



St. Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H

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

Sunday 20th October 2024

8am Holy Communion

A thirty-minute Prayer Book service in traditional language with no music.
[Ephesians 6.10-20](#) and [John 4.46-54](#)

9.30 am Café Church

Breakfast served in the church centre with conversation, a song and a prayer.
All are welcome.

11am Parish Communion

With the choir leading the music, congregational hymns, Junior Church and refreshments after the service. With gratitude to Very Revd Keith Jones for leading this service. All welcome.

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

Sunday's lectionary readings:

[Isaiah 53.4-12](#): [Hebrews 5.1-10](#): [Mark 10.35-45](#).

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***

[Click here for Livestreamed Services](#)

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

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



If you were to list all the things that you have been grateful for this week, I wonder how long the list might be and what might appear on the list? This

week I am grateful for expressions of interest in baptism and confirmation. I am grateful for the friends of St Margaret's. I am grateful that people are hearing God's call to serve this community. I am grateful for time spent in community this week - including the time on my knees setting out the mats for the very youngest at the toddler group on Friday morning. This week I am grateful to the Belsted-Ganzoni Charitable Trust for their grant of £2,500 enabling us (we hope!) to get the church clock working again. I am grateful for time with those I care about. I am grateful that a phone call made a difference in someone's life this week. I am grateful to those who are patient with me when I fall short. Actually... now I begin to write a list... the list is much longer than I might have believed. Try it. Write it out... like lines. Transform the writing of lines into the writing of thanksgivings and a prayerful offering to God.

Practising gratitude is to live a 'eucharistic' life (from the greek, *eukaristia*). A life of thanksgiving. A life of thanksgiving is to live 'eucharistically', in communion with God every moment of every day: Christ with us. Christ through us. Christ in us.

Vicar Sarah

Online Retreat - TODAY - 19th October 2024 10am - 4.30pm - Blessed are the Weary

Rest & Reflection on Disability, Value & God

(with apologies for the short notice - we only came across this information this week and thought it might be of interest to you all. It is possible that the resources will also be accessible after the event too).

"We're often judged by what we can do but what does this say about worth? Can rest be an act of resistance? In place of the usual annual conference (now in it's 13th year) we're practising what we're preaching with a retreat day of meditation, stories, creativity, theology and liturgy using pre-recorded materials via a website and Facebook group (with BSL and closed captions).

Access the resources here:

<https://www.thepinkvicar.com/living-edge-login/>

You may first need to make a voluntary donation and register here:

[blessed-are-the-weary-rest-and-reflection-on-disability-value-and-god-tickets-978332648287](https://www.thepinkvicar.com/blessed-are-the-weary-rest-and-reflection-on-disability-value-and-god-tickets-978332648287)

(St Martin in the Fields in partnership with Inclusive Church)

Friends of St Margaret's Church Group

The inaugural gathering of the 'friends' of St Margaret's Church took place yesterday evening in the church - conversation and chatter, meeting old friends and making new friends. Reminding ourselves that this church has been a friend to the community in this place for many years. Interest was expressed in heritage and history, curiosity about the churchyard and caring for the environment and our shared heritage as well as the possibility of an occasional movie-night in church. Perhaps next time you might come along too... and bring a friend?

Consecration Service at Canterbury Cathedral

Friday 18th October 2024



Our former Archdeacon was consecrated Bishop of Southampton at Canterbury Cathedral yesterday morning. Do keep Bishop Rhiannon in your prayers at this time.

**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.

If you plan to attend, please email [Revd Canon Alan Forsdike](mailto:Revd.Canon.Alan.Forsdike) so that the organisers have an idea about how many people will be attending. There is a car park at the church but do share lifts if you can.

AGENDA

Theme: Listening and Discerning

**This meeting is open to anyone in the Ipswich Deanery
secretaries, treasurers, churchwardens,
PCC members, congregation members.**

Please advise Alan Forsdike of attendees other than clergy and parish deanery reps.

7.15pm	1	Arrival and Sign In - refreshments	All
7.30pm	2	Welcome and Housekeeping	Charlotte Cook
7.40pm	3	Licensing	Bishop Martin
7.55pm	3	Opening Worship	St Mary's Stoke
8.05pm	4	Introduction by Bishop Martin	Bishop Martin
8.15pm	5	Discussion around Tables	All
8.30pm	6	Feedback from Tables	Gill Jackson/Alison Gibbs
8.40pm	7	Reflection	Bishop Martin
8.45pm	7	Notices & Updates	Charlotte Cook and Rachel Reveley
8.55pm	8	Closing Worship	Tom Mumford
9pm	9	Sending Out and Blessing	Bishop Martin
		Dates of Deanery Synod Meetings 2025: Wednesday 26th February Tuesday 17th June Wednesday 8th October <i>venues will be announced nearer the time.</i>	



Men's Breakfast
Every 2nd and 4th Saturday
8.30am
Gladwyn Room,
Church Centre, Bolton Lane

Men's group will meet 8.30 for 8.45 on Saturdays for a light breakfast and fellowship in the Church Centre on **12/10/24** and **26/10/24**. Do join us.

Let Richard Jackson know on richardjackson1@gmail.com or 07768113497 and he will add you to the regular invitations by whatsapp, text and/or email or just come anyway if you're free.

Upcoming Dates:
09/11/24 and **23/11/2024**

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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

Grave Talk

As part of this year's remembering season, I would like to invite you to join me at the vicarage for a conversation about funerals - more specifically, your funeral. Some of us have made plans. Some of us are not sure how to begin. Some of us can't bear to think about it. I hope that together, we might share some of our hopes and fears as we learn from one another.

Capacity is limited, so do let me know if you would like to join in.

If necessary we can always arrange further opportunities.

Saturday, 16th November 2024 : 10.30am - 12.00pm.

Vicar Sarah

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 10th 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 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.



Quiz Night

Saturday 23 November 7.30pm
Church Centre, Bolton Lane

Come and join us for a Quiz Night at
St Margaret's Church Centre, Bolton Lane, IP4 2BT
7pm arrival for a 7.30pm start.
Parking available in school playground next door.

Tickets £10 per person
including a baked potato supper. Pay on the night
by cash or card.

Teams of 6 - 8 people.

Licensed bar and raffle!

To book your table email Stuart at
quiz.stmagsips@gmail.com by 15th November.

All proceeds going towards Church funds.



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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 22nd October

8.00am Morning Prayer (in St Margaret's CEVAP School)

Thursday 24th October

11.00am Funeral of the late Mrs Elizabeth Flett RIP

Friday 25th October

8.00am Please note there will be no service of Morning Prayer today

Sunday 27th October - Safeguarding Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Morning Worship

Tuesday 29th October

Half-Term: No service of Morning Prayer at St Margaret's CEVAP

8.00am today

Friday 1st November 2024

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 3rd November

BCP Holy Communion

8.00am Rise & Shine

9.30am Parish Communion

11.00am All Souls' Service - Remembering Together those we love who have

6.30pm died

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

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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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Verger administrator verger.stmagsips@gmail.com

Or telephone 07733 609661 and leave a message.

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](#).

