

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Many thanks to people for participating in the straw poll at the 11.00 service last Sunday. The results were not conclusive but certainly showed that for some people their thoughts have moved on since last time. We will therefore soon be introducing a seating system in church so that you can choose whether to sit in either the unmasked, no social distancing area or the area where masks are worn with social distancing. This will be done in such a way so that people using the hearing loop can sit in either area.

We will not yet be reintroducing the sharing of the chalice at communion services though we will keep this under review. I have been asked a number of times about using separate cups for each person. The national church has instructed the clergy not to do this but, so far, I am yet to see a reason why not!

PATTERN OF SERVICES

We are in the midst of a new pattern of services as a three month “experiment”. Now that we have completed two of the months it would be very helpful to hear people’s reactions and reasons, positive or negative, so that we can make some decisions about the way forward. Please email me with your thoughts before October 12th david.cutts3@gmail.com Thank you.

The pattern continues as follows:

Sunday in month	Date	Time	Service	Musicians
1st	October 3rd	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	-
		9.30 a.m.	Rise and Shine	Music group
		11.00 a.m.	Parish Communion	Choir
2nd	October 10th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	-
		9.30 a.m.	Rise and Shine	Music group
		11.00 a.m.	Parish Communion	Choir
3rd	October 17th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	-
		9.30 a.m.	Rise and Shine	Music group
		11.00 a.m.	Parish Communion	Choir
		2.30 p.m.	Green Church	-
4th	October 24th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	-
		9.30 a.m.	Rise and Shine Communion	Band
		11.00 a.m.	Morning Service (modern language)	Music group
		6.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Choir
5th	October 31st	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	-
		9.30 a.m.	Rise and Shine	Music group
		11.00 a.m.	Morning Service with baptisms	Band



Harvest Arranging

A big thank you to those who turned up to decorate the Church for Harvest. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

Please could I ask you to remove your arrangements on or before 9th October?

Please put all flower material onto compost heap at rear of Church or take it home, please don't leave it for someone else to clear up.

The oasis also needs to be put into a black bin and not on the compost heap please. Again, please do take this home.

Thank you for all your help.



Climate Sunday

On October the 10th we are celebrating Climate Sunday at the 9.30 rise and Shine service and the 11 o'clock. All churches have been asked to have a climate focused service before the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November. Between services we will also be taking part in an activity making sustainable bird feeders for you to take home and for us to also hang on the trees in the churchyard, so all are invited whichever of these two morning services you attend.

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IPSWICH IN PRAYER

Please see the [attached notice](#) about Ipswich in Prayer - a new website, a new steering group and new events including:

- 2nd November - Prayer breakfast for Christian leaders
- 12th-13th November - Hearing the Father's voice and responding to it
- 15th January - Crown Him with many Crowns
- 23rd April - The Big Ipswich Boundary Relay Prayer Walk and the Big Suffolk Prayer Walk



You can receive BBC Sunday service live or later using the following link - [radio \(Radio 4 8:10am\)](#). BBC Radio Suffolk also broadcasts a helpful 30-minute service at 8am each Sunday.

Website: www.stmargaretsipswich.org.uk

Canon David Cutts: david.cutts3@gmail.com 01473 253906 or 07733 406552

Items for next week's sheet to Andy Turpin (verger.stmagsips@gmail.com), ideally by email, by **Thursday lunchtime please**. If you would like to receive this mailing each week please contact Andy or complete [the form on the website](#).