



St. Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H

This Church Year features the Gospel of Mark

Eighth Sunday after Trinity **Sunday 21st July 2024**

8am Holy Communion

A thirty-minute Prayer Book service in traditional language with no music.

[Romans 8.12-17](#) and [Matthew 7.15-21](#)

9:30am Cafe Church

With breakfast served from 9.30am, an opportunity to gather in the church centre to enjoy fellowship, food and a thought for the day. All welcome.

11am Parish Communion

A service of holy communion with traditional choral music. Refreshments after the service. All welcome.

You can view the livestream of the 11am service [here](#).

Sunday's lectionary readings:

[Jeremiah 23.1-6](#), [Ephesians 2.11-22](#), [Mark 6.30-34](#) and [Mark 6.53-56](#)

Parking is available in St Margaret's School car park during these services
(for which we are grateful to the school).

The church is open daily from 10am to 4pm

[Click here for the July Prayer Diary](#)

[Click here for the August Prayer Diary](#)



'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while'.

I wonder where is your deserted place? The place where you rest a while?

Travelling through Heathrow Airport and writing these words from Brussels Airport there are few deserted places on this journey. So we rest 'on the way'. No sleep last night but a nap on the drive to the airport. A shorter nap on the hop to Brussels. A longer sleep perhaps as we fly to Rwanda and thanks to the gift of time zones, a relatively earlier night tonight.

Yet there are people all around.

This was how Jesus travelled. With people. Accompanying others. Being with others. They hurried to be with him. To know him. To reach out and touch the fringe of his cloak to find healing and wholeness. So he too, took time along the way. Time to rest.

Travelling has its own rhythm and pace. It can't be hurried no matter how quickly we might like to arrive at our destination.

Are you in a hurry to get somewhere? To see someone?

Are you in a hurry to be in God's presence in worship and prayer and reflection?

There's a tension... come to a deserted place and rest a while yet also the expectation that we will see and serve those around us.

As I have the privilege of travelling this week... and serving, on your behalf all of the communities we will visit and bringing your many gifts with me... it's a great chance to check the balance between resting with Christ... and working for Christ.

How's your balance?

Vicar Sarah

Thank you for all the clothes, stationery, parachutes, balls, rounders equipment, 60+ plus pairs of period pants and so much more!

A message from Helen Prior-Townsend

I want to express my huge thanks to everyone for their prayers, best wishes, cards, presents and everything else following my ordination as Deacon on the 29th of June! It really was an incredibly special day and I was so blessed to have many of the church family, family members and friends at the cathedral. It was wonderful to see more people at the afternoon tea and big thanks to Frederike, Carol and Anne for all their organisation and work for this. Our olive tree is in the garden, Rich and I are taking good care of it and are hoping that it will survive as long as my ministry! I am looking forward to my curacy which will include a lot more learning and hopeful expansion of what I do at my second home at St Margaret's.

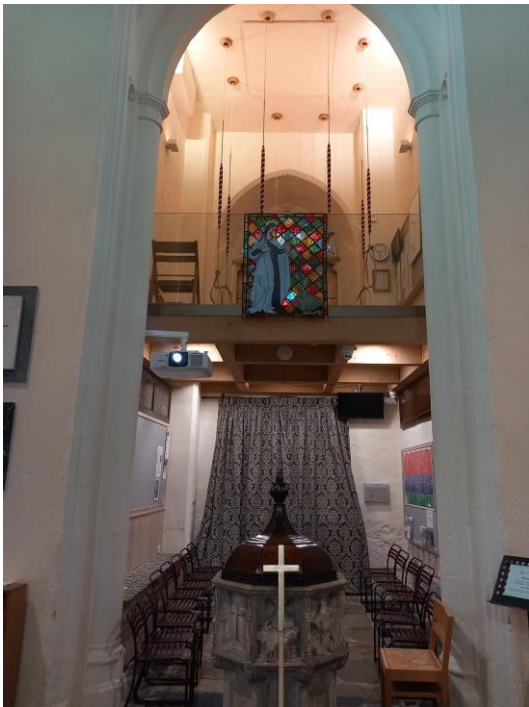
Midweek Summer Prayer Time



For five weeks only, from Wednesday 29th July, we will be having a midweek prayer time to immerse in prayer some of the important aspects of church & parish life that St Margaret's will be focussing on over the coming weeks,

months and indeed years. These include: our response to the Diocesan 'Growing in God' vision, the future role of our Church Centre in the life of the local community, continuing to strengthen our links with St Margaret's School, being 'salt and light' in the parish and connecting St Margaret's with the Garden Suburb development to the north of the parish,. Each week's prayer time will be different in its content and possibly its location (so watch this space for more information!) but if you have a heart for our church to play a more active role in the community we exist to serve, please come along – no previous praying experience necessary!! Do please speak to our reader-in-training, George, to find out more about this or email him on georgefwoodward@gmail.com

St Margaret of Antioch





On Sunday we celebrated our patronal festival which is the St Margaret of

Antioch. Look out for the dragons. David Evans has also created a great information sheet on St Margaret of Antioch which is at the back of the church under the tower

or <https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org.uk/assets/Uploads/StMargaretofA-webpage.pdf>

St Margaret's School had their school leaver assembly on Wednesday for the Year 6's and they created a giant dragon with messages on the tail.

Stone & Masonry Repairs





It's wonderful to see our current stone and masonry repairs works coming along nicely and they make a big difference already. We are very much looking forward to seeing the completed works.

There are also some photos of some statues which you may not have noticed before or seen this close up.

Cedar Tree Repairs

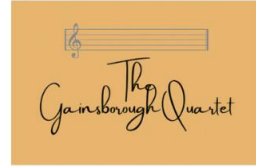


Thank you to Ipswich Borough Council who came last week to repair and cut down some branches from the Cedar Tree in the graveyard following the very heavy rain we had!

Gainsborough Quartet Concert

The Gainsborough Quartet will be playing a concert on Sunday 25th August in the Church. They are a professional string Quartet who are based in Suffolk. Their repertoire includes light classical, songs from musicals as well as easy listening pieces.

All welcome and refreshments will be available after the concert.



Gainsborough Quartet Concert

Sunday 25th August
3.00 pm

String players from Gainsborough Quartet will perform a programme of well-known classics including Mozart and Elgar as well as light/popular music.

Refreshments available after the concert.

Retiring collection in aid of
St Margaret's Church West Window Appeal

Soane Street, next to Christchurch Mansion.
Parking available in St Margaret's VAP School,
Bolton Lane, IP4 2BT



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Summer 2024

Useful Diary Dates

April

Sunday 28th 11am: Mission Direct speaker followed by 12.30pm: Annual Meeting (APCM)

May

Saturday 11th 9.30-12.30: churchyard working party

Wednesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd: Confirmation course
To be confirmed: children's holiday club sessions

June

Sunday 2nd 11am: Confirmation Service

Saturday 15th 2-4pm: Church Fête

Sunday 23rd 11am: Church Mission Society speaker

Saturday 29th Ordinations at the Cathedral (by invitation) followed by afternoon tea for all in the church centre to welcome our new curate.

July

Sunday 7th Ipswich Music Day: afternoon concerts

Sunday 14th We celebrate St Margaret's Day before the holidays begin.

August

To be confirmed: children's holiday club sessions

Sunday 25th 11am: Link Diocese of Tanzania speaker followed at 3.00 pm a concert by The Gainsborough Quartet



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Future services

In addition to the main services at the top of the pew sheet, here are the details of other services taking place

Tuesday 23rd July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 26th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th July

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Morning Service

06.30pm Evensong

Friday 2nd August

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th August

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

09.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Parish Communion

Pastoral Support

Please let us know if you or someone in St Margaret's community is unwell and would like a visit at home or is in hospital - Home Communion can be arranged. [Maggie Conder](#) is our [pastoral care](#) team leader or contact the vicar, [Sarah](#).



Financial Giving

The life and mission of St Margaret's is financially sustained through generous giving. If you have been giving regularly as part of your practice of gratefully living in God's service, thank you. If you're new to the community, or would like to think about celebrating life in this way, you may find the following helpful: we receive no income from 'The Church'... we are the church! So, thank you – for anything and everything that you are able to give in response to God's generosity.

Here are some answers to the practicalities of giving:

- **Collection plate** – during services a collection plate is sometimes passed among the congregation, but you will more often find it at the South door as you leave or arrive.
- **Tap giving** – during services a tap giving machine is located on the pillar on the west wall, to the left of the bell tower – do consider tapping your card or device. As well as giving regularly, this is also a good way of offering an occasional additional gift.
- **Regular Giving** – St Margaret's is registered with the [Parish Giving Scheme](#), allowing you to be in control of your giving and to give securely and safely online by Direct Debit.
- **Online giving** – If you wish to make a one-off or extra gift online, you can do so securely via the [Parish Giving Scheme](#).
- **Gift Aid** – if you are a tax payer, St Margaret's can claim back the basic tax you have already paid to the government. To make the appropriate declarations, please speak with the treasurer, [John Grierson](#).

- Leaving a **gift in your will** or making a **donation in memory** of a loved one – no matter how large or small, every gift makes a difference. If you would like to talk about this with someone, in confidence, then please consider speaking with the treasurer, [John Grierson](#) or the Vicar, [Sarah](#).



John Grierson, Church Treasurer

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Ordinand Helen Prior-Townsend:

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Helen is a self-supporting ordinand, working full time. Her parish rest day is usually on Tuesdays and she currently has ordination formation training on most Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Churchwardens churchwardens.stmagsips@gmail.com

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Or telephone 07733 609661 and leave a message.

Items for next week's sheet to the Vergers Administrator

(verger.stmagsips@gmail.com), ideally by email, by **Thursday lunchtime**

please. If you would like to receive this mailing each week please [send an email](#) or complete [the form on the website](#).

