



St. Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H

This Church Year features the Gospel of Mark

Fourth Sunday after Trinity **Sunday 23rd July 2024**

8am Holy Communion

A thirty-minute Prayer Book service in traditional language with no music.

[Rom 8.18-23](#) and [Luke 6.36-42](#)

9:30am Rise and Shine Communion

A thirty-five minute service of Holy Communion for all ages. All welcome.

11am Morning Worship

With the choir leading the music, congregational hymns, refreshments after the service and the chance to hear from the Church Mission Society.

We ask for your prayers and understanding as this week's service is not live-streamed to protect the work and mission of our CMS partners.

Sunday's lectionary readings:

[2 Cor 6.1-13](#) and [Mark 4.35-45](#)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

'A 45-minute long peace-inducing church service in which the song of voices sounding together in harmony is heard at the even point between the active day and restful night' (description from the Choral Evensong Trust). With prayers, hymns, choral music and a short reflection, all are welcome.

[Jeremiah 10.1-16](#) and [Romans 11.25-36](#)

Parking is available in St Margaret's School car park during these services

(for which we are grateful to the school).

The church is open daily from 10am to 4pm

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

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



Can't you Just Stop?

I'm sure there will be a range of reactions to this image that was taken this week at Stonehenge. I wonder what you make of the Just Stop Oil decision to spray orange powder on the ancient stones of Stonehenge ahead of the gathering on midsummer's day?

Before you read further, seriously ask yourself, what is your response?

Then ask yourself how faith has informed your response?

What does faith teach us about creation, justice and social action?

At the recent Church Commissioner's AGM I learned for the first time about [NASAs climate spiral](#). Perhaps you are already familiar with it. I am struck by the visual imagery that looks very much like the pattern of a storm, a tornado or a typhoon.

In this week's gospel reading, in the midst of the storm the fearful disciples wake Jesus, asking him if he cares. If he cares that they are perishing.
Why has he left them alone?
As they turn to Jesus for help, Jesus simply calls for Peace! Be Still!
Jesus spoke and the storm ended: the wind ceased and there was a dead calm.

Then he asks them if they have faith.

From war, to famine, to politics, to health, to climate, to education, to food banks, to the church, wherever we might look, there's a storm. People are afraid. And fearful people tend to lash out, or retreat.

An alternative response is first, to listen.
Listen to the whole multi-faceted and complex truth.
Listen to God.

How does faith inform my vote? How to protest? How to be an advocate? How to change?

Then we might pray that God's deep peace will forever still our hearts as we find ourselves faced with challenges and changes ahead that we can't yet perceive or imagine, let alone control.
And with the assurance of peace, may we find the courage to face down the storm.

Yes, we might occasionally be called to make big, grand gestures. However, more often we are called to small things in great love. Above all, if we are sincere about loving our neighbour and all of God's creation, doing nothing is not an option.

Vicar Sarah

Melanie and Stuart write...

The Marriage of Amy Quinton and Joel Pollard

Amy and Joel get married in Sheffield at 2pm **today (Saturday)!**

If any members of our church family would like to watch the livestream of the service, [here is the link](#):

<https://youtube.com/live/eBrxJq7X1CA>

Your prayers and good wishes for them have been very much appreciated at this special time - thank you!

Church Centre



Andy Turpin writes ...

"As you know, there is a small group of volunteers who take responsibility for the management and running of the Church Centre, for the benefit of the church and the wider community. Having chaired this group for the past 10 years, I feel now is the time to step aside and make space for a fresh approach. While 10 years might seem like a long time, it is short compared to service that some have given, and I (and the church) are indebted to the members of the committee who have shared the considerable work required to run the building."

Vicar Sarah adds: the PCC and no doubt the wider church community are sincerely grateful to Andy for the many, many hours of unseen service in this role, sometimes in challenging and thankless circumstances. If anyone would like to contribute to a gift to thank Andy, please place your gift, clearly labelled, in either the collection or the 'hole in the wall' at church, or if giving using the tap machine, a note to say the date and time of your donation and how much

you have given.

Meanwhile, the PCC and the Church Centre Committee are working out what this will mean for the future running of the Church Centre. Between now and the end of July, Church Centre Committee member Andy Peck will be working with Andy Turpin to ensure we can continue to operate until new arrangements are found.

Summer Fete





To all those involved in the Fête... we have raised just over £1,000 to go towards the repairs on the West Window and even better still, a great deal of fun was enjoyed by all.

Thanks especially to the coordinating team led by Gill Jackson which included Hazel, Frederike, Pat, Anne, Nick, Carol, John and Margaret... with so many more of you who lent a hand as stall holders, welcomers and happy fête-goers. Shall we do it again?!

St Margaret's School



Congratulations to St Margaret's School on their recent Ofsted inspection. The inspector found sufficient evidence to suggest that the school might have been graded Outstanding, had a re-grade been within the scope of this inspection visit so Headteacher Revd Jo and the team can expect a further 'graded-visit' from Ofsted in the next year or two. Please see the Ofsted [website](#) to see the report in full.

The church welcomes 420 children into church every week, offers pastoral care, shares the church centre with the after school club and works as governors and encouragers. all of which is a privilege and a joy.

Bring and Share Afternoon Tea

Could you bake a cake, or bring along some savouries to celebrate Helen's Ordination. We are still looking for more offers from people to bring along some food to share for the afternoon tea celebration.

If you're not able to bake we are also looking for volunteers to help set up and serve during the afternoon.

Please contact Frederike if you can help on frederike246@outlook.com or put your name on the list at the back of the church.



Afternoon Tea

Saturday 29 June 2.30pm
Church Centre, Bolton Lane

All are welcome to a bring and share afternoon tea to celebrate Helen's ordination as a Deacon in the Church of England.

Helen will serve locally as a curate in this parish and we are excited to mark this important transition by sharing tea and cake! Come along from 2.30 pm ready for the arrival of The Revd Helen Prior Townsend at around 3pm.

Parking will be available on the school playground.

Offers of savouries, cake and help to set up and serve are being coordinated by Frederike. You can put your name and what you can bring on the list at the back of church, or send an email to frederike246@outlook.com

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Please pray for all those being ordained
amongst them

Helen Clare Prior-Townsend

to be ordained Deacon by

**Rt Reverend Martin Seeley,
Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich**

in St Edmundsbury Cathedral
on 29th June 2024 at 11am

Please pray for Helen, Richard, Chloe and all their
family.

Please also pray for the Revd Sarah Geileskey and the
congregation at Ipswich, St Margaret's where Helen
will serve as Assistant Curate (part time)

*I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me,
because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service
1 Timothy 1:12*

As Helen is ordained deacon, in the afternoon Revd Sarah Hall, former reader at St Margaret's and curate at St Augustine's Church will be ordained priest alongside Revd Jo Gunn, Headteacher of St Margaret's Primary School.

Do keep them all in your prayers.

You can participate in the services by [joining the livestream on the Cathedral's YouTube page](#)

As we welcome Helen as our curate, if you would like to contribute to a gift from the congregation to mark her Ordination as a Deacon, please put any gifts in a labelled envelope and put them into the secure 'hole in the wall' offertory box to the left of the 'tap giving' machine. If you give using the tap giving machine, please make a note of the date, time and amount you are giving and place the note in the 'hole in the wall' offertory box. Thank you.

Communion Services

With a newly ordained curate soon to be among us you can expect to see a couple of adjustments to the 8am and 11am services from Sunday, 30th June as we support and encourage Helen in her formation.

At the 8am BCP service you may find that from time-to-time Revd Helen will share in leading different parts of the liturgy. At the 11am service we will hear three scripture readings. The Old Testament and New Testament readings from the Eagle lectern will be followed by a Psalm or gradual hymn, giving the opportunity to preach from a range of scriptures - both Old and New. The Gospel reading will then be read from the front step of the nave altar - reminding us that the Word of God, the Good News, the Gospel, became flesh and dwelt among us - the Gospel, the story of Jesus Christ is among us, symbolised by the reading of the Gospel among all of God's people, rather than the Gospel being read at a distance, or pronounced from afar.

Safeguarding Changes

There will be a change of safeguarding officers in the weeks following the ordination of Helen Prior-Townsend. Carol Klug will be Safeguarding Lead and Lucy Collins will become Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

Guru Nanak Gurdwara Ipswich Celebration

GURU NANAK GURDWARA IPSWICH

CELEBRATING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF OUR SIKH TEMPLE OPENING IN IPSWICH

PROCESSION STARTING AT 11.00AM
GURU NANAK GURDWARA,
719 BRAMFORD ROAD,
IPSWICH, IP1 5BD

**GOLDEN
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ARRIVING AT 1.00PM
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SOANE ST,
IPSWICH IP4 2BE

SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 2024

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Gatka performances, speeches and refreshments
outside the front of Christchurch Mansion.

GOLDEN 50 JUBILEE

The Guru Nanak Gurdwara Ipswich are celebrating the 50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the opening of the 1st Gurdwara in Ipswich tomorrow.

Please do consider going along after our 11am service. It is an important witness to a largely secular world for Christians to publicly say that faith matters and that if we fail to explore questions of faith and spirituality, we deny the possibility of life lived in all its fullness. Inter-faith dialogue is an important part of this wider public narrative. If anyone asks you, or is surprised by your presence an easy conversation follows as you explore with them just how much faith matters and that as a society, we ignore this at our peril.

There will be some road closures in the vicinity of St Margaret's.
Please see [here](#) for more information.

**Associate Minister for Mission with Children, Families and Young People
Advert**

With funding for three years and a 3/4 bedroom rented accommodation in or near to the parish this is an exciting prospect for St Margaret's community.

Please keep the process and the people involved in your prayers as it is advertised nationally next week. The role description and application forms are available on the [Diocesan website](#).



St Margaret's Church Ipswich is looking for an

Associate Minister

for mission with children, families & young people

This is an exciting, three-year (incumbent-level) fixed-term post (sponsorship funding involved) ideal for an ordained person who is passionate about children, youth & families' work.

For role details and applications see:
www.cofesuffolk.org/about-us/vacancies
For informal conversations email Priest-in-Charge: revsarahgeileskey@gmail.com

Closing date: 9 August 2024
Interview: 28 August 2024



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Useful Diary Dates

April

Sunday 28th 11am: Mission Direct speaker followed by 12.30pm: Annual Meeting (APCM)

May

Saturday 11th 9.30-12.30: churchyard working party

Wednesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd: Confirmation course
To be confirmed: children's holiday club sessions

June

Sunday 2nd 11am: Confirmation Service

Saturday 15th 2-4pm: Church Fête

Sunday 23rd 11am: Church Mission Society speaker

Saturday 29th Ordinations at the Cathedral (by invitation) followed by afternoon tea for all in the church centre to welcome our new curate.

July

Sunday 7th Ipswich Music Day: afternoon concerts

Sunday 14th We celebrate St Margaret's Day before the holidays begin.

August

To be confirmed: children's holiday club sessions

Sunday 25th 11am: Link Diocese of Tanzania speaker followed at 3.00 pm a concert by The Gainsborough Quartet



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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 25th June

8.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 28th June

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th June

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Parish Communion

Tuesday 2nd July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 5th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 7th July

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Parish Communion

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

Ordinand Helen Prior-Townsend:

helenptstmags@gmail.com

07540 394179

Helen is a self-supporting ordinand, working full time. Her parish rest day is usually on Tuesdays and she currently has ordination formation training on most Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Churchwardens churchwardens.stmagsips@gmail.com

Vergers administrator verger.stmagsips@gmail.com

Or telephone 07733 609661 and leave a message.

Items for next week's sheet to the Vergers 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](#).

