



# St. Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H

## The First Sunday of Epiphany

### Sunday (9th January)

#### 8am Holy Communion

*a Prayer Book communion service with no music*

#### 9:30am Rise and Shine

*a 30-minute service in the church with the Music Group for all ages with activities and bible stories*

#### 11am Parish Communion

*a modern language service in church with the Choir*

Click on [this link to join this Service](#) via Youtube at the time or later

### Wednesday (12th January)

#### 7:30pm Evening Prayer

*Evening Prayer in church*

This weeks readings - [Acts 8 vv 14 - 17](#) and [Luke 3 vv 15 - 22](#)

**Parking is available in St Margaret's School car park during the above services** (for which we are grateful to the school). Please don't leave your car while you go elsewhere!

*The church is normally open Sunday afternoons until 3pm and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 3pm.*

[Click here for the January 2022 Prayer Diary](#)



## Latest Covid Precautions

You will probably be aware that government restrictions changed recently. Everyone (unless exempt) is now required to wear a face covering while in church.

Although there is a government exemption while singing, we suggest that the congregation still use coverings whenever possible.

The choir won't be wearing face masks to sing, but they have all individually decided to accept the proximity of others. They will only be singing in the choir stalls, and there will be no processions from and to the back of church, so they will be a long way from the congregation .

We are also roping-off pews at busier services, so that we can maintain social distancing between groups.

Hand sanitiser will continue to be available on entry to the church, and we will not yet be offering the wine at communion.

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Congratulations to Helen Prior-Townsend, who will be licensed as a Lay Evangelist at St Edmundsbury Cathedral next Sunday - 16th January 3:30pm



We are sorry not to have been able to give more notice, but the Cathedral have only just confirmed the details. Everyone is welcome to the service to support Helen but it would help the Cathedral's planning if people could notify Helen [helenptstmags@gmail.com](mailto:helenptstmags@gmail.com) if they are coming.

The Cathedral's Covid arrangements include ... *For covid-safety, face-coverings are required at all times in the cathedral, cathedral centre, cloisters and common areas. Although not mandatory for singing, we strongly recommend that face-coverings are worn during the singing of hymns also. Hand sanitiser is widely available around the cathedral. We recommend, if possible, that you and your guests take a lateral flow covid test on the day of the service, as a way of playing our part in keeping everyone covid-free.*

The service will be livestreamed from [www.facebook.com/stedscathedral/posts](https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral/posts) so that family, friends and supporters can join 'virtually' if not physically.

SUN 23 JAN | 2.30 - 3.30PM  
ST MARGARET'S CHURCHYARD



*Litter Pick*

The start and end point will be at the church. Bring gloves and a flask of hot drink.

FOR NATURE LOVERS OF ALL AGES TO EXPLORE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN OUTDOOR SPACES.





We have received a letter of thanks for our donations of Christmas Fayre, Lego and Gift vouchers to FIND's Christmas Appeal. It says ...

*Our volunteers distributed boxes of food, gift vouchers and Christmas fayre to over 500 households in time for Christmas and these were much appreciated by those who received them.*

*After all the festivities we are now back to our usual work. The Food Bank is busier than ever, so we shall rely on our supporters continuing to make their donations of food to keep our shelves stocked, and requests for household goods we know will continue. In the coming months many more people will find it difficult to cope financially as not only have Universal Credit payments been withdrawn but food and utility bills are increasing.*

*Our thanks go to everyone for your support for our work amongst those in real need.*

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Our regular monthly pattern of services ...

<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>using the Book of Common Prayer (traditional language), without music</i>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Rise and Shine</b> <i>a short service for all the family, with activities &amp; songs; also including Holy Communion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month</i>
<b>11am</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month: <b>Parish Communion</b> * <i>a modern language service with hymns (accompanied by organ &amp; choir)</i> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month: <b>Morning Service</b> * <i>an informal service with songs (accompanied by piano, guitars &amp; singers)</i> When there is a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month: <b>Morning Prayer</b> * <i>a traditional service using the Book of Common Prayer, with hymns (with organ &amp; choir)</i>
<b>2.30pm</b>	Only on 23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 20 <sup>th</sup> February and 13 <sup>th</sup> March: <b>Green Church</b> <i>an outdoor service for nature-lovers of all ages to explore the Christian faith (held in the churchyard)</i>
<b>6.30pm</b>	Only on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month: <b>Choral Evensong</b> <i>a choral setting of a traditional evening service</i>

\* These services are usually also "livestreamed" on the Internet

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