



• *Weekly news, readings and prayers*

Sunday 13th July 2025

4th Sunday after Trinity

This Sunday at the 9.30am and 11am services we hear one of the most familiar parables, one that most people, including those who may not count themselves as Christians will know, one that named an organisation that exists to help those in crisis. The Good Samaritan.

One that as followers of God, we know inside out and some of us may be able to recite without looking at the text.

We may know the parable, but do we live it? Do we walk past that person in need because they may be different than ourselves? Our society can be seen as fractured, there are many things that may cause us misery, or worry but watch out for the small stuff – the helping of one another, those in need getting a smile from someone else can literally change their day. Many small acts across society done with humility, with grace all mount up.

Be the Samaritan when you can, whether a small act of courage to help someone who may be seen as 'other' or bigger acts for things we are passionate about. You can be a teenager volunteering or an 83-year-old retired priest at a demonstration. These acts are how God's love and mercy can keep spreading and be noticed by 1 or 1,000's

THANK YOU!

I want to express my thanks to all those who helped me celebrate my ordination as Priest! Whether you were at the cathedral, at Church for my first communion service, watched either on line, if you prayed and to all those who have so generously sent cards and presents, each act has been taken with great joy! I am looking forward to continuing my work with everyone at St Margaret's as my curacy continues. With prayers to all

Rev Helen

Services

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

Livestreaming

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

09.30 am Rise and Shine

11.00am Parish Communion (L)

We look forward to welcoming you to St Margaret's Church.

Parking is available in St Margaret's School car park during these services. Please drive slowly and carefully through the gates. We are grateful for our partnership with the school.

The church is open daily for private prayer, reflection and visiting from 10am to 4pm.

Lectiionary

This Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion

Romans 8.18-23

Luke 6.36-42

11am Parish Communion

Deuteronomy 30.9-14

Colossians 1.1-14

Luke 10.25-37

Church News

Strawberry Afternoon Tea

The Cornerstones afternoon tea will take place on the 23rd July in the Gladwyn Room from 2.30-4pm. Everyone welcome. Any questions please contact Maggie Conder on 07933 336808.

Butterfly Count

Come and join us for a Butterfly count in the Churchyard on Saturday 26th at 10am. All welcome.

Old Phone

Does anyone have an old phone linked to Vodafone they're not using and would be happy to donate to the Church office? Our current phone is on it's last legs so are on the lookout for a new one and thought we would be eco and try and reuse an older phone. It doesn't have to be a really

fancy smartphone. If you have one you would be happy to donate please email verger.stmagsips@gmail.com.

Come and Sing

An opportunity to join our choir for a special choral evensong on the 27th July. Arrival is at 3.45pm for practice from 4pm and then the service at 5.30pm.

Music:

Evening Service in D minor - Thomas Attwood

O for a closer walk with God - Charles Villiers Stanford

Responses (5 part) - William Smith

Plus hymns and a psalm

Music will be available on the day. Refreshments are being served following this service.

Please contact the organist, Christopher Tinker, to join this event:

Phone or text 07513 420792

Email c.tinker@uwclub.net

All welcome.

Christian Aid

A message from June and Peter Youngs...

Recently Westminster Abbey hosted a Service of Thanksgiving and Reflection marking the 80th Anniversary of Christian Aid. Born at the end of the Second World War, churches in Britain and Ireland united to support refugees. Rooted in the call for justice, mercy and humility, this service was more than a moment of celebration - it was a reminder of why it began and why it continues to shape its mission and insist that communities which are affected by poverty must lead the response. At the end of the service the congregation renewed their commitment to build a world where every person can live a full life free from poverty. It was a most inspiring service which we, June and Peter were very fortunate to attend.

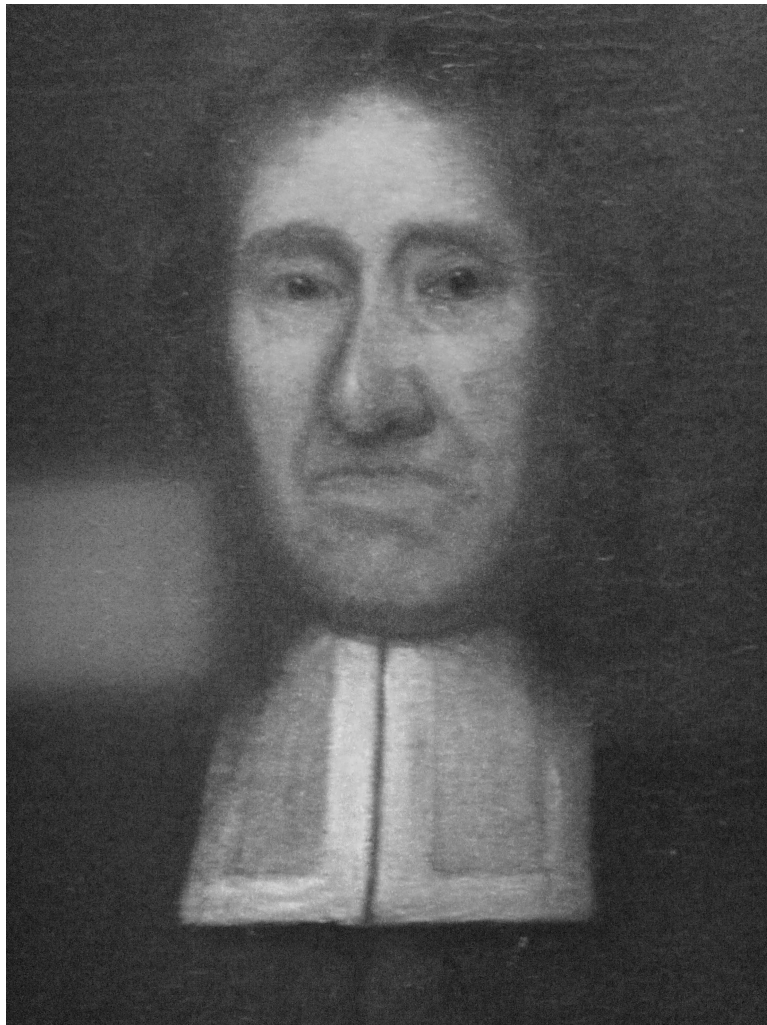
Growing Deeper

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses passers-by this week as we pray for Norfolk and Suffolk Road.

We give thanks and pray for community connections

July Prayer Diary

Did you know?



Did you know?....

That William Dowsing, although not the first to remove images from churches in Suffolk and Essex recorded in his diary of 1644 that:

“Margarett’s Jan. 30 (1644). There was 12 Apostles in stone taken down and between 20-30 superstitious pictures to be taken down, which the godly man, a churchwarden promised to do”.

For more information see The Loss of our Medieval Heritage information at <https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org.uk/assets/Uploads/The-Loss-of-our-Med-Heritage-v10.pdf>

Growing Greener

Eco Tip of the week

Did you know that a lot of normal high-street sunscreen is bad for the planet? With pollutants that damage marine life, it’s a smart idea to switch up your sun protection this year for something more eco-friendly!

Loving God · Care for Creation · Love Our Global Neighbours

Calendar

Anything underlined you can click and it will take you through to the website for more information.

Join in daily with Morning Prayer from across Suffolk live at 8.30am or click any time during the day to catch up. You do not have to have a Facebook account to join in - just click on the link <https://www.facebook.com/share/15aAbJZnN6/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

This Week

Tuesday 15th July

8.00am Morning Prayer in St Margaret's VAP School

Thursday 15th July

3.15pm Together Community. Storytelling, prayer, creativity, communion and a meal together. (Church Centre)

Friday 18th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th July

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Café Church

11.00am Parish Communion

Upcoming

Wednesday 23rd July

2.30 - 4pm Cornerstones Strawberry Afternoon Tea. All welcome. (Church Centre)

Saturday 26th July

10am A butterfly count in the Churchyard.

Sunday 27th July

Special service of Choral Evensong with refreshments served afterwards - a special service celebrating the end of the week of our patronal festival - sponsored with thanks by The Choral Evensong Trust.

1st, 15th and 29th August

Family Activity Mornings (Church Centre) Morning of activities for all ages followed by lunch together.

Saturday 9th - Monday 25th August

'Be Ye Men of Valour' 80th WW2 Anniversary VE-VJ Day. Exhibition launch event with distinguished guests, drinks and light refreshments, the story of a young man from St Margaret's Primary school and music to mark the occasion. All are welcome. Doors open 6.00pm.

Save the Date**13th and 14th September**

Ride and Stride and Heritage Open Days. More information to follow...

28th September

Harvest Festival

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:**The Revd Sarah Geileskey**

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

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Helen is a Curate, working full time. Her rest days are usually Monday each week and every fourth Tuesday of each month.

Churchwardens

Email: churchwardens.stmagsips@gmail.com

Office

Email: verger.stmagsips@gmail.com

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

Number: 07733 609661 and leave a message.

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

Lucy Collins - Parish Safeguarding Officer and PCC Secretary. Email verger.stmagsips@gmail.com

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

Items for next week's sheet to the Verger 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.