



Sunday 18th October 2026

Trinity 20



Hard-earned cash. In an increasingly digitised world where the phrase 'cash is king' makes less and less sense, the days of saving up my pennies in a piggy-bank are on the wain. I know that my teenage children would much prefer me to convert into electronic savings and payments, the occasional £note folded and squished into the palm of their hand by a relative.

More difficult then, for us to take a coin or note from our purse and to notice the imprint of the king's head. We'll be thinking in church tomorrow morning about that parable, the one with the denarius, the little coin, where Jesus speaks of taxation, telling us to 'render until Caesar what is Caesar's'.

Meanwhile, I'm wondering how the parable might help us with what we do what's left over. The rest of it, after taxes... the pennies in my piggy bank. My hard-earned cash.

If it's not Caesar's, is it mine?
For my husband and I, it's neither his, nor mine.
'All that I have, I give to you' makes it 'ours'.
Or does it?

Perhaps that which we have been entrusted with is all good gift from God.
Give to Caesar, what is Caesar's and to God, what is God's. Gift to us, to be fed, clothed and nourished. For rest and for joy. Gift to us to share with others.

Gift to us gift to others.

Hope to see you you tomorrow.

Vicar Sarah

PS: **our coffee rota team for the 10am service tomorrow is poorly** and in an abundance of care for us will not be serving drinks and biscuits! If you can **lend a hand** instead, do come at around 9.30am to **help set up, serve and clear away afterwards**. Thank you!

October 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 18th October

8 am BCP Holy Communion
10am Family Communion (L)
6pm Time Out

Tuesday 20th October

8 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 21st October

9am School Service
12 pm Holy Communion

Friday 23rd October

8 am Morning Prayer in church

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

Isaiah 35.3-6 (KJV)(NRSVUE)

Matthew 22.15-22 (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. i.e.,

Church News

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

TONIGHT...

It's not too late to join us for our concert this evening, please scan the QR code below or pay on the door.



Throne of Beauty

***Saturday 17th October
7.30pm***

Pieces by celebrated women composers including Hildegard of Bingen, Judith Weir, Cecilia McDowall, Amy Beach, and others

Adults £16 Under 18's £8
Scan QR code to purchase tickets or buy on the door. Refreshments available.



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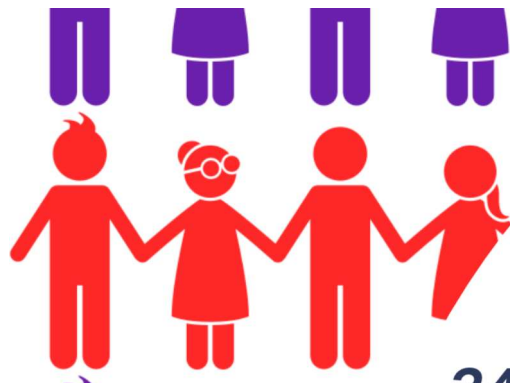
Children and Families Update

These can now be found in a new monthly newsletter!

The first edition is available at the link below. There will also be paper copies in church. Feel free to pick one up for yourself or share them with friends; alternatively, feel free to send others the link!

[Click here to read the newsletter.](#)

Do share any comments or additions that you think would be useful with Rev Helen.






Together

4th Saturday's
10 - 11.30am

24th October - Love
28th November - Advent

All are welcome to a special themed gatherings

Together is relaxed community for all ages. Join us in the Church Centre, for storytelling, activities, songs, and prayer finishing with brunch together

Please book via the links below

October booking
<https://stmargaretsips.churchsuite.com/-/forms/lvkjh09s>

November booking
<https://stmargaretsips.churchsuite.com/-/forms/hhtawa6d>

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Autumn Family Morning

Come and join us for a morning of activities for all ages followed by lunch together

Friday 30th October
10am until 12.30pm
**in St Margaret's Church Centre,
Bolton Lane**

Arrive when you can and leave when you wish.
Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult

Thanks to funding from the Suffolk Community Foundation this event is **free**
(although donations to continue this work are gratefully received)

Book via the link below
<https://stmargaretsips.churchsuite.com/-/forms/aoxf>
email events.stmagsips@gmail.com

 **SUFFOLK**
Community Foundation

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Help! All Hallows' Eve. 31st October 2026

We look forward to welcoming people at the vicarage on what is a very busy night of door knocking. We share generous hospitality, welcome people with sweets and make contact with many children and families we might otherwise rarely see. Do pray for this outreach. If you would like to be involved, especially if you are a teenager or small adult willing to wear our 'St Margaret & her dragon' costume, please speak with Rev Sarah.



Saturday 31st October
All Hallows' Eve
Treat or Treat

We will enjoy welcoming people at the vicarage on All Hallows' Eve for what is always a very busy night of door knocking. We love sharing generous hospitality, welcoming our local community with sweets, and connecting with many children and families from St Margaret's and beyond. Find us on Constable Road

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Church photography

We are in the process of updating our GDPR/Photo permissions, so you may see people walking around with a tablet and checking your permissions and details.

Also if any keen photographers would like to take some updated photos for our website, please let us know!

Nominations for charity donations

At the back of the Church will be a poster with jam jars and tokens with 3 local and international organisations carrying out God's mission in various ways and we have £1500 to share between them. You are invited to place a token in jam jars against your preferred Charity.

Hospital Visiting and Home Communion

If you are admitted to hospital for planned surgery or indeed, suddenly and unexpectedly, do let us know. The pastoral team and clergy often visit people in hospital, but we can only do so if we know you are there! The chaplaincy team at the hospital are also very supportive - if you would like to see a chaplain do tell the hospital staff and arrangements will be put in place for this to happen. You can email or telephone/text/whatsapp any of the clergy, Rev Sarah, Rev Helen or Reader George, let Lucy in the office know or email the [pastoral team](#). If you can't do this and friend or family member can do this for you, the contact details are all on the St Margaret's website. All the contact details are also at the end of this newsletter, scroll down (or click to download all of the newsletter).

Rev Sarah is aware that there are an increasing number of people now for whom to receive Holy Communion at home from time to time would be helpful - if you think this might be for you, again, do please let the clergy or pastoral team know so that arrangements can be made for either the clergy or a member of the pastoral team to visit and share communion.

National Emergency Briefing Film

The Eco Group will be showing The National Emergency Briefing film on 23rd October at 7.30pm. It's a 50-minute independent documentary film about the UK climate and nature crisis, presented by naturalist and TV broadcaster Chris Packham with discussion before and after. To let them know you are attending please click this [link](#) and select National Screening Map which you can then select Ipswich which will provide details on who to contact or simply turn up on the day.



W.I.N.E

7.30pm Monday 9th

November 2026

W.I.N.E 0'Clock

(Women in need of encouragement)

A new venture for women to encourage each other through faith, fellowship and life at pop up events.

Please join us at our first gathering as together we discern direction of future events and activities.

Please get in touch with the office at office.stmagsips@gmail.com for details about the first pop up!

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Thursday

Forum

*at Christ Church
Tacket Street* (next to Cox Lane car park)

Thursday Lunchtimes

Refreshments at low cost 12 noon - 1.00 pm

A short talk 1.10 - 1.50 pm

You are welcome to either or both



Season 2026/2027

- Nov 5th** **Fellowship Afloat - A floating Christian Outdoor Centre**
Sarah Case, Funding Officer
- Nov 12th** **Mercy Ships - Bringing Help and Healing**
Rod Gibson, Mercy Ships Ambassador
- Nov 19th** **TWAM - Tools with a Mission**
Philip Wiseman, Volunteer Speaker
- Nov 26th** **Shotley Peninsula in Pictures**
Ian van der Ende, photographer



Bell Ringing

See the tower in action

The ringing platform with its open glass-fronted gallery gives a wonderful insight into the heritage tradition of bell ringing. Come and see the tower in action as we welcome visiting bands of bellringers.

Saturday 14th November: 11.45am - 12.45pm
Visiting Ringers from Saffron Walden

Sunday 22nd November: 1.00-4.00 pm
Visiting Ringers for Full Peal Attempt

Would you like to try?
Rehearsals are usually on Tuesday evenings.
To find out more, please contact
Colin Salter, Tower Captain on 07961 891728 or email
bells.stmagsips@gmail.com.



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Growing Deeper

Thanksgiving

For a busy Cafe Church last weekend, exploring the parable of the Wedding Banquet via dressing up, crafts, and discussion.

Prayer

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses and passers-by this week, as we pray for The Avenue, Elsmere Road, and Woodstone Road.

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: Could you turn devices off at night?

Another great way to save money and the planet is to make sure that all your electrical devices are shut down at night. This may mean switching them off at the mains, as many stay on stand-by when you switch the device itself off. *Stand-by means they are still using electricity.*

Our thanks to Rev. Stainer for his weekly green tips.

Forthcoming Services and Events

Sunday 25th October

Remember the clocks go back!

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Worship with baptism (L)

6pm Choral evensong (L)

Tuesday 27th October

8 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 28th October

9am No School Service

12 pm Holy Communion

Friday 30th October

8 am Morning Prayer in church

Saturday 31st October

9.30am Breakfast for all

Sunday 1st November

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10am Family Communion (L)

3pm All Souls' Service

6pm Prayer & Praise

Tuesday 3rd November

8 am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion Norwood

3.30pm Holy Communion Christchurch Court

Wednesday 4th November

9am School Service

12 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th November

8pm Choral Compline (L)

Friday 6th November

8 am Morning Prayer in church

Saturday 7th November

8.30am Men's breakfast

Sunday 8th November

10am Parade Service - No Café Church this month.

Save The Dates

Saturday 21st November - Quiz Night

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](#).

For everyone working hard to contribute toward Harvest Festival at our church this weekend. **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

Telephone: 07541 707543

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

George Woodward - Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)

Email: reader.stmagsips@gmail.com

Telephone: 07990 573258

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

Churchwardens

Bart Bisbal

Email: churchwardens.stmagsips@gmail.com

Telephone: 07495 759203

Office

Email: office.stmagsips@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tuesday 9.30am - 1.30pm, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm (Office closed Tuesday and Wednesday due to A/L and back open on 16th Oct)

Number: 07733 609661 and leave a message.

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](#)

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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)