



Weekly news, readings and prayers

Sunday 20th April 2025
Easter Day

The Following Day

As I write, it's the day after Good Friday. **The day after the day that changed the world.** The following day, when we follow Jesus into the depths of the void. The darkness of the tomb. The day when traditional stories tell of hell being harrowed. The day when a child, when asked where Jesus was on this day replied... 'he's gone to get Judas'.

Were I to be writing on Easter Monday I might well say the same thing. Easter Monday, **the day after the day that changed the world**

. The light shining out from the tomb. The great joy at discovering life again! Resurrection!

Both days are 'following' days. Days that require our response. Our reaction and our action. We mark Holy Week and Easter every year... and every year, though it is the same, each experience is unique.

I hope that your response this year is 'to follow'. To choose to take action.

If your life is something of a Holy Saturday right now... the action you might choose to take is to take just one step at a time. To keep on in the ordinary things of life. Get up. Wash. Eat simply. Go for a walk. Perhaps meet a friend. Come to church. Not to worship or to pray, if you can't quite manage that, but just to be with yourself, with others and with God. The practice of a simple rhythm of life.

If your life is in the midst of a jubilant Easter resurrection, life filled to overflowing, choose your actions and your activities well. Are you deploying your energy and joy to help others? Feast with friends. Arrange a walk in God's creation for those who might need company. Bring friends together to worship or to pray. Give some of your time and energy to God's church.

The following day. Every day. How are you choosing to follow the way of Christ?

Services

Livestreamed services

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

Livestreaming

06.30 am Sunrise Service **08.00 am** BCP Holy Communion **10.00am** Festive 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** [Colossians 3.1-7](#) [John 20.1-10](#) **10am Festive Communion**
[Isaiah 65.17-end](#) [Acts 10.34-43](#) [Luke 24.1-12](#)

Church News

The Church Centre is hired in the week by many community groups and often attended by church members too.... one of the groups is:

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 during term time. 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. Sessions are £5 or £4 if paid termly. For more information call Sue on 01473 273924 or email: lissettej@btinternet.com

Electoral Roll

Many thanks to those who have filled out our electoral form online already. We still have a number of you who were on the electoral roll last year who have yet to fill in the form. Please click the button below for the 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

Hexachordia 3rd May 7pm, Friends of St Margaret's 16th 7.30pm

Please see the events below for details of these two events! A wonderful evening of mediaeval music and an evening learning more about how people faith in previous generations shaped the building that we worship in today. All welcome - bring friends!

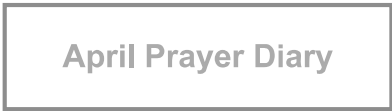
Electoral Roll Form

Growing Deeper

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses passers-by this week as we pray for Warrington Road and St Edmund's Road.

We give thanks and pray for community connections:

- John and Jean Grierson for polishing the brass in Church ready for Easter weekend.
- The second 'Together' meet where they looked at the The Last Supper before sharing a meal together prepared by Emmaus
- So many people who have contributed to the worship and events that have taken place over this Holy Week and Easter.



Growing Greener

Eco Tip of the week Easter is a time of rejoicing and chocolate. Is yours Fairtrade?
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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 22nd April** 08.00am Morning Prayer in school **Friday 25th April**

8am Morning Prayer **Sunday 27th April** 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

09.30am Rise and Shine Holy Communion 11.00am Morning Worship with Baptism

06.30pm Evensong **Next Month** **Saturday 3rd May**

7.00pm [Hexachordia Concert](#)

, early music trio, Hexachordia, presents a celebration of the English garden in music and words. £7.50 on the door. Do come.

Friday 16th May

7.30pm St Margaret's Friends': all welcome as we learn about the medieval carvings with David Evans. Refreshments and nibbles, all welcome.

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.