



## *Weekly news, readings and prayers* Sunday 1st June

### 2025 Sunday after Ascension Day



#### **The Lord's Prayer**

The risen Christ is ascended and so we wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. I'm looking forward to Pentecost - it's a great celebration of the Holy Spirit of God, though I've come to see the festival as the beginning of the church, rather than the arrival of the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit has been with us since the beginning of time. As God's church, we live 'in between' times; we find ourselves between Ascension Pentecost and praying for God's realm and the coming of the Kingdom which we inhabit and hope for, yet know we are also journeying towards - both in the fulness of the heavenly kingdom and the experience of eternity ahead, but also in earth, today, as we campaign for the basics in human life for so many who are starving or being starved by war or politics or economics. No food. No water. No safety.

And so we keep on praying the words of the Lord's prayer, 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

The Church of England has resources during these nine days between Ascension and Pentecost that you might like to use (the link is below in the 'Church News' section).

'The Message' translation of Matthew's gospel teaches the Lord's prayer in this way:

*"The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:*

*Our Father in heaven,*

*Reveal who you are.*

*Set the world right;*

*Do what's best—*

*as above, so below.*

*Keep us alive with three square meals.*

*Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.*

*Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.*

*You're in charge!*

*You can do anything you want!*

*You're ablaze in beauty!*

*Yes. Yes. Yes.*

Dare you pray 'Lord, your kingdom come'?

What might that change in your life? **Rev Sarah**

PS Tomorrow is 1st June! The coffee rotas have only just gone up so it would be great if someone would come prepared to 'do coffee' at both the 9.30am and 11am services please! Rotas are up in church so you can sign up for future dates. Thank you!

## Services

### Livestreamed services

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

Livestreaming

**8.00 am** BCP Holy Communion**09.30 am**Rise and Shine**11.00 am**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 for private prayer, reflection and visiting from 10am to 4pm.

Lectionary

**This Sunday 8am BCP Holy Communion**[1 Peter 4.7-11](#)[John 15.26-16](#)[John 15.4a](#)

**10am Morning Worship**[Acts 16.16-34](#)[John 17.20-26](#)

### Church News

#### Nine days of Prayer

Ascension day marked the beginning of the nine days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost as we pray Thy Kingdom Come - you might like to use the prayer resources on the theme of [The Lord's Prayer](#) as part of your daily practise of prayer.

#### Diocesan Service for Creation at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

On Sunday 8th June at 3.30pm there is a Creation Service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. All are welcome.

#### Confirmation Service - Sunday 15th June, 3.30pm

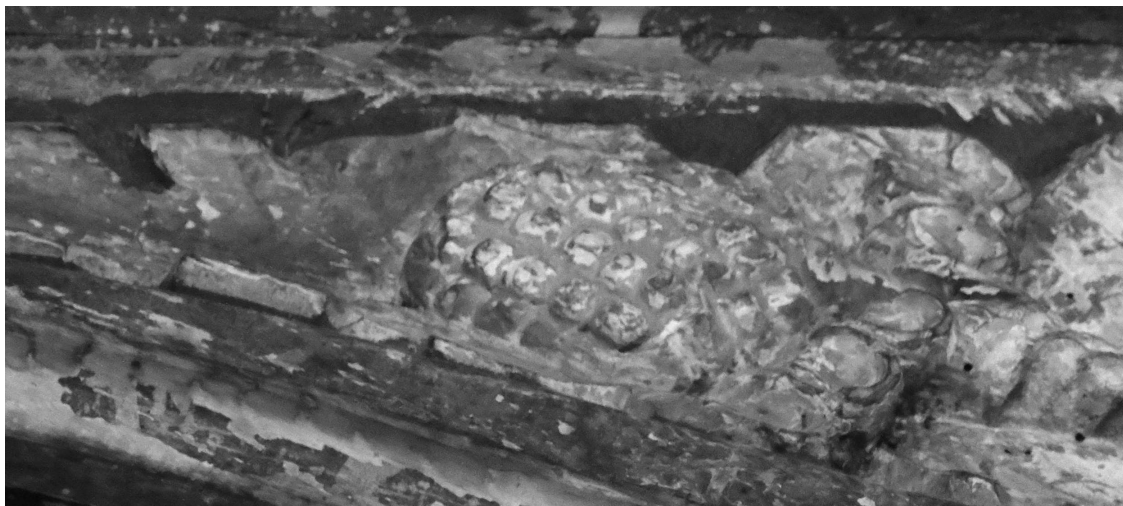
Bishop Graeme will be joining us for our confirmation service on Sunday 15th June. Prep sessions for confirmation are underway, for more information please contact

[Rev Sarah](#).

#### Hearing Loop

Just to remind all hearing aid users in church that there is a hearing loop available during all services. This will send amplified sound direct to hearing aids and cut out any background noise that is present. Aids should be switched to the 'T-Coil' programme in order to make use of this facility. Should you have any questions or need to be shown how to use the loop, please speak to the sound desk operator.

Did you know?



Although we had a pigeon flying around the church a few weeks ago we also have a medieval carving of a bird in one of the window spandrels. We think it is the first time it has been seen for many years.

It is next to the Trademark of Mr Bryd or Byrde the thatcher.

It can be found in the right hand spandrel above the fourth clerestory window on the northside counting from the east end of the nave.

### Growing Deeper

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses passers-by this week as we pray for Park Manor, Tudor Court, Christchurch Court and Norwood who we have a connection with.

We give thanks and pray for community connections:

- Our first family activity morning with 35 people and a shared lunch cooked by Emmaus. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped.
- The bringing back of our Ascension day service of prayers and readings

## June Prayer Diary

### Growing Greener

#### Eco Tip of the week

Irons use a lot of electricity to get hot – only iron clothes that really need it. Perfect excuse if you hate ironing!

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### Calendar

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

**This Week** **Tuesday 2nd June 2025** 08.00am Morning Prayer

03.30pm Christchurch Court Communion **Friday 6th June** 8.00am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 8th June** 08.00am BCP Holy Communion 09.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Parish Communion**Upcoming Sunday 15th June**

3.30pm Deanery Confirmation Service with Bishop Graeme**Wednesday 18th June**

1.00pm Marriage of James and Alisha**Thursday 19th June**

3.15pm Together Community (Church Centre)**Sunday 29th June**

10.00am Holy Communion - following her ordination as a priest the day before at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, we welcome Revd Helen to preside at her first service of Holy Communion and Revd Canon Stuart Batten to preach. Please save this date to come and support and celebrate with Helen.

## 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 adonation 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:

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**Sarah's rest days are usually**

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

[helenptstmags@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

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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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding.stmagsips@gmail.com)

Lucy Collins - Parish Safeguarding Officer and PCC Secretary. Email: [verger.stmagsips@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.