



- *Weekly news, readings and prayers*
Sunday 6th July 2025
3rd Sunday after Trinity

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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.

Lectionary

This Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion1 Peter 5.5b-11Luke 15.1-10**11am Parish Communion**Isaiah 66.10-14Galatians 6.7-16Luke 10.1-11 16-20

Church News

Men's Breakfast - TODAY

Come and join men's breakfast this morning from 8.30am in the Church Centre for bacon rolls and fellowship.

Ipswich Music Today - TOMORROW

Do come and join us from 1.50pm in the Church for Ipswich Music Day where will be hosting 4 music groups which are Ipswich Choral Society, Martlesham Brass, Ipswich Hospital Community Choir and Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir.

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 TODAY. Please click [here](#) for items including pictures.

Eco Talk

The Reverend Dr Hannah Malcolm will talk on 'Place and the Local' at Ipswich Minster at 7 pm on 10.July. Her dissertation was on a political theology of climate and ecological grief. Hannah edited the SCM Press collection *[Words for a Dying World: Stories of Grief and Courage from the Global Church](#)* (2020). All welcome.

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.

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.

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.

Growing Deeper

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses passers-by this week as we pray for Ivry Street and St Edmunds Road.

We give thanks and pray for community connections

July Prayer Diary

Growing Greener

Eco Tip of the week

July is 'Plastic Free July' which is a global movement that aims to reduce single use plastic pollution. Perhaps we can all take little steps such as reusable shopping bags, cutlery and coffee cups.

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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 8th July

8.00am Morning Prayer in St Margaret's VAP School

Friday 11th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 13th July

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise and Shine

11.00am Parish Communion

Upcoming

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

Offeritory

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

Ordinand Helen Prior-Townsend

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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

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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.