



St. Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H

This Church Year features the Gospel of Mark

Sixth Sunday after Trinity **Sunday 7th July 2024**

8am Holy Communion

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

[Romans 6.3-11](#) and [Matthew 5.20-26](#)

9:30am Rise and Shine

A service for all ages. Includes a creative activity and/or discussion and/or quiet reflection for people of any age. All welcome. Refreshments after the service

11am Parish Communion

A service of holy communion with traditional choral music. Refreshments after the service. All welcome.

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

Sunday's lectionary readings:

[Ezekiel 2.1-5](#), [2 Corinthians 12.2-10](#) and [Mark 6.1-13](#)

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 July Prayer Diary](#)



A New Hope?

I wonder how hopeful you are today?

The colour changes to the political map are an expression of discontent. A turning away from that which is deemed to have fallen short and a turning towards hope: towards the search for life in all its fullness.

That hope, it seems, is invested in voting Green: more MPs than ever before.
That hope, it seems, is invested in voting Reform: speaking what previously has been unspeakable.

That hope, it seems, is invested in voting Labour: to put right what has been left undone.

That hope, it seems, is invested in voting Liberal Democrat: the 'via media', the middle way.

Hope is being similarly invested in myriad of different ways at the General Synod meeting in York this weekend, with agenda items including a debate on the state of 'trust' in the church and the world, food poverty in the UK, clergy conduct and well-being, safeguarding failures and prayers of love and faith for same sex couples.

Once upon a time we thought we knew what would bring life to the world... until through human frailty and weakness it proved not to be the panacea we hoped it would be. And so we must expect things to change: if there is no change how do we become the people God is calling us to be: human weakness and frailty overcome. And without transformation, how will we ever see the coming of God's Kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven?

So whilst the word change is often used to refer to hopeful new beginnings, more often transformation begins when things appear to be falling apart. The pain and chaos forcing us to go to a new place.

Most of us would never go to new places in any other way.

In whom, what, or where is your source of hope?
In people? Politics? Systems? Organisations?

Christians have a clear manifesto, for all our hope on God, is founded. being in the world we live and work in the reality of the here and now, trusting that through our lives and witness we put first God's hope for the world, in God's process of death and resurrection to change and transform as we confidently pray 'as it's from the old we travel to the new. Keep us travelling along with you'.

Vicar Sarah

Helen's Ordination





A lovely day celebrating the ordination as Deacon of the Revd Helen Prior-Townsend by Bishop Martin at St Edmundsbury Cathedra followed by afternoon tea celebrations at the Church Centre.

Please keep Revd Helen, her friends and family in your prayers on her new journey as curate.

Communion Services

With a newly ordained curate you can expect to see a couple of adjustments to the 8am and 11am services 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.

Vacancy in See

With Bishop Martin's retirement planned for the end of February 2025, a discernment process is underway to find the next Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The process is being overseen by the Vacancy in See Committee, a statutory committee which has a permanent existence but only meets when there is a vacancy in the diocesan bishopric. The Vacancy in See Committee is in the process of producing a Statement of Needs, which outlines the strengths of the Diocese, the challenges facing it and the qualities the Committee believes the new bishop will need. As part of this process they will be holding a public meeting to hear everyone's views.

Public Meeting

Wednesday 17 July from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

To register please click here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

The public meeting will be chaired by Bishop Mike. The Appointment Secretaries of both the Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury will be present to provide a short introduction, outline the process and give details of the appointment timetable.

This will be followed by a period of listening, during which attendees are invited to comment on the needs of the Diocese and the characteristics and qualities needed in the next Bishop.

This is a great opportunity to be part of the discernment process. The meeting is open to all.

General Synod July 2024

Some members of the PCC and others are attending the Leading your Church into Growth course in Debenham this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Please click [here](#) for relevant information, documents and papers for the July 2024 group of sessions.

Kagera Link Diocese News



You may be aware that in late July, Rev Sarah and family are travelling to Tanzania to build links with the Dioceses of Kagera, Lweru and Biharamulo.

In conversations with Bishop Darlington this week, we have agreed that where we can 'buy locally' to support the work of the Dioceses, we will do so. We hope that while we are there, we will be able to buy blankets, for example, to support the 96 children with additional needs that Penina teaches.

Following their school concert this week, the children of St Margaret's Primary School collected cash donations which we hope to use to buy a large play parachute. If there are further cash donations, we will take some other specialist play equipment with us.

We also hope to support girls' education by enabling them to be in school more easily when they have their period.

To do this we are planning to take with us as many pairs of reusable, washable period pants as we can accumulate. You have time to buy online, from the

supermarkets or in town if you would like to join in with this by leaving any such gifts in the food bank box in church.

Do invite friends, family and neighbours to join in!

Ipswich Music Day



Ipswich Music Day is happening tomorrow in Christchurch park and in venues around the park including our Church. The programme for St Margaret's is as follows:

14.00-14.45 Suffolk Youth Jazz Orchestra

14.55-15.40 Trianon Music Group

15.50-16.25 Funky Voices

Ipswich Amnesty Group



Ipswich Amnesty Writes...

You or your representatives are invited to a thanksgiving service to be held at the Unitarian Meeting House at 10.45 on 7th July to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Ipswich Amnesty Group which started there. The service will be attended by the Mayor of Ipswich and followed by refreshments and the planting of a commemorative rose and plaque. The Unitarians are in Friars Street IP1 1TD.

Summer 2024

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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welcoming people of all faiths and none



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 9th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 12th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 14th July

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Parish Communion

Tuesday 16th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 19th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st July

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Cafe Church

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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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.

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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**

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