

# ST MARGARET'S

*Parish Church for Leiston-cum-Sizewell*



**NOVEMBER 2019**



**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
10 NOVEMBER**

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

9.00 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE  
10.30 FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

## SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

9.30 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE & J.A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11.00 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

## SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

10.00 PARISH EUCHARIST SERVICE

## SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

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

## EACH WEDNESDAY

EVENING PRAYER IN CHURCH AT 5 pm – ALL WELCOME

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## Remember, remember ...

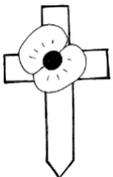
I won't go through the words of the seventeenth century rhyme that starts "remember, remember the fifth of November...", it gets rather gruesome at the end. In some ways it is odd how the fifth of November stuck in the memories and became a tradition which we still mark with bonfires and fireworks. I wonder how many people know about the political situation that led to the events of fifth November 1605?



A much older tradition is that of celebrating All Saints Day (1<sup>st</sup> November, sometimes called All Hallows Day) and All Souls Day (2<sup>nd</sup> November). From early days in Christianity Christians commemorated those who died especially those who lived particularly holy lives. There are many saint's days throughout the year but All Saints Day is particularly special in that all the saints, whether named or not, are given honour and thanksgiving for all that they have given in their lives.

There are many named saints who are given the title of being a patron saint. Our church is named after St Margaret of Antioch, other saints are patrons of skills (such as St Cecilia for music) or people (St Nicholas for children). I recently heard a joke ... Do you know the saint for emails? St Francis of a C.C. !

All Souls Day is the day when we commemorate the faithful departed. In some parts of the world families go to gravesides to lay flowers and have a family picnic. Those who have died are still part of the lives of those living now and once a year we remember that.



Also, November includes Acts of Remembrance on the 11<sup>th</sup> and on Remembrance Sunday (this year on the 10<sup>th</sup>), remembering those killed in times of conflict, those who served in the armed services and civilians. We remember both to give thanks who gave their lives in service and also to commit ourselves to work for peace.

Remembering is an important part of our lives and November is a time that helps us to focus our attention on those who have inspired us, loved us and sacrificed for us.

May you be blessed during the time of remembering.

Rev Richard Finch

At St Margaret's we will be remembering ...

All Saints – 10.30am Morning Worship on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

All Souls – 3pm Memorial Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Remembrance Sunday – with the Royal British Legion on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November (wreath laying and then service in church at 11am).

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## Pondering Prayer

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Psalm 116: 15

November is traditionally the month when there is a good deal of focus on our loss of loved ones. November 11<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Day is significant for us as we remember those who gave their lives for their country in two world wars and many other conflicts before and since.

Shortly prior to Remembrance Day, many people focus on Hallowe'en or All Hallows Eve. This was traditionally the end of the old farming year and the start of another, the passing of summer and the start of winter. Historically this was marked by the pagan tradition of Samhain, when the livestock were brought in and any surplus were slaughtered soon afterwards – so bone-fires were lit. Bonfires, and burning barrels, thrown into ponds and lakes, were also ways of imitating the failing sun. Nowadays we attach other connotations to bonfire night.

Hallow is an old English word meaning to make holy and Hallowtide is comprised of three days, All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day (November 1<sup>st</sup>) and All Souls Day. Christians combat the pagan idea of evil spirits beginning to roam as the dark days of winter arrive, by celebrating our life in Christ, who is the Light of the world.

In Revelation chapter 7 verses 9-10 we read, "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne (of Jesus, ) and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried

out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb"

We celebrate a world wide church and we believe in the communion of saints, i.e. those who love the Lord, alive today, as well as those who have gone before us, who are safe in the arms of Jesus. Hebrews 12 reminds us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. This stimulates our faith and changes our view of death, for we believe that those who love the Lord Jesus, though separated from us physically when life on this earth comes to a close, are absent from the body, but present with the Lord and so united with us in Christ.

So, as we have opportunity through our "Light up a life Service," Remembrance Day, and other services, let us pray that the perspective of many people will be transformed.

"O Lord, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom... May we be found using wisely our time, our talents and our strength." Peter Marshall

**Rev. Pauline Florance**

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## **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 2019**

The 38<sup>th</sup> Bike Ride and Stride has once again been very successful for Leiston St Margaret's Church. Last month you could read in this magazine an account written by Grace Nash about her ride this year. Four people took part raising money for our beautiful church and also for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The Trust makes a massive contribution to the preservation and future of the churches and chapels in Suffolk. Everyone has now paid their sponsorship money and the total paid is the magnificent sum of £415, a decrease from last year's total. The money has been paid to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, half of this sum will be returned to us for the work of the church.

I would like to thank all those who sat in our church and welcomed our visitors and those who sponsored us. Our church had 25 Riders and Striders who signed in; although I know some of those people had friends and family who accompanied them. A special "Thank You" to the Nash family, Terri Roper and Paul Marshall who cycled many miles for their sponsorship.

**Pat Carter**

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH FAMILY

## INTERCESSION PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Friends

November'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](mailto: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 Phillips-Last	Magda Chandler
Simon, Sheena, Tom & Matt Merrett	Bruce & Phyllis Songer
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# ST MARGARET'S CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS UP



## **During October the lighting of the Church Tower was sponsored on:**

15 October - For Baby Awareness Loss Week (9 to 15 October) sponsored by Pamela O'Hara

15 October - For dear Terry Ferguson, with love from all at St Margaret's Church

27 October - For Hannah and Stuart's first wedding anniversary

30 October - To mark Joan Mower's birthday from her son Richard

*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.*

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## Alde Valley Family History Group

The November meeting of the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group will be a talk by Arthur Rope on the artists of the Rope family. It will focus on five artists with strong local connections. There is George and Ellen, one a graphic artist and naturalist, the other a sculptor. A niece, Margaret (a stained glass artist, Dorothy and a second Margaret (another sculptor and another stained glass artist) were born of Leiston. We will look at images of as many of their works.

Arthur Rope, born in Leiston into the same family, is a researcher into the works of these artists, particularly the two Margarets and the sculptor Ellen Mary Rope. He is the author of one book "Margaret Rope of Shrewsbury" and of the chapter in "Blaxhall's Creative Past" on Ellen Mary. His website covering these artists: <http://www.arthur.rope.clara.net/>

The talk is 2.30pm Wednesday 20 November, Knodishall Village Hall. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members, including tea/coffee.

# ST. CECILIA

The feast of Saint Cecilia is on 22 November and she is usually seen with an organ. Saint Cecilia is remembered today as the patron of musicians, composers, instrument makers, and poets.

Saint Cecilia probably lived in the second or third century, and tradition says she died about 177. Cecilia was born in a wealthy Roman family and was a Christian by birth. Her family gave her in marriage to Valerius, a pagan nobleman and there is a story that Saint Cecilia was said to have heard heavenly music inside her heart during her wedding. Cecilia promised to remain a virgin, and she was successful in persuading Valerius to respect her virginity on their wedding night.

Later, Valerius was converted to Christianity along with his brother, Tiburtius. Both men were martyred before she was. Cecilia continued the work of converting people to the Christian faith and of burying the Christian dead, and giving her possessions to the poor. She was arrested, brought to trial and sentenced to death. Cecilia was beheaded but it took several days for her to die, and it is said that she converted many people who came to care for her as she was dying. Saint Cecilia died lying on her right side with her hands crossed in prayer. The position of her fingers - three extended on her right hand, and one on the left - were her final silent profession of faith in the Trinity, three persons in one God.

A miniature Saint Cecilia beneath Worcester Cathedral was featured on the reverse side of the Sir Edward Elgar £20 banknote, which was withdrawn by the Bank of England in 2010.

**Rev. Morag Finch**



## A SAD FAREWELL



It is in the nature of things that time takes people away from us. But my word, don't they leave a big gap in our lives when they go?

During the few years that I have been attending St Margaret's Church, five very important members of the Church community have died. I miss them all, I pray for them, and I talk to them whenever I am in the Church on my own doing my opening-and-closing duties. And now I have six dear departed people to talk to, for Terry Ferguson died on 2nd October.

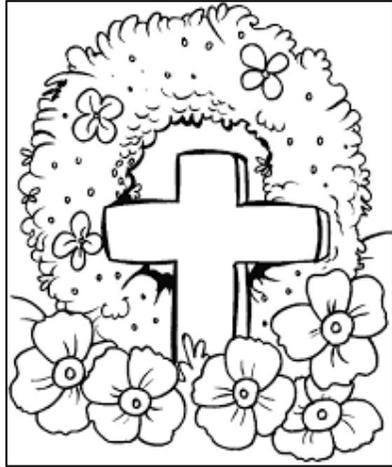
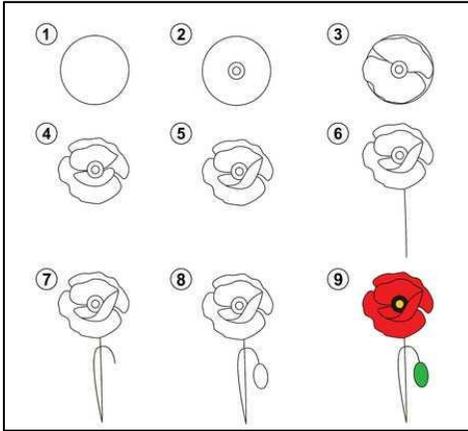
I shall always be grateful to Terry for the kind welcome she gave me when I tentatively stepped into St Margaret's church for the first time. She was friendly and interested, asking me who I was and where I had come from. Her friendship helped me to settle in very quickly. We soon discovered that we were fellow travellers from faraway Saxmundham, and it was always a pleasure to see her every Sunday to exchange a few words about dogs, Saxmundham, and her family, of whom she was justly proud.

Terry was always beautiful and very smartly dressed. She was a stalwart of the Church, whether giving out service orders, summoning us up to receive Communion, producing vast quantities of coffee or generally and unobtrusively tidying up the Church that she loved. She could always be encouraged into merry banter - I would (quite unjustifiably) criticise the quality of her Church coffee, and in return she would threaten me with extreme violence. But it was all done, as a popular television programme used to say, in the best possible taste.

I did not know Terry at all well. I only met her in Church, or occasionally in the street in Saxmundham with her lovely little dog. But Sunday services will definitely not be the same without her. I have just returned from her funeral in a well-filled, flower bedecked Church where it was very obvious how loved and treasured she was.

Rest in peace, dear Terry. You were a special person, and I will not forget you.

**Peter Roberts**

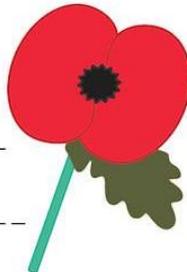


## TRY DRAWING A POPPY

### Remembrance Day Word Scramble

Unscramble the jumbled words below, all of which are used in Dr John McCrae's poem from 1915, "In Flanders Fields".

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2. oef      -----
3. utesns      -----
4. sppipoe      -----
5. srcsoes      -----
6. atifh      -----
7. vleod      -----
8. nwad      -----
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12. ilsefd      -----
13. rnefalds      -----

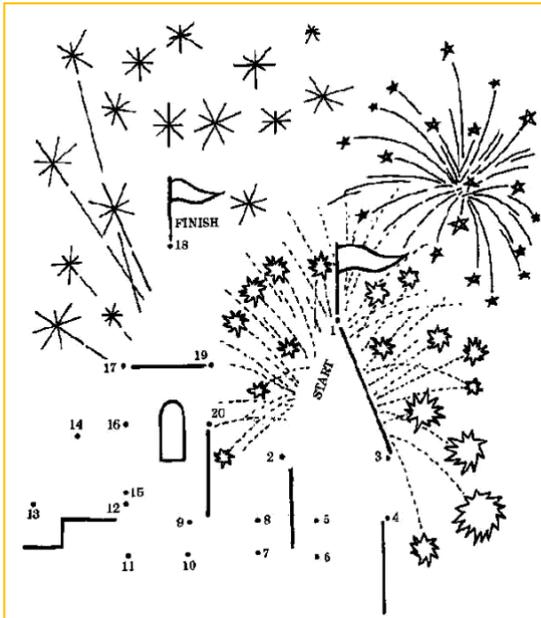




*Remember, remember the fifth of November  
The gunpowder treason and plot.  
I see no reason why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.*

*Guy Fawkes, 'twas his intent  
To blow up king and parliament.  
Three score barrels were laid below  
To prove old England's overthrow.*

*By God's mercy he was caught  
With a dark lantern and lighted match.  
Holler boys, holler boys, let the bells ring  
Holler boys, holler boys, God save the King.*



### Guy Fawkes Word Search

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GUY FAWKES, TOFFEE APPLE, ROBERT CATESBY, BONFIRE, ROCKET, GUNPOWDER, FIREWORKS, CODE, SPARKLER, PARLIAMENT, EXPLOSIVES, TREASON, CATHERINE WHEEL



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# CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER– 11am-2pm

This year our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 23rd November in church and, once again, we would like to have a ‘Guess the value of the Hamper’ competition as this has proved very popular in the past. We are, therefore, asking for your kind donations of any seasonal food and drink items (with their value shown but removable, if possible). We shall also be holding a Hamper Raffle in the Co-op Supermarket on Friday 6th December, so surplus items will be used for that purpose. Collection Box for donations near church door.

Just a reminder that donations are also needed for the:

- Cake Stall
- Jewellery Stall
- Book and Toy Stall
- Gift and Nearly New Stall
- Christmas Stall
- Soft Toy Tombola
- Maureen’s Tombola
- Bottle Stall
- Grand Draw

Items can be brought to church, given to Sandra (4 Lime Tree Avenue – tel. 833578) or brought along the day. Many thanks, in advance, for your help and support.

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## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

# Harvest Festival

On Sunday 6th October, St. Margaret's celebrated Harvest with a service which ranged from the singing of traditional harvest hymns to the asking of very topical questions, such as 'How does God call us to respond to the injustices faced by women, whether women close to us or in wider society?' The theme of the service was 'Ruth's Harvest' and we heard how Naomi and her daughters-in-law, Orphan and Ruth, faced particular problems because of their gender. Women still face structural injustices. According to the Fairtrade Foundation, women in Africa grow 80% of the staple food, but own only 1% of the land. In Britain, only 23% of Members of Parliament are women.



During the service, those who had brought gifts were invited to bring them forward to the altar table. This year, donations were requested for the local Foodbank and these ranged from tins and packets to long-life milk and chocolate.

Our Harvest Sunday continued with a 'bring and share' lunch at the back of the church. A large number of us enjoyed the delicious food, including the impressive Harvest Loaf made by Richard Ellis, and the warm Christian fellowship. Donations for the lunch amounted to £163 and this amount has been forwarded to The Beehive Trust in Nakuru, Kenya. The Beehive is a home dedicated to the rehabilitation, education and loving support of vulnerable child-mothers and their babies. Information about the project can be found at <https://beehiveafrica.org/>. It is supported locally by Graham Goldsmith of the 'Street Jesus' project. Graham will be joining us at our Craft Fair on Saturday 2nd November raising funds for this cause through the selling of a wide range of hand-made African goods.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Harvest Thanksgiving in any way; your generosity is much appreciated.

**Sandra Harle**

# REASONS WHY I SUPPORT LEISTON TOWN PASTORS AS A BASE PRAY-ER

We man the base and support the Town Pastors through prayer and tea breaks. I was reluctant at first; I didn't see the need for them and I didn't really want to stay up late! Carol Cotton gave a talk at the Baptist Church and I felt compelled to sign up. I was prepared to be a Pastor but she said they needed people at the base.

I thought that it would be boring sitting at the church for three hours – how wrong I was! Between answering the radio, logging messages and preparing refreshments, there's no time to be bored!

Another pleasant surprise was the reaction of people outside the church. Colleagues at work were asking me about it and I realised what a fantastic opportunity it is to talk about my faith. People were actually interested in something Christians were doing and were extremely positive. It is changing perceptions of Christianity today being irrelevant, out-of-touch and even judgemental. That's one of the reasons I support Town Pastors.

It's a practical outworking of our faith, particularly of the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28 to "go and make disciples of all nations". An important part of this is to love and serve our community so that they can see God's love in action. Jesus often fulfilled a practical need before telling the person about the forgiveness available through Him, as in the case of the paralysed man. Certainly my eyes have been opened to the needs in our town, some of which I wasn't even aware of before.

I have been blessed in so many ways by taking part in Town Pastors, especially by meeting and spending time with so many wonderful Christian friends. But, most of all, I appreciate the opportunity to serve in a practical way that is distinctively 'Jesus-like' in its sacrificial nature. Yes, we would all rather be tucked up in bed or sitting reading a good book but, when we meet at the base, there is a real feeling that what we are doing is really worthwhile.

By going out on the streets, the Town Pastors can love and care for those who would otherwise be overlooked or ignored. For example, they were able to comfort a girl whose brother has been in a fight and was injured; she was very upset and worried. This emotional distress is something that the police don't have time to deal with. The Town Pastors have the time and opportunity to show a Christ-like care and concern to these individuals which will hopefully make a long-lasting impression and could even be the start of them coming to know Christ for themselves. **Emily Oxborrow**

# NOVEMBER

Once again, we wear our poppies with pride remembering those brave men and women who lost their lives in both world wars. I always watch the Saturday night service on television and the march past at the Cenotaph on Sunday. Those men and women are old now, but that same determination is with them, and it gets quite emotional to hear them talk of their lost mates and the friendships they had. Also, we remember the families left at home having to live on short rations and in the city and towns heavy air raids each night, and dreading the telegram with bad news, but they got through each day as people helped each other.

During the summer we were having a ploughman's lunch at Dunwich Nursery Tea Rooms, we got talking to two ladies sitting next to us. When we saw the cheese, they said to think our mothers had to make a piece of cheese like that last a week during the war years plus everything else that was rationed and then they told us a lovely story. I'll write that next month as it will concern Christmas. They were such nice people, who like many of us grew up during the war years. We always remember our loved ones, but on that special day 11<sup>th</sup> November we wear our poppies and remember our brave men and women.

Margaret Clarke

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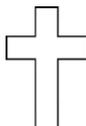
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