



Weekly news, readings and prayers

Sunday 22nd June 2025

1st Sunday after Trinity

Suffolk Day - the longest day of the year. The day when the sun rises in the east and shines first on the most easterly part of the British Isles. Suffolk. Ness Point at Lowestoft. In reality this day is no longer or shorter than any other. Time ticks with remarkable regularity but our perception of time is different throughout the year owing to the tilt of the earth's axis. In parts of the northern hemisphere, the sun will not set and the forecast heat is another reminder of the impact of human life on the earth.

Welsh cleric and poet R. S. Thomas (1913-2000) wrestled with faith in the face of economic and environmental powers and abuses. Whilst much of his poetry refers to the struggles that he experienced, his poem 'The Bright Field' speaks about those shining moments in life: moments of grace, beauty, inspiration and epiphany are encountered, fleetingly.

The Bright Field

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
the treasure in it. I realise now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying
on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

In the face of the economic and environmental powers and abuses of life today, may these words and the faith of those who have gone before continue to inspire you to walk the way of Love as we strive daily to follow the pattern of Jesus' life. Above all, treasure the fleeting glimpses of God's love being realised in our life.

Reve Sarah

Services

Livestreamed services are marked (L). Please use the button below to view services at the times given or catch up at anytime.

Livestreaming

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

09.30 am Rise and Shine

11.00 am Morning Worship (L)

06.30pm Evensong

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

Parking is available in St Margaret's School car park during these services. Please drive slowly and carefully through the gates. We are grateful for our partnership with the school.

The church is open daily for private prayer, reflection and visiting from 10am to 4pm.

Lectioary

This Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion

1 John 4.7-21

Luke 16.19-31

11am Parish Communion

Isaiah 65.1-9

Galatians 3.23-29

Luke 8.26-39

Church News

Ipswich Twilight 10k

On Friday 18th of July Rev Helen's husband Richard is running the Ipswich Twilight 10k to raise money for our Children and Families work at St Margaret's. If you are able to sponsor him for this you can do so via the link below.

Many Thanks

[Crowdfunding For Good From JustGiving](#)

Old AV System Equipment

We have had our wonderful AV system in place for quite a while now but we will have some equipment from our old system being stored in the Church that needs a new home. If anyone is interested in any of the items we will be accepting emailed bids for them. Please email verger.stmagsips@gmail.com with the name of your item/s you would like to bid for and the bid by 6th July. Please click [here](#) for items including pictures.

Vacancy - Church Administrator (Maternity Leave Cover)

Approximate start date mid-late July/early August 2025.

15 hours per week. Approx. £26,000 FTE salary pro rata.

We are looking for someone who is discreet, organised and can work both independently and as part of a team. You will be willing to work at our church office on Bolton Lane. We hope you will have some office experience and will enjoy contact with people. An understanding of church life is desirable, but not necessary. For further information and an application pack please email hr.stmagsips@gmail.com or leave a message on 07733 609661

Please note that as part of our safer recruitment process for this role, the application form includes a personal confidential declaration to be signed and any job offer made will require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to be undertaken.

Closing date for completed applications: Friday 11th July 2025

Interviews will take place in the Church Centre on: Friday, 18th July 2025

Growing Deeper

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses passers-by this week as we pray for Norfolk Road and Harvey Street.

We give thanks and pray for community connections:

- Rev Helen joined Year 5 pupils at St John's to visit The Life Exhibition which is an interactive exhibition about Jesus and his life.
- Another 'Together' where they wondered about Pentecost, created and all ate together with some ice lollies to cool down!

June Prayer Diary

July Prayer Diary

Growing Greener

Eco Tip of the week

Consider using solid shampoo and conditioner bars, refillable deodorant, and natural cleaning products.

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Calendar

Anything underlined you can click and it will take you through to the website for more information.

Join in daily with Morning Prayer from across Suffolk live at 8.30am or click any time during the day to catch up. You do not have to have a Facebook account to join in - just click on the link <https://www.facebook.com/share/15aAbJZnN6/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

This Week

Tuesday 24th June

08.00am Morning Prayer in St Margaret's VAP School

Friday 27th June

8.00am Morning Prayer

Saturday 28th June

11am and 2.30pm Ordinations at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Sunday 29th June

08.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Rev Helen First Communion

Upcoming**Sunday 6th July**

Ipswich Music Day Christchurch Park - Concerts in St Margaret's Church from 1.50pm: Ipswich Choral Society, Martlesham Brass, Ipswich Hospital Community Choir and Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir.

Sunday 27th July

Special service of Choral Evensong with refreshments served afterwards - a special service celebrating the end of the week of our patronal festival - sponsored with thanks by The Choral Evensong Trust.

1st, 15th and 29th August

Family Activity Mornings (Church Centre)

Saturday 9th - Monday 25th August

'Be Ye Men of Valour' 80th WW2 Anniversary VE-VJ Day. Keep an eye out for more details...

Save the Date**13th and 14th September**

Ride and Stride and Heritage Open Days. More information to follow...

Offertory

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.

In church you can give in a couple of ways on the day:

- **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. Do use a yellow envelope if you're a tax payer so gift aid may be re-claimed.
- **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](#).

Contact us:

The Revd Sarah Geileskey

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Sarah's rest days are usually Thursday each week and the second Friday of each month

Ordinand Helen Prior-Townsend

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Helen is a Curate, working full time. Her rest days are usually Monday each week and every fourth Tuesday of each month.

Churchwardens

Email: churchwardens.stmagsips@gmail.com

Office

Email: verger.stmagsips@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm

Number: 07733 609661 and leave a message.

Pastoral Support: The Pastoral Care Team are a small group of volunteers who try and support people in a variety of situations by offering a listening ear, a helping hand or by providing useful information. Please click [here](#) for more information or contact Maggie Conder at pastoralteam.stmagsips@gmail.com.

Safeguarding: This parish recognises that the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is paramount and that we have a duty of care when they are in our charge. We will do everything that we can to provide a safe and caring environment whilst they attend our activities. When there is a disclosure of harm or there are concerns about the welfare of any children, young person or vulnerable adult, all adults in our church community are expected to share their concerns and allegations with one of the following:

Carol Klug - Parish Safeguarding Officer. Email safeguarding.stmagsips@gmail.com

Lucy Collins - Parish Safeguarding Officer and PCC Secretary. Email verger.stmagsips@gmail.com

More information on how you can report any safeguarding concerns is available from The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich [here](#)

Items for next week's sheet to the Verger 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.

