



St. Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H

This Church Year features the Gospel of Mark

The Fifth Sunday of Easter **Sunday 28th April 2024**

8am Holy Communion

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

[James 1.17-21](#) and [John 16.5-15](#)

9:30am Rise and Shine Communion

A 35 minute service of Holy Communion. All welcome.

11am Parish Worship

With the choir leading the music, congregational hymns, refreshments after the service and the chance to hear Geoff Spiller speak about his work with Mission Direct: we gather to worship, to learn and to enjoy fellowship.

We will be using the new audio-visual equipment again this week so please still do bear with us as we get used to the new system. You should be able to join the livestream [here](#).

Sunday's lectionary readings:

[Acts 8.26-40](#) and [John 15.1-8](#)

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 April Prayer Diary](#)

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



The Vineyard

[John 15.1-2]

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit."

As we approach this Sunday's Annual Parochial Church Meeting I have been looking back at what is past and wondering what is to come. Perhaps you have too?

This Sunday's gospel reading helpfully frames this task. Consider the place of St Margaret's Church in the vineyard: its community, its places and its many people. As you look back over the last year and think about today, how would you answer these questions:

What has been fruitful?

Where are there signs of fruit?

What pruning must happen to produce fruit?

What has not borne fruit or is no longer fruitful?

Do you find different answers when you think about these questions in relation to St Margaret's Church and your own life?

Once you have some thoughts in front of you, do go on to consider in the light of this

week's gospel narrative what we as a community might need to stop or start or continue? Ask the same question of yourself too, what must you as an individual stop? Start? Continue?

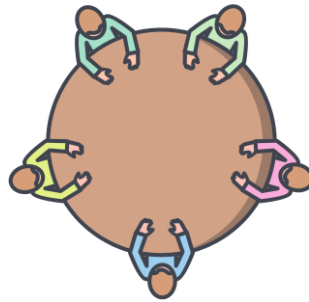
Abide in me as I abide in you.

God is with us in this task and for all that is to come: the fruiting and the pruning, the growth and abundance. The excitement of sap rising bringing new things, and the passing of once fruitful branches as they are pruned. To God be the glory.

See you on Sunday.

Vicar Sarah

Annual Parochial Church Meeting



The ACPM is taking place in the Church at 12.30pm on Sunday 28th April.

Churchwarden Margaret has approached a number of folk to bring together a series of brief written updates on various areas of church life and activity during 2023. Thank you to those who have written them. Along with the ACPM agenda, the 2023 Church Accounts and the 2023 Electoral Roll have been published two weeks in advance of the meeting. Please see link below to access the documents (there are some hard copies at the back of the church)

<https://stmargaretsipswich.org.uk/church-life/apcm-2024/>

Margaret Woodward is willing to serve a third successive year as churchwarden

should she be elected.

Sarah Milner will finish serving as PCC Secretary after the APCM.

Tim Lockington, Richard Jackson and Melanie Quinton are coming to the end of their three year terms of office so, with vacancies that have been carried we are now looking to appoint up to six PCC members. Candidates standing must be nominated and seconded by someone on the electoral roll.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church.

AV Project



City Fibre installing broadband into the church this week.

Thank you for the encouraging feedback that was received following last Sunday's services and continued thanks to Andy Turpin, Stuart Quinton and Steve Roberts for the time they've dedicated to the project. Members of the sound team are about to embark on their training too, so thanks again for all the time you commit to serving the community in this way.

The hearing loop has now been fully extended into the church so if you are a hearing aid user you should be able to sit anywhere in the church. Over the next few weeks it would be really helpful if you could sit somewhere different to

usual to help us to test the loop does work and please send us any feedback.

The loop also goes into the Lady Chapel but due to the configuration of the cabling it might be disproportionately louder so please don't be surprised if this is the case and again, please send us any feedback.

Speakers have now been extended into the choir and we will continue to livestream: **this week using our new broadband link, rather than relying on the 4G network.** Please see the links at the top of the page to access the livestream.

Meanwhile, the two projectors in the side aisles are still awaiting lenses and we hope this will be completed in early May.

For those who have seen the system in action and have been moved to make a donation towards the cost of the installation... thank you! Treasurer John Grierson is always pleased to hear from anyone considering making a donation to a particular project or church activity.

Church Pew for Sale

One of our church pews is for sale that had to be taken out for the new AV system.

We are selling the pew via a silent auction with bids in sealed envelopes.

The pew measures 2060mm wide and will be in the church office to view. To arrange a viewing and/or drop in sealed bids please drop into the church office. Lucy works Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-2.30pm in the office.

The bids will open immediately and close on Monday, 6th May 2023. Bids will be opened on the morning of Tuesday, 7th May .

In the vintage shop at Laurel Farm on the Henley Road there is currently a very similar pew for sale for £250 so you might be able to grab a bargain!



Men's Breakfast

Happening TODAY in the Church Centre at 8.30am.

Please do come along and join us.



Men's Breakfast
Saturday 27 April
8.30-9.30 Food
9.30-10.30 Prayer & Worship
Church Centre, Bolton Lane

Food, friendship and faith: gather for a bacon sandwich, toast and hot drinks. Enjoy conversation and catching up with friends. Then leave if you need to... or stay for prayer and worship.


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Cornerstone's Friendship Group

The group meeting on the 8th May will be held in the Church.

If you have any questions on queries about the group please contact Maggie Conder on 07933336808.

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Cornerstones

A friendship group meeting on the
2nd Wednesday of each month.

2 - 4pm either in the Church or the
Gladwyn room which is in the Garrett
Memorial Hall next to St Margaret's
School

Everyone welcome to come in and
have a cup of tea/coffee/biscuit and
enjoy some company and friendly
chat

If you have children we have toys
and books



Church Maintenance Stone & Masonry Repairs

13 May to 2 August 2024

Six years after our architect's last building inspection we are pleased to be carrying out much needed repairs to the stonework and masonry. Works to the tower are located close to memorials: contractors are aware to work with care in this area. Churchyard planting will see some changes: the laurel and bay growing against the tower will be removed to reduce damp in the base of the tower and some other planting temporarily removed. We expect to see scaffolding on the south and east of the church, the south and west faces of the tower.

We hope to keep the church open daily as usual between 10am and 4pm.

*Any queries please email
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Outdoor Working Party

Churchyard and Church Centre
Saturday 11 May 2024
9.30am-12.30pm

An opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors and the chance to be together and to work together. We will tend to some tasks in the churchyard as well as levelling the ground outside the rear entrance to the church centre following the demolition of the social club.

Bring gardening tools and gloves, wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes. If you're planning to join in for an hour or two, or the duration, please sign up at the back of church or send an email so that we can coordinate refreshments!

Email: verger.stmagsips@gmail.com or call 07733 609661



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Come & Sing with John Bell



of the Iona Community &
the composer of '*Will you
come & follow me*' & '*Jesus
Christ is waiting*'.

at St John the Baptist church, Orwell Rd,
Felixstowe, IP11 7PW

on Saturday 8th June 10am -4pm

£25 per person – includes tea, coffee & cake but please bring your
own lunch. Please visit www.larkriseretreats.org.uk for details and to
book or call Catherine Bond or Jane Pearse on 01394 284213.



World Mission

11am Morning Worship

Zambia : Sunday 28 April

India : Sunday 23 June

Tanzania : Sunday 28 August

We welcome visiting speakers



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**God has called
you by name and
made you his own**

Confirmation Service

11am Sunday 2nd June 2024

Confirmation Prep at The Vicarage

7-9pm Weds 8th, 15th & 22nd May

If you are questioning faith and would like to explore with others also working out what faith means for them today, join in: you do not have to be 'confirmed' at the end of it! We'll use new material, so repeat attendance is possible.

Themes include 'Who am I?' What about scriptures & prayer? Communion? Social Justice? Repentance? Mission & Evangelism?

*Please tell church administrator
Lucy if you hope to attend:
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Summer Fête

Saturday 15 June 2-4 pm
Church Centre, Bolton Lane

Stalls, games, tea and cakes!
Something for everyone to enjoy.

Would you or the church group or team you
belong to like to run a stall?

Contact Gill Jackson for details.

gill.jackson@alongsideyou.com

tel. 07747 006116

*With grateful thanks to St Margaret's CEVAP School for
allowing the use of the school playground for parking.*



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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

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Sunday 28th April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise & Shine Communion

11.00am Morning Worship with guest speaker Geoff Spiller

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 5th May

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise & Shine

11.00am Morning Worship

Tuesday 7th May

8.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 10th May

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 12th May

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise & 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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Sarah's rest days are usually Thursday each week and the second Friday of each month

Ordinand Helen Prior-Townsend:

helenptstmags@gmail.com

07540 394179

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

Verger administrator verger.stmagsips@gmail.com

Or telephone 07733 609661 and leave a message.

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](#).

