



• *Weekly news, readings and prayers* **Sunday 29th June 2025**

2nd Sunday after Trinity - St Peter & St Paul

How are you called to serve God and neighbour?

As Revd Helen is ordained Priest this afternoon (2.30pm at St Edmundsbury Cathedral - all welcome, or

[join online here](#)

) we see how faith is lived out, not just in the words that are spoken prayerfully in church on Sundays, or through the songs we sing, but in action. James 2:17 reminds us that faith without works, is dead. We rejoice with Revd Helen, though we recognise that not all are called to ordained ministry. But we are all called to an active ministry in God's service. Active ministry may take different forms - how do you currently serve God and God's church?

I have recently been approached about the possibility a 'drop-in café' in the church over the summer months and into September. Others have wondered about a space for those who are creative, to bring their current projects, or to work on projects that might benefit the church or wider community - a variation of a prayerful, faithful 'knit and natter' group, of sorts. These conversations make me wonder how the Holy Spirit is working among us - stirring us up, perhaps?

The Holy Spirit often disrupts in us life's comforts and comforts in us life's disruptions.

If you are a little too comfortable - beware! The Holy Spirit may be at work, calling you to commit to something new. Dare you echo the words of Mary as you leave the past behind and say 'Yes Lord'... 'let it be to me according to your word'?

And if you've said 'Yes, Lord' already... and recently followed God's invitation in a way that is disrupted life as you have known it, may God use your disruption to help others find faith and hope and love.

During the ordination service, ordinands are reminded of these words:

"You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged and your understanding of the Scriptures enlightened.

Pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit."

As you pray these words for Revd Helen as she faithfully gives up what has been and commits to God's call on her life, pray them for yourself too. What do you think God is calling you to commit to... and in what way will that call build up the whole community here at St Margaret's?

Do let me know!

Revd Sarah

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**10.00 am**

Rev Helen first service of Holy Communion. We welcome the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Revd Canon Stuart Batten, to preach this morning.

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.

Lectionary

dThis Sunday 8am BCP Holy Communion [1 John 3.13-24](#) [Luke 16.19-31](#)

10am Revd Helen first Service of Holy Communion [Zechariah 4.1-6a](#) [10b-end](#) [Acts 12.1-11](#)
[Matthew 16.13-19](#)

Church News

Ipswich Twilight 10k

On Friday 18th of July Rev Helen's husband Richard is running the Ipswich Twilight 10k to raise money for our Children and Families work at St Margaret's. If you are able to sponsor him for this you can do so via the link below.

Many Thanks [Crowdfunding For Good From Just Giving](#) **Old AV System Equipment**

We have had our wonderful AV system in place for quite a while now but we will have some equipment from our old system being stored in the Church that needs a new home. If anyone is interested in any of the items we will be accepting emailed bids for them. Please email verger.stmagsips@gmail.com with the name of your item/s you would like to bid for and the bid by 6th July. Please click

[here](#) for items including pictures.

Vacancy - Church Administrator (Maternity Leave Cover)

Approximate start date mid-late July/early August 2025.

15 hours per week. Approx. £26,000 FTE salary pro rata.

We are looking for someone who is discreet, organised and can work both independently and as part of a team. You will be willing to work at our church office on Bolton Lane. We hope you will have some office experience and will enjoy contact with people. An understanding of church life is desirable, but not necessary. For further information and an application pack please email

hr.stmagsips@gmail.com or leave a message on 07733 609661

Please note that as part of our safer recruitment process for this role, the application form includes a personal confidential declaration to be signed and any job offer made will require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to be undertaken.

Closing date for completed applications: Friday 11th July 2025

Interviews will take place in the Church Centre on: Friday, 18th July 2025

Anniversary Exhibition Invitation "BE YE MEN OF VALOUR" Winston Churchill

The Ipswich War Memorial Project would like to cordially invite you all to the launch night of their VE VJ Day 80th Anniversary Exhibition here at St. Margaret's Church, on Friday, 8th August.

Drinks and light refreshments will be served from 18:00hrs with a short presentation by Mr. Andrew Beal of the I.W.M.P. at 18:30hrs.

This 80th Anniversary Exhibition will display family, squadron, regiment, and newspaper photographs of our brave men and women of Ipswich.

New Bishop Announced

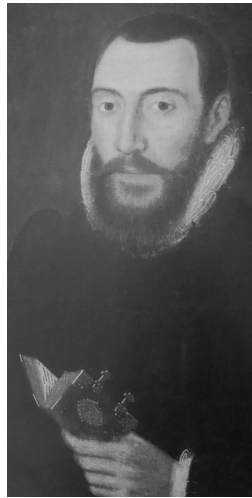
A highly experienced Bishop has been chosen to lead the Church of England in Suffolk, as Downing Street announced her appointment yesterday. The Rt Revd Dr Joanne Grenfell, 53, has been Bishop of Stepney, an area bishop in the Diocese of London, since 2019. She is also the lead Bishop for safeguarding in the Church of England nationally and has now been appointed the new diocesan bishop for Suffolk.

Bishop Joanne succeeds the Rt Revd Martin Seeley who retired after 10 years in the county earlier this year and who was recently awarded the Suffolk Medal for his commitment to the county, leading with wisdom and humility.

Married with three children, Bishop Joanne will be the first woman to lead the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. For more information please

[click here](#)

Did you know?



That during the reign of Elizabeth I the Ipswich Town Corporation appointed a series of Puritan Town Preachers. Samuel Ward was one of the fieriest and had to flee to Holland in 1638. Learn more about [The Loss of our Medieval Heritage on our website](#).

Growing Deeper

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

We give thanks and pray for community connections:

- This week Pip the dog joined in at St Margaret's weekly worship and helped the children to think about God and faithfulness.

[June Prayer Diary](#)

[July Prayer Diary](#)

Growing Greener

Eco Tip of the week

The average individual carbon footprint of St Margaret's is 9.23 tonnes of CO2

If you wish to anonymously contribute to this average, then please calculate your carbon footprint at home using Climate Stewards calculator which is at the link:

<https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/>

and bring in your anonymous answer on a piece of paper to post in a letter box in Church from where the average footprint will be updated. .

If you have any queries you can ask Charles Croydon for help by texting mobile number 07777 929122

or you can be in touch with the church eco-team by emailing ecochurch.stmagsips@gmail.com

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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 1st July 8.00am Morning Prayer in St Margaret's VAP School **Friday 4th July**

8.00am Morning Prayer **Sunday 6th July** 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Parish Communion **Upcoming Sunday 6th July**

[Ipswich Music Day](#)

Christchurch Park - Concerts in St Margaret's Church from 1.50pm: Ipswich Choral Society, Martlesham Brass, Ipswich Hospital Community Choir and Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir.

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 **agift in your will**or making **adonation 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:

Email: revsarahgeileskey@gmail.com

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

The Revd Sarah Geileskey Telephone: 07841 687879

Sarah's rest days are usually

Thursday each week and the second Friday of each month **Ordinand Helen Prior-Townsend** Email:

helenptstmags@gmail.com Telephone: 07540 394179 **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 tpastoralteam.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.