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Weekly news, readings and prayers

Sunday 13th April 2025 Palm Sunday

A Reflection from Rev Helen

Palm Sunday, a triumphant entry into Jerusalem, palm leaves held aloft, cloaks on the road, shouts of joy, shouts of blessing for the King.

How quickly things can change.

We are heading to the pain and sorrow of Holy Week, at the 11am service this Sunday we will hear the Liturgy of the Passion of Christ, there is a time for this sadness.

But first, for today we can turn to the joy of this image, the love of the people for Jesus. Holding palm leaves of celebration up in joy.

I wonder what joy we hold up?

The celebration of our holiday club taking place on Thursday and Friday this week?

The children, their families and our holiday club volunteers eating together?

The last Lent lunch of the year, these times where we have gathered as community to share our thoughts and enjoy homemade soup?

Joining one another in service to clean and tidy the church and church yard this morning?

The wide variety of ways that we can worship together each week?

New things happening in our parish – monthly communion at Christchurch Court, the Together community?

Before we meaningfully experience the distress and sorrow, do find a way to hold up the joy.

Services

Livestreamed services

are marked (L). Please use the button below to view services at the times given or catch up at anytime. Apologies there was no livestream last Sunday, there was an issue with one of the devices so we were unable to livestream.

[Livestreaming](#)

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion **09.30 am** Rise and Shine **11.00am** Parish Communion (L)

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 from 10am to 4pm.

Lectionary

This week
8am BCP Holy Communion [Philippians 2.5-11](#) [Matthew 27.1-54](#)
11am Parish Communion [Luke 19.29-41](#)

Church News

Men's Breakfast- TODAY

Come and join men's breakfast this morning from 8.30am in the Church Centre for bacon rolls and fellowship.

Spring Clean and Full Peal- TODAY

Come and join us for a spring clean of the Church and grounds this morning. Please bring any gardening tools, gloves, bags for rubbish etc. Suffolk Guild of Ringers are also doing a full peal between 10am and 1pm and all are welcome to come and listen.

Easter Church Decorating Message from Angie Cable...

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 19th April from 9.30 until around 11.30. I will ensure car park is open for us.

Please do turn up with flowers/foilage/plants etc and we will allocate you a space. We look forward to welcoming newcomers as well as our regular friends. Thank you for all the support.

Active 50+

Come and join Keep Fit and Stay Active. They meet in the Garrett Memorial Hall at St. Margaret's Church Centre, Bolton Lane on Tuesday mornings. They start at 10.00am and finish at 11.20am. The classes are non-competitive allowing you to work at your own level (which may vary from week to week). Come and share this fun way of keeping fit and build over the weeks simple dance routines. Loose clothing and lightweight footwear will be fine, please bring water with you. For more information call Sue on 01473 273924 or email: lissettej@btinternet.com

subject Tuesday Keep Fit
Electoral Roll

Many thanks to those who have filled out our electoral form online already. Please click the button below if you would like to be on the electoral roll and haven't received an electronic form. There are also some paper copies at the back of the Church. Ideally we would like the forms to be filled in electronically, if you need any help please call in to the office anytime during office hours

before 9th May

, listed at the bottom of the newsletter, and our administrator Lucy will be happy to help you fill it in.

Any questions to Lucy Collins, Electoral Roll Officer at verger.stmagsips@gmail.com

[Electoral Roll Form](#)

Growing Deeper

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

We give thanks and pray for community connections:

- Our final soup lunch 'have a beautiful and terrible Lent'
- Our Easter Explorers club where Palm Sunday and The Last Supper were explored and a meal was shared prepared by Emmaus.

As we remember those who have recently died in the faith of Christ, we pray also for all who mourn.

- Eileen Harper

April Prayer Diary

Growing Greener

Eco Tip of the week

By turning the washing machine down from 40 to 30 degrees and hang drying rather than tumble drying can bring the emissions per wash down from 2.4kg CO

2e to 0.6kg CO₂e

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Calendar

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

Holy Week & Easter 2025

Wednesday 16th April

1.15pm Funeral at Ipswich Crematorium of Eileen Harper RIP

7.30pm Movie Night Exploring theology through film. Bring a friend, a pew cushion and popcorn.

Thursday 17th April

3.30pm Together (Church Centre) Learn about God, take part in activities and share a meal.

7.30pm Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion followed by optional silent prayer vigil.

Good Friday 8am Morning Prayer 10-11.30am Café Church

12pm Come and Sing - calling all SATB singers to rehearse Stainer's Crucifixion for:

2-3pm Service: The Last Hour Stainer's Crucifixion **Easter Sunday** 6.30am Daybreak Service

8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.00am Festive Easter Communion **Looking Forward**

Saturday 3rd May

7.00pm Hexachordia Concert

, early music trio, Hexachordia, presents a celebration of the English garden in music and words

Sunday 25th May 10.00am Combined Service and Annual Parish Church Meeting

Rev Sarah is praying for God's calling to people to actively serve the St Margaret's Community as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and as this church's Charity Trustees.

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:

Email: revsarahgeileskey@gmail.com

Address: The Vicarage, 32 Constable Road, IP4 2UW

The Revd Sarah Geileskey Telephone: 07841 687879

Sarah's rest days are usually

Thursday each week and the second Friday of each month **Ordinand Helen Prior-Townsend** Email:

helenptstmags@gmail.com Telephone: 07540 394179 **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 apastoralteam.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.