



# St. Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H

***This Church Year features the Gospel of Mark  
Twentieth Sunday After Trinity***

**Sunday 13th October 2024**

**8am Holy Communion**

A thirty-minute Prayer Book service in traditional language with no music.  
[Ephesians 5.15-21](#) and [Matthew 22.1-14](#)

**9.30 am Rise and Shine**

A service for all ages which this week includes time for reflection, discussion or a craft activity. All welcome. Refreshments after the service. [Mark 10.23-27](#).

**11am Parish Communion**

With the choir leading the music, congregational hymns, Junior Church and refreshments after the service. All welcome.

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

Sunday's lectionary readings:

[Amos 5.6-7, 10-15](#): [Hebrews 4.12-end](#): [Mark 10.17-31](#).

***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***

***The Church Office (in the Church Centre) is usually open  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.30am-2.30pm  
but is now closed until Tuesday, 29th October due to annual leave.***

[Click here for Livestreamed Services](#)

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



Have you seen this week's images of the Northern Lights? On the face of the night sky this week, the Aurora Borealis was not always visible, but with the right filters and lenses a deeper, more beautiful, more mysterious truth is revealed. Seeing beyond the surface to find what is good and beautiful in God's sight.

[Psalm 8](#) reminds us to consider the work of God's hands... the beauty of creation; this week especially, the night skies. We too are created in the image of God to bring beauty into the world. I wonder what that looks like in your life at the moment? Or, like the camel in this week's Gospel reading, are the burdens, questions and doubts you are carrying preventing you from really seeing God?

Practising prayer, persevering with reading scripture, worshipping in church, asking others about their faith habits are all ways of learning to see God more deeply; seeing the ways in which God is active in the world and in your life. I mentioned it recently, and do so again... if you're interested in joining a small group of people to meet with 6-8 others in a mid week 'home-group' and explore the day-to-day outworking of faith, do let me know.

Vicar Sarah

### ***Men's Breakfast : this morning!***

Coffee and bacon toasties with conversation and a thought for the day. In the Church Centre this morning from 8.30am.

### **Ipswich Direct Surveys**

As a Christian community seeking God's justice and peace, this is our chance to contribute to the Ipswich Direct Housing Strategy and Homelessness and Rough

Sleeping Strategy consultations. The new strategies will cover 2025-2030 and will identify 5 priorities for each service.

If you want to know more about [housing justice](#) and social action in this area you might read about [www.housingjustice.org](http://www.housingjustice.org) or the work of other, similar charities and agencies.

To take part in the consultations please click the links below. The surveys are open until the 15th October.

[Housing Strategy Survey](#)

[Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Survey](#)

### **Friends of St Margaret's Church Group**

Come and join us this Friday at 7.30pm in the Church for the first get together for the new friends of St Margaret's group. Invite your friends and neighbours along as well. Look forward to seeing you all there.

friends.stmagsips@gmail.com

## Are you a friend of St Margaret's Church?

Can you tick 'yes' to one or more...?

- Love heritage buildings?
- Married or Christened here?
- Grateful for the peaceful, quiet space?
- Connected past or present with the school?
- Love Christmas Carols or Midnight Mass?
- Enjoy the occasional concert?
- Live in the parish?
- Rarely, if ever, go to church?

... your church needs your friendship today.

Please join us for our first get-together on  
Friday 18 October at 7.30pm in St  
Margaret's church, Soane St, for a glass of  
wine, and to learn how you can be our friend  
Parking available in St Margaret's school

playground

[www.stmargaretsipswich.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretsipswich.org.uk)

*welcoming people of all faiths and none*



## **Consecration Service at Canterbury Cathedral**

Friday 18th October 2024

Bishop designate Rhiannon King will be consecrated Bishop of Southampton at this service. Please pray for Rhiannon in this new season of her ministry.

Click here to book tickets: [General Congregation attending the Bp Southampton's Consecration Tickets, Fri 18 Oct 2024 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Those attending must be seated by 10.30am for an 11am service. The service will also be live streamed on the Canterbury Cathedral YouTube channel.

## **Open invitation to Deanery Synod**

7pm, Tuesday 22nd October 2024

at St Mary's Stoke, Ipswich.

Bishop Martin will be attending Deanery Synod to hear from individuals, churches and PCCs about their hopes for the future of Ipswich following Archdeacon Rhiannon's departure. For now, Area Dean Revd Canon Charlotte Cook will be the project leader of Inspiring Ipswich and Archdeacon Rich Henderson will act as Archdeacon for Ipswich.

All are welcome.

**All Hallows Eve - Halloween - 31st October 2024 - 4.30pm - 7pm**



Last year, so many children and families knocked on the door of the vicarage on All Hallows Eve (Halloween) we had to pop out for extra treats. Many were dressed up in all sorts of fun and happy costumes ranging from Spiderman to Tinkerbell and everything in between.

This year we will be welcoming families at the Vicarage (32 Constable Road), sharing treats and information about GraveTalk (funeral planning), the upcoming Remembrance Sunday service for uniformed groups and details of our children's activities including Rise & Shine, Toddler Group and Junior Church.

If you are a family with a child/children and you would prefer to come and spend some time with 'St Margaret', welcoming people as an alternative to other Halloween traditions, you will be very welcome. And yes, you can come dressed as Spiderman if you like but do dress for the weather as we'll be outside most of the time!

**And there will be the opportunity to meet St Margaret and the Dragon!**

Please remember this activity in your prayers: as Christians in these seasons of All

Saints, All Souls and Remembrance we have such good news to share about Christ's life, death and resurrection.

PS if anyone is an AmDram enthusiast who could carry off an amazing St Margaret and the Dragon costume, do let Vicar Sarah know.

**Save the date and invite friends to come and remember loved ones who have died. All Souls Service - 6.30pm, Sunday, 3rd November 2024**

### **Rainbows Fundraising Event**

First Constable Rainbows write:

The Rainbows at the First Constable Rainbow Unit need your help with something very special.

Every year this group of amazing girls raise money to take shopping to buy Christmas presents for children who wouldn't otherwise get much at Christmas.

They need your help – and want you to share in the fun.

They are having a baked potato lunch on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance Sunday). It will be held at the Garrett Memorial Hall, Bolton Lane, Ipswich (just near Christchurch Park) after the service in the Park (so 12ish onwards).

There will be things to do, a draw, lots of fun and laughter and most importantly a warm welcome and a chance to be involved in the magic.



Tickets are £8 for an adult and £4 for children. This includes a baked potato with a range of fillings (half for a child ticket) and a drink.

How do you take part – just E Mail [thepeckfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:thepeckfamily@btinternet.com) and reserve your ticket (you can pay on the day). All costs are covered by donations, so the money goes straight to this magical venture which makes Christmas for all involved.

Please support if you can.

**PCC Meeting - Tuesday, 15th October**



**St.Margaret's Church**  
IPSWICH

**ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, IPSWICH - PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Church Office in the Church Centre.

Any Other Business [AOB] may be notified to the secretary or chair at the beginning of the meeting.

**PCC**

Chair	Revd Sarah Gelleskey* (SG)
Vice Chair	Margaret Woodward*
Church Wardens	Margaret Woodward* <b>Vacancy*</b>
Deanery Synod Representatives (x3)	Gill Jackson (GJ) Andy Turpin* (AT) George Woodward (GW)
Members (x 12)	Maggie Conder John Grierson (Treasurer)* (JG) Frederike Jacob Mary Johnston Peta Lowin Anna Sawyer Wright Stuart Quinton Jonathan McNabb
In attendance	Helen Prior-Townsend Carol Klug

\* Members of the PCC Standing Committee

**Agenda**

Item	Description	Lead	Papers	Action	Time
1	Welcome & Prayer	SG			7.30
2	Observers in attendance	SG		Safeguarding Lead – Carol Klug	7.35
3	Apologies for absence	SG		Helen Prior-Townsend Anna Sawyer Wright	7.36
4	Conflicts of Interest	SG			7.37
6	Approval of Minutes	SG			7.38
7	Matters Arising, decisions of the standing committee and Action Log	SG	Draft minutes and action log		7.43
<b>Reports</b>					
8	Vicar's Update	SG	Written		7.53
9	Leading Your Church into Growth - Comms - Learning - Worship	SG	Verbal		8.03

	- Growing in God's Plan				
10	PCC Governance - Standing committee membership - Data control - Chalice Administrators	SG	Verbal		8.18
11	Safeguarding Report	CK	Verbal		8.20
<b>PCC to pause for Prayer and Reflection</b>					
12	Church Centre Committee	MW	Verbal		8.27
13	Deanery Report - Deanery Synod October 22 <sup>nd</sup> with Bishop Martin	GJ/AT/ GW	Verbal		8.37
14	Treasurer's Report - Decision from charitable giving	JG	Verbal update from JG		8.40
15	St Margaret's CEVAP School Report - School Governors	SG	Verbal		8.50
16	Property Subgroup Report	CK	Paper		8.52
17	Pastoral Subgroup Report	MC	Verbal		8.57
18	Heritage & Events - Draft Event Planner 2025	SG	Verbal		9.02
19	Environment	JG/ <del>JMcN</del>	Paper		9.07
20	Inclusion - Disability awareness	<del>JMcN</del>			9.12
21	Staffing Updates - Associate Priest - Staff Contracts	SG	Verbal		9.17
<b>Closing</b>					
21	Any other business - Reorder future agendas (admin at end)	SG	Verbal		9.20
22	Dates of future meetings:	SG	PCC Meetings at 7.30pm on: 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025  ACPM Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025		
23	Review of the meeting	SG			
<b>PCC to pause for Prayer and Reflection</b>					

The meeting will aim to close by 9.30 pm with the words of the grace.  
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.*

## **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 15th October**

8.00am Morning Prayer

### **Friday 18th October**

8.00am Morning Prayer

### **Sunday 20th October**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Cafe Church

11.00am Parish Communion

### **Tuesday 22nd October**

8.00am Morning Prayer

### **Friday 25th October**

8.00am Morning Prayer

### **Sunday 27th October - Safeguarding Sunday**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Morning Worship

## 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

### **Contact details**

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Helen is a self-supporting ordinand, working full time. Her parish rest day is usually on Tuesdays.

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Or telephone 07733 609661 and leave a message.

Items for next week's sheet to the Verger Administrator ([verger.stmagsips@gmail.com](mailto: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](#).

