.

As always sincere thanks to collectors and contributors.

Pat Carter, 42 Haylings Road, Leiston Tel 831852

KNODISHALL CANCER RESEARCH UK SUPPORT GROUP

ART EXHIBITION

on the 6th and 7th September 2014
in Knodishall Village Hall

Exhibition and sale of paintings and drawings
10am until 4.30pm

Light refreshments will also be served

ALL PROCEEDS TO CANCER RESEARCH UK

Blessings

Bless to us, O God
The sun that shines above us
The rain that falls upon us
The earth that sustains us
The air that surrounds us
The love that binds us

Amen



St. Margaret's

Church Road, Leiston

Leiston Community Healing Service



**Every Fourth Sunday
of the Month at 6.30pm**

**Come along and listen to the healing word of God,
to rest in his presence in worship and be enfolded
in his arms of healing through prayer.**

LET US PRAY

The apostle Peter urges us to yield to God's will hand and assures us that God will bless us when we do. God is not a crushing despot, but an almighty and loving Heavenly Father.

We are called to resist Satan, who Peter likens to a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. He's on the prowl and is satisfied when causing discord, distress and upheaval. We all know what it is like to feel overwhelmed by bad situations. I Peter 5:9 says, *“Refuse to give in to him (i.e. Satan) by standing strong in your faith because you know that your Christian family all over the world is having the same kind of suffering.”*

One aspect of the art of prayer is to hold Christians throughout the world before the Lord in prayer and to get under the load, or the pressure of attack they may be facing, asking that God will deliver them from evil, as we pray the same for ourselves. Of course we need to have compassion for all people regardless of their particular religious background, but we also have a responsibility to pray for those in other places who love the Lord because they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Peter goes on to say that when the time of suffering and difficulty has passed, God will strengthen and establish us (or them) in faith, fulfilling his purpose in us. How good to know that God who helped us start off on this spiritual adventure will never give up on us and will share his power and his life with us.

It seems at the moment with every news bulletin we are bombarded with enormous problems arising all over our world. Let's be responsible Christians and face the issues. Without getting caught up in the political debate, if that is distasteful to us, let's earnestly

pray for deliverance from evil. Name specific situations and pray for wisdom for those who can do something about it. Let's rejoice that we have access through the Lord Jesus to the highest authority of all and as we bring the needs of the world before him, let's pray from our hearts, Lord, your will be done.

Revd. Pauline Florance

Wedding Vow Renewal - August 2014

22nd August Mark & Teresa Welford



Special congratulations for your 25th Wedding Anniversary & Renewal of Wedding Vows



Baptisms - August 2014

3rd August Lily Joan Christine Seaman

24th August Bella-Rose George

31st August Mollie-Rose Bickers

'for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ'
Galatians 3:27

Funerals - August 2014

8th August Kathleen Snowden
(Held at the Cemetery Chapel, Leiston)

29th August Lewis Howard



'Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.
Your rod and staff protect and comfort me'
Psalm 23:4

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Dear Friends,

September's magazine brings us nicely back round to the first of our three family prayer groups, each with a member of the worship team as a part of it. We continue to focus on monthly prayer time rather than daily prayers in order to allow for our growing church family.

Below is a list of the St. Margaret's church family group for this month. Please remember each of these family groups will appear in the Magazine every three months meaning everyone will appear four times a year. This is not to say you are not in our thoughts, you remain in our church family's prayers always, however this will allow greater flexibility for our growing family, and also allow us all to focus our thoughts and prayers specifically on those listed for that particular month.

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

In our Church Family Prayers

Martin, Kathryn, Grace & Eve Phillips-Last

Peter & Jennifer Roberts

Simon, Sheena, Hannah, Tom & Matt Merrett

Sheila Mckinnon, David & Midge Mckinnon

Ann Essex

Vi Matthews

Stephanie Luckhurst

Terry Ferguson

Sue, Dale, Ewan & Cameron Threadkell

Jo Tozer

Joan Whale

Paul Espindola

Alan Martindale

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In our Special Prayers

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Special congratulations go to Ellie Harle from all at St. Margaret's Church, as she celebrated her 18th Birthday in August & also for gaining her A-Levels this Summer.

Revision about Prayer - Talking to God

Last month we introduced the word **love** as an acronym for:-

Listening to God
Observing God
A Vision of God
Enjoying God

This month I want to suggest to you that we do these four things when we pray. I remind you that Jesus taught us that the most important place we find God is within ourselves, see the **Gospel of John 17.23** 'I in them and you in me so that they may become completely one'.

If we spend some of our time in prayer sitting silently in God's presence believing this truth and concentrating totally on Him we will listen, observe, have a vision, and enjoy Him.

Begin with just a few minutes listening to the God within us. We can be helped by concentrating on some biblical phrases, for example:- 'Be still and know that I am God' **Ps 46 vs 10**, or 'The Lord is my Shepherd' **Ps 23.1**. We will include a biblical phrase each month.

The silence we experience can help us listen to God, as well as observing his presence, keeping a vision of his love and enjoying the time we spend with Him.

If we find this helpful we can gradually increase the time spent in silence.

Next month: Extemporary prayer

Revd. Chris Gonin

**If you would like to be included in our family monthly prayers,
or have any comments, questions or queries
please contact Revd. Chris Gonin on 01728 635549**

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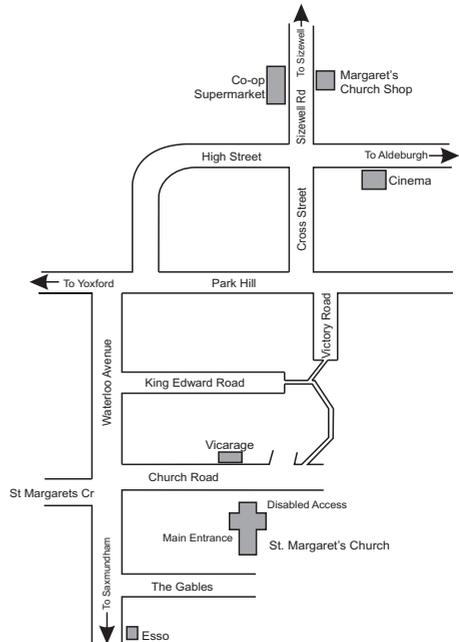
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