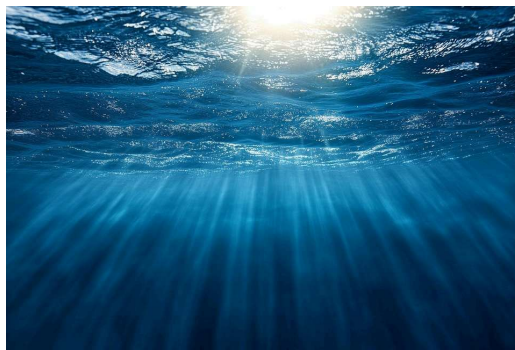




Sunday 9th August 2026

Trinity 10



Call it out!

It's not uncommon these days, for things to be 'called out': a public naming of something that is not right. It can lead to changed behaviours or systems. It can also leave people reeling from the consequences. In our reading this week, Jesus calls out his disciple Peter - in particular his lack of faith. Not to crush Peter, or shame him, but to help him to understand: fear is a stumbling block for trust and yet a deficit of trust, leads to fear. Understanding builds trust and helps lead to action.

We know that the storms are round about us: heatwaves from climate change, shifts in the social contract, debt increasing, young people struggling to find work or purpose. We have seen in Thetford this week, an outworking of fear that has arisen from the lack of trust in systems and processes. The waters are no longer calm.

As people of faith, even sometimes only little faith, as we sail into uncharted waters, we will have things to attend to. Like Peter, some of us at St Margaret's will need to get out of the perceived safety of the boat we have sailed in for some time, bringing with it a change of perspective. And to quote Chief Brody's character from that famous 1970's film Jaws, 'we're gonna need a bigger boat'! This is not about church becoming the Ark, battening down the hatches to sail through the storm - church needs to be a place everyone can find refuge. Turn the church upside down and the nave roof is the hull of the boat. Is St Margaret's ready to welcome everyone?

Vicar Sarah

You might like to prayerfully reflect on all of this as you listen to [Oceans](#).

August Prayer Diary

Services this Week

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

Sunday 9th August

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10am Cafe church

2.30pm - 6pm Bellringing with afternoon tea, in church and the church centre. All are welcome.

Please see flyer below for more information.

6pm Choral communion (L)

Tuesday 11th August

8 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 12th August

12 pm Holy Communion

Friday 14th August

8 am Morning Prayer in Church

Saturday 15th August

8.30am Men's breakfast in the church centre

We look forward to welcoming you to St Margaret's Church. ***Parking is available in St Margaret's School car park for weekend services.*** During the week, the children are in school and we cannot use the playground as a car park. Please drive slowly and carefully through the gates. We are grateful for our partnership with the school. The church will be open daily for private prayer, reflection and visiting from 10am to 4pm.

Parking during the school holidays.

Please note that the 'top' car park is out of action as the wall repairs take place during the school holidays and there is skip on the disabled parking space. If you need help to park your car or with wheelchair assistance, do let us know.

[Click here for Livestreaming](#)

Lectionary

This Sunday

Romans 10.5-15 ([KJV](#))([NRSVUE](#))

Matthew 14.22-33 ([KJV](#))([NRSVUE](#))

Read in traditional language - King James Version - at the 8am service and from the New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) at other times.

Church News

please pray for the life of this church as we seek to grow in faith, hope and love

Tomorrow (Sunday) - Ringing and afternoon tea



YOU ARE INVITED

to Ringing & Afternoon Tea

We give thanks and celebrate John Girt's faithful service following his retirement from the role of Tower Captain

Sunday, 9th August 2026

2.30pm Come and Ring (or watch/listen)

3.30pm Tea in the Church Centre

5pm Ringing for 6pm Service

John Girt retired from the role of Tower Captain at St Margaret's in April 2026 when Colin Salter was appointed as our new ringing master. All are welcome as we celebrate John and all volunteer ringers, giving thanks for bellringing. Whatever your connection, whether a member of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, a member of the congregation or community at St Margaret's, or just curious to come along, you will be very welcome.

Please RSVP to Tower Secretary, Angie Cable, who will also be pleased to receive offers of food for the Afternoon Tea: angiecable42@gmail.com

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St. Margaret's Church
IPSWICH

Wanted!

Does anyone have something like this we could borrow while we have a good sort out of our choir and clergy robes please? Robes are heavy so it needs to be reasonably sturdy. Do let Maureen Garrett know via Lucy in the church office.

Thank you!



Reflections on Archdeacon Prayer event

St. Margaret's hosted 69 people for the Archdeacon's prayer event last week, including members of St. Margaret's congregation, and visiting clergy. The evening was a part of the Diocese refreshing its 'Growing in God ' vision, and involved refreshments, prayers, collecting feedback on what's happening in our church and across the diocese, and sharing traditional and contemporary music from across St Margaret's worshipping traditions.

The vicar received thanks and positive feedback from people who attended the event, with comments ranging from the warm welcome, to hospitality and music. Many thanks to everyone who attended, and was involved in making this event so successful.

If you were unable to attend the event but would like to share your feedback with the Diocese as part of this process, an online survey is available [here](#), until 28th August (approx length 20m).

Summer Family Morning

After much thought and prayers, we won't be running Family Mornings during this summer holiday. To give people a break and to start to plan for a sustainable future for our specific children and families work, a month without extra events is needed. Thanks to those who said they could help, but now you can relax! Together will be meeting as usual on Thursday the 20th of August, so all are welcome to come along and offers to help will be greatly received.

Choir

Please continue to pray for our choir director, Christopher Tinker who has returned home from hospital to recuperate. Amanda Lockyer is with us over the summer. Choir practice will usually continue on Thursday evenings, 7-8pm. If you have any queries about music in the meantime, or are thinking about joining or re-joining the choir, do email music.stmagsips@gmail.com

PCC

Jonathan McNabb has resigned as a PCC member and has joined URC church in Castle Hill. That currently means there are 2 vacancies on the PCC. If you are curious about becoming a PCC member please speak to Bart or Sarah.

A job advert from 'Family First', our neighbour on St. Margaret's Street

Do share with anyone who may be interested.

We are hiring! Family Worker (Part-Time, Self-Employed)

Could you be our new Family Worker? We are looking for a compassionate and motivated individual to join our team in a part-time, self-employed role of up to 12 hours per week.

The successful candidate will:

- Understand and support the Christian ethos and values of Family First.
- Have a passion for helping families thrive and build resilience.
- Be committed to making a positive difference in the lives of children and families.
- For more information, an informal discussion, or to request an application pack, please contact: Sarah Stapleton, Service Lead, 07936 008199 Sarah.Stapleton@familyfirst-uk.org; <https://www.familyfirst-uk.org/>



musicians & singers

Make a Joyful Noise

**offer your instrument and/or your voice
in singing songs of praise to God**

We enjoy a wonderful variety of music at St Margaret's and long for all musicians and singers in this community to share their God-given musicality. Each month we get together to rehearse and arrange the music for our services.

Choir
Thursdays 7-8pm

Musicians and Singers
Mondays 7-9pm

- 27th July - rehearsing for Aug. & start of Sept.
- 14th September 2026
- 26th October 2026
- 30th November 2026
- 11th January 2027
- 22nd February 2027

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A vibrant, autumn-themed poster for a community event. The title 'Harvest Around the World in Food' is written in a mix of orange, green, and blue fonts. The word 'Harvest' is in a large, orange, cursive font. 'Around the World' is in a green, cursive font. 'in' is in a small, orange, cursive font. 'FOOD' is in large, bold, block letters: 'F' is red, 'O' is green, 'O' is orange, and 'D' is blue. The poster is decorated with various food items: a bowl of couscous, a bowl of spaghetti, a plate of samosas, a plate of hummus and falafel, a bowl of grapes, and a bowl of tomatoes. There are also pumpkins, autumn leaves, and a banner with flags from India, China, Mexico, Jamaica, and France. A tag on the left says 'A celebration of food, faith and community' with a red heart. Icons for a calendar, clock, location pin, cooking pot, and wine glass are used to highlight the event details. The background is a light beige color with a subtle pattern of autumn leaves and pumpkins.

Harvest
Around the World
in
FOOD

A celebration of food, faith and community

DATE:
Saturday 26th September

TIME:
5-7:30pm

VENUE:
St Margaret's Church Centre
Parking St Margaret's Primary School

Bring a dish to share

Bring your own drinks

Please let Naomi know what you are bringing and also include ingredients for allergies!

Naomi_wingrove@yahoo.com
for more information

Growing Deeper



Thanksgiving

Giving thanks for holidays and time out during August, whether we are away or closer to home.

For bellringing: John Girt's faithful service as Tower Captain at St. Margaret's; Collin Salter, the new Ringing Master; and our team of volunteer ringers.

Prayer

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses and passers-by this week, as we pray for Blanche Street, Bolton Lane, and St. Margaret's Green.

Support

Remember our Pastoral Team is here to support members of the St Margaret's community, whether ill or in need of a friendly listening ear, details can be found towards the bottom of this email.

Social Action

Please remember we have a box at the back of the church all year round to collect contributions of food and toiletries.

Growing Greener

Green Tip of the week : Could you cycle?

This is a good time of year to get on your bike, so why not try it if you haven't cycled for a while.

Not only will you keep fit, but you won't be burning any carbon either.

Our thanks to the Reverend Richard Stainer for the weekly Green Tips.



Forthcoming Services and Events

Sunday 16th August

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10am Family Communion (L)

6pm Time Out

Tuesday 18th August

8 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 19th August

12 pm Holy Communion (No lunch afterwards)

Thursday 20th August

3.15-5pm Together in the church centre

Friday 21st August

8 am Morning Prayer in church

Sunday 23rd August

8 am BCP Holy Communion

10am Parish Worship (L)

6pm Choral evensong (L)

Tuesday 25th August

8 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 26th August

12 pm Holy Communion

Friday 28th August

8 am Morning Prayer in church

Saturday 29th August

9.30am Breakfast for ALL

Save The Dates

Saturday 12th September - Ride and Stride / Heritage Open Day and 3pm Hymns & Pimms

Saturday 26th September - Bring & Share Harvest Supper 'Around the World' 5-7.30pm

Saturday 17th October - 'Floetry' - a concert performed by Suffolk Chamber Choir

Saturday 21st November - Quiz Night

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:**Revd Sarah Geileskey - Vicar**Email: revsarahgeileskey@gmail.com

Address: The Vicarage, 32 Constable Road, IP4 2UW

Telephone: 07841 687879

Sarah's rest days are usually Thursday each week and the second Friday of each month**Revd Helen Prior-Townsend - Curate**Email: helenptstmags@gmail.com

Telephone: 07541 707543

Helen's rest days are usually Monday each week and every fourth Tuesday of each month.**George Woodward - Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)**Email: reader.stmagsips@gmail.com

Telephone: 07990 573258

George's quiet days tend to be Wednesdays and Fridays.**Churchwardens**

Bart Bisbal

Email: churchwardens.stmagsips@gmail.com

Telephone: 07495 759203

OfficeEmail: office.stmagsips@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm

Number: 07733 609661 and leave a message.

Church Office and Contacts during the Church Administrator's period of Maternity Leave**We are looking forward to Lucy returning to the church office at the end of July 2026.**

We are taking the opportunity to rationalise email addresses. With immediate effect, please use office.stmagsips@gmail.com for all correspondence. We are still trying to maintain the current office opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays 9.30am - 2.30pm but this is not always possible, so if you have a particular reason for visiting the office, do email or call ahead of time to confirm.

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 pastoralteam.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
Frederike Jacob is our assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer

More information on how you can report any safeguarding concerns is available from The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich [here](#)

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