



Sunday 14th June 2026

Trinity 2



The Harvest is Truly Plenteous

In that glorious ancient language of the King James version of the Bible, two verses of this Sunday's set gospel reading are translated as follows: *"Then saith he (Jesus) unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest"*.

Some versions of the bible replace 'pray' with 'ask' but I think the word 'pray' gives Jesus's message a lot more power. The plenteous harvest that Jesus refers to, of so many people not knowing the love of God, is just as relevant today as it was two thousand years ago – probably more so - and I wonder if this may be the long-term product of a loss of confidence in the church in the power of prayer?

Prayer is at the very heart of what we do at St Margaret's but aspects of our church prayer life do need to be rediscovered afresh, renewed or reinvigorated. Would you be willing to help do that? There are in excess of thirty different aspects of prayer at St Margaret's so there is, quite literally, something for everybody!

Please email me at reader.stmagsips@gmail.com if you could be interested in becoming more involved in the corporate prayer life of our church and I will contact you to explore with you the different ways **ye** could help *"pray the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest"*.

George

Licensed Lay Minister

June Prayer Diary

Services this Week

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

Sunday 14th June

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10am Cafe Church

6pm Choral Communion (L)

Tuesday 16th June

8 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17th June

9am School service

12 pm Holy Communion (followed by soup)

Thursday 18th June

3.15-5pm Together in the Church Centre

Friday 19th June

8 am Morning Prayer in Church

Saturday 20th June

8.30am Men's Breakfast

We look forward to welcoming you to St Margaret's Church. ***Parking is available in St Margaret's School car park for weekend services.*** *During the week, the children are in school and we cannot use the playground as a car park. Please drive slowly and carefully through the gates. We are grateful for our partnership with the school.* The church will be open daily for private prayer, reflection and visiting from 10am to 4pm.

[Click here for Livestreaming](#)

Lectionary

This Sunday

Romans 5.1-8 ([KJV](#)) ([NRSVUE](#))
Matthew 9.35-10.8 ([KJV](#)) ([NRSVUE](#))

Read in traditional language - King James Version - at the 8am service and from the New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) at other times.

Church News

please pray for the life of this church as we seek to grow in faith, hope and love

Today! (13th June): Churches Count on Nature



Churches Count on Nature

10am in the Churchyard
Saturday 13th June 2026

What wildlife lives in our churchyard?
Come and find out as we explore the
flora and fauna. We'll record our finds
to inform the national and local
church's knowledge of the ecological
impact of churchyards.
Refreshments will be served and there
will be sticker-activities for children too.

To find out more or for information on
accessing the churchyard, public transport
and facilities at church, do email
ecochurch.stmagsips@gmail.com



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Creative Retreat Day, 6th June, 10am-4pm

We gathered last Saturday at St. Margaret's to explore faith on the theme of Creation and Creativity. Inspiration, stories, and creations were broad-ranging, and included compost, the blessing, 'containing' God, the bars that prevent us from knowing God, the glory of God and the image of St Margaret's stillness in the belly of the dragon.

More from the day will be shared in due course - in the meantime, here are some pictures.



When Dreams Change

Ali Hobson, Pioneer Minister at the Spring Churches says:

“I would like to make you aware that once again we are once again running a FREE four-week *When Dreams Change* course for parents and carers at Holy Trinity, Ipswich. The course begins next Thursday, 18th June at 10:00am.

When Dreams Change is designed to help parents and carers reflect on their experiences of raising a child with additional needs. We still have some spaces available and would be grateful if you could share this with any families you feel would benefit from support.

The stories and feedback from those who have previously taken part have been incredibly encouraging. It's important that parents and carers know that the course is completely free, everything they need will be provided, and crucially that their child does **not** need a formal diagnosis for the parent /carer to attend. We have welcomed parents of children with life-limiting conditions, global developmental delay, anxiety and stress, and parents of children who are who are neurodivergent.

The course will be delivered by myself and our wonderful Children's and Families Worker, Karen.

Information is attached; people can book directly onto the course here: [When Dreams Change Courses - starting 18 June for 4 weeks – Fill in form](#)

Worship music CDs for HMP Highpoint

The Chaplain at HMP Highpoint is collecting new and gently used CDs of worship music (contemporary and traditional). Revd Wendy Norris says:

'Prisoners are always asking. They can't get many radio stations given our rural location and many Christian stations seemed to have moved to DAB which the prisoners here don't have.'

If you're having a sort out or would like to send a gift: Rev Wendy Norris, Chaplain, HMP Highpoint, Stradishall, Newmarket, CB8 9YG.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

St Margaret's Church is an active member of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Members of the congregation contribute through participation in the annual Ride and Stride event and we receive grants from the SHCT for repairs and renovations for the church building. Suffolk has an amazing range of beautiful historic churches and the SHCT helps ensure their preservation and continued use. The Spring Newsletter contains details of recent grants by the SHCT as well as articles describing some of these churches and their unique features. Perhaps an encouragement to visit some of them this summer!!

You are welcome to read the copy of the Newsletter which is on the table at the back of church or it is available on-line: [Latest Newsletters – Suffolk Historic Churches Trust](#)

Music News

Make a Joyful Noise!

The next session will take place in church on the **29th June, from 7- 8.30pm**. If you play an instrument or enjoy singing, come along and join in! For more details email music.stmagsips@gmail.com

Choir

Please keep in your prayers our organist and choir director, Christopher Tinker, whose initial surgery to treat pancreatic cancer went according to plan on Thursday. For now Christopher has arranged for other organists to cover services so you may see a variety of people coming to join us over the summer. Choir practice where possible will continue on Thursday evenings, 7-8pm.

Ipswich Music Day

We are again hosting musicians as part of the free music festival across Christchurch Park on Sunday 5th July 2026. Can you help with operating the sound desk on that day (simple training can be provided) or join a team that we are hoping to put together to sell/serve refreshments, please let the vicar know.



Ipswich Music Day

Sunday 5th July

We love being a venue for this free event in the Ipswich calendar.

1pm
Welcome and Introduction

1.10-1.55pm
South Suffolk Youth Jazz

2.05-2.35pm
Ipswich Choral Society

2.40-3.10pm
Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

3.15-3.45pm
Felixstowe Harmonies

3.50-4.35pm
Martlesham Brass

 

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Melody Makers

An opportunity for instrumentalists and vocalists in school years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to join in with rehearsals and to perform as part of our special St Margaret's Day service on Sunday 19th July at 10am. Places limited - sign up [here](#).





St Margaret's Melody Makers

Fridays 19 & 26th June & 3rd July
for Y3-Y8 pupils to rehearse ready to
perform during our St Margaret's Day
Festival Service: Sunday, 19th July 2026.

If you are a vocalist or instrumentalist about to finish school years 3,4,5,6,7 or 8, we would love you to join us in preparing some special music as part of our celebration of St Margaret's Day. Bring your voice or your instrument and work with Mrs Claire Gower and Revd Sarah. You'll need to make your way from school to St Margaret's Church, arriving no earlier than 3.15pm (and no later than 3.45pm). Water/squash/fruit/biscuits will be offered. We'll finish at 4.30pm.

There is no charge for anyone to participate in this special event although there are a limited number of places so please sign up now by scanning the QR code or following this link:
<https://stmargaretsips.churchsuite.com/events/dowawxsr>



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St.Margaret's Church
I P S W I C H

Summer HolyDay, Saturday 18th July 10-4pm

A day out in Bury St Edmunds! With worship, activities and time to explore. Details on the website [here](#) (or later in this newsletter). To register your interest, please click [here](#).



Sat 18th July We're all going on a Summer HolyDay

A grand day out in Bury St Edmunds

We'll make our way there either by train or in cars, arriving at the Cathedral from 10.30am with friends from Ipswich All Hallows and Lindbergh Road churches for tea and coffee. At 11am we'll worship together in the Lady Chapel before spending the day at leisure, on retreat or joining in with various activities:

- reflective tour with a Cathedral pilgrim guide
- walk the labyrinth
- lunch in Abbey Gardens (bring a picnic/rug)
- explore the ancient abbey ruins
- 2pm in the Cathedral - a special time for families with younger children
- Choral Evensong 3.30-4.15pm

Please register your interest! QR code or go to:
<https://stmargaretsips.churchsuite.com/events/5asvs05>



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Come as you are

Open Table

Eucharist

This service is for LGBTQIA+ people, their friends, families and allies. We welcome people of any faith or background, every gender identity and sexual orientation.

All are welcome, but please respect that this service is created to be a safe, sacred space for those who need it.

Sunday 28 June at 5.00 pm

we are pleased to welcome Bishop Joanne to this service

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Growing Deeper



Thanksgiving

For our creative retreat day last Saturday. For the ministry of our Men's breakfast. For Bart, our new church warden, made 'official' at St. Bart's this week. For St. Margaret's bellringers, who rang on Thursday to celebrate John Constable's 250th birthday party, taking place at Christchurch Mansion.

Prayer

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses and passers-by this week, as we pray for The Albany, North Close, and Borrowdale Avenue.

Support

Remember our Pastoral Team is here to support members of the St Margaret's community, whether ill or in need of a friendly listening ear, details can be found towards the bottom of this email.

Social Action

Please remember we have a box at the back of the church all year round to collect contributions of food and toiletries.

Growing Greener

Green Tip of the week : Recycle trainers that are past their best

You or your children may have an old pair of trainers that are falling apart. Drop them off at a [Reuse-a-Shoe](#) collection point in certain Nike stores (all brands are accepted) and they'll enjoy a second life. The materials will be separated and recycled into new clothes, shoes or even playground surfacing.

With thanks to Revd Richard Stainer.

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Forthcoming Services and Events

Sunday 21st June

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10am Family Communion (L)

6pm Time Out (45 minute service of reflection, meditation and contemplation)

Tuesday 23rd June

8 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 24th June

9 am School Service

12 pm Holy Communion

Thursday 25th June

~~8pm No zoom Compline today~~

Friday 26th June

8 am Morning Prayer in Church

Sunday 28th June

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10am Family Worship (L)

6pm Choral Evensong (L)

Tuesday 30th June

8 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 1st July

9am School service

12 pm Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd July

8pm Choral Compline (L) - subject to availability of an organist - please check nearer the time

Friday 3rd July

8 am Morning Prayer in Church

Saturday 4th July

8.30am Men's Breakfast

Save the Date

Saturday 18th July

Day Trip / Pilgrimage to Bury St Edmunds with friends from All Hallows Church to include a special service in the Cathedral led by the All Hallows and St Margaret's community, the opportunity to explore Bury St Edmunds for fun, picnics and/or reflective retreat time and the chance to finish the day attending Choral Evensong in the Cathedral. Please sign up using [this link](#).

Rev Helen will be on a curate placement with Lark Valley and North Bury Team in Thingoe Deanery (combining part of the town and surrounding villages of Bury St Edmunds) from the end of May until the beginning of July.

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:

Revd Sarah Geileskey - Vicar

Email: revsarahgeileskey@gmail.com

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

Telephone: 07841 687879

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

Revd Helen Prior-Townsend - Curate

Email: helenptstmags@gmail.com

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Helen's rest days are usually Monday each week and every fourth Tuesday of each month.

George Woodward - Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)

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George's quiet days tend to be Wednesdays and Fridays.

Churchwardens

Bart Bisbal

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Office

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

Number: 07733 609661 and leave a message.

Church Office and Contacts during the Church Administrator's period of Maternity Leave

We are looking forward to Lucy returning to the church office at the end of July 2026.

We are taking the opportunity to rationalise email addresses. With immediate effect, please use office.stmagsips@gmail.com for all correspondence. We are still trying to maintain the current office opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays 9.30am - 2.30pm but this is not always possible, so if you have a particular reason for visiting the office, do email or call ahead of time to confirm.

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

Frederike Jacob is our assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer

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

Newsletter Contents

Please send any items for next week's newsletter to the Church Office (office.stmagsips@gmail.com), ideally by email, by **Thursday lunchtime please**. If you would like to receive this mailing each week please [complete this form https://stmargaretsips.churchsuite.com/connect/mydetails/submit](https://stmargaretsips.churchsuite.com/connect/mydetails/submit)