



St. Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H

This Church Year features the Gospel of Mark

The Third Sunday of Easter **Sunday 14th April 2024**

8am Holy Communion

A thirty-minute Prayer Book service in traditional language with no music.

[1 Peter 2.19-25](#) and [John 10.11-16](#)

9:30am Rise & Shine

A service for all ages. Includes a creative activity and/or discussion and/or quiet reflection for people of any age. All welcome. Refreshments after the service.

11am Morning Worship

With the choir leading the music, congregational hymns and refreshments after the service: an opportunity to worship and to enjoy fellowship.

We will be using the new audio-visual equipment for the first time this week so please bear with us as we get used to the new system. You should be able to join the livestream [here](#).

Sunday's lectionary readings:

[Acts 3.12-19](#) and [Luke 24.36b-48](#)

Parking is available in St Margaret's School car park during these services

(for which we are grateful to the school).

The church is open daily from 10am to 4pm

[Click here for the April Prayer Diary](#)

Easter tide
Stations of the Resurrection



I wonder if you've ever tried to document for yourself the various appearances the Jesus made following the resurrection? Many artists and creative folk have produced their own artwork, imagery, or poetry as a way to enter more deeply into the wonder of it all.... of a reality that is so hard to grasp!

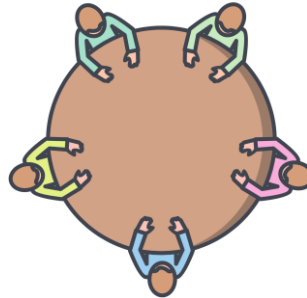
Consider 'The Stations of the Resurrection'.... like the journey to the cross before Easter, we are now on a journey with Jesus towards the ascension, for we shall see him for just a little longer before forty days after Easter, the resurrected Lord ascends, taking up his place at the right hand of God.

Make the most of this time to see for yourself who Jesus is to you today. Perhaps you'll write a few words. Sketch an outline... make and break bread, eat fish, or take your own walk along the 'Emmaus Road' as you travel on foot through Christchurch Park or along the road to Woodbridge (or elsewhere!) pondering the times you have known Jesus' presence with you.

As we hear and read again about Jesus' resurrection appearances, find ways to enact them for yourself: you might suddenly catch a new glimpse, a brief revelation of Christ being with you.

Vicar Sarah

Annual Parochial Church Meeting



The ACPM is taking place in the Church at 12.30pm on Sunday 28th April.

Churchwarden Margaret has approached a number of folk to bring together a series of brief written updates on various areas of church life and activity during 2023. Thank you to those who have written them. Along with the ACPM agenda, the 2023 Church Accounts and the 2023 Electoral Roll will be published on 12th April. Please see link below to access the documents (there will also be some hard copies at the back of the church)

<https://stmargaretsipswich.org.uk/church-life/apcm-2024/>

Sarah Milner will finish serving as PCC Secretary after the ACPM.

Margaret Woodward is willing to serve a third successive year as churchwarden should she be elected.

Tim Lockington, Richard Jackson and Melanie Quinton are coming to the end of their three year terms of office so, with vacancies that have been carried we are now looking to appoint up to six PCC members. If you are considering serving in this way, please speak with Vicar Sarah who will arrange for church administrator Lucy to provide you with the relevant forms to secure the names of someone willing to nominate you and second your candidacy.

AV Project



The new AV system is now almost in place. Many thanks to DM Music as well as Andy Turpin, Stuart Quinton and Steve Roberts and others for the time they've dedicated to the project.

The hearing loop has now been fully extended into the church so if you are a hearing aid user you should be able to sit anywhere in the church. Over the next few weeks it would be really helpful if you could sit somewhere different to usual to help us to test the loop does work and please send us any feedback.

The loop also goes into the Lady Chapel but due to the configuration of the cabling it might be disproportionately louder so please don't be surprised if this is the case and again, please send us any feedback.

Speakers have now been extended into the choir.

We are going to endeavour to livestream this weekend using the new equipment. Please see the links at the top of the page to access.

The two projectors in the side aisles are awaiting lenses so they won't be in action until this is completed - we hope the wait won't be too long!

We thank you in advance for your patience while we learn and get to grips with the new system. All feedback is appreciated.

Once you see the system in action, you may be moved to make a donation towards the cost of the installation... in which case, Treasurer John Grierson

will be pleased to hear from you. Thank you!

Church Opening



The church will be open for a short time today from 10.30, if anyone needs to check on their flowers or similar.

Coffee Rota



We have many wonderful volunteers within the church and we are looking for some extra volunteers to join the rota to serve coffee on a Sunday after the services.

If you can volunteer, even if it's just once in a while, please speak with Maggie

Conder, or sign up on the rota at the back of church and ask someone else whose name you see on the rota to share their coffee wisdom with you.

Church Pew for Sale

One of our church pews is for sale that had to be taken out for the new AV system.

We are going to do this via a silent auction with bids in sealed envelopes.

The pew measures 2060mm wide and will be in the church office to view. To arrange a viewing and/or drop in sealed bids please drop into the church office.

Lucy works Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-2.30pm in the office.

The bids will open immediately and close on Monday, 6th May 2023. Bids will be opened on the morning of Tuesday, 7th May .



Old sound cabinet for sale

The old sound cabinet will be going to the tip this week but if anyone is

interested in taking it for their shed or garage please let us know. It will be FOC.

It measures 1230mm by 650mm by 1400mm.

Please email verger.stmagsips@gmail.com if interested.



Deanery Conference



I shall be attending this event and if anyone would like to join me, please do!
Vicar Sarah

Please book your place here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/growing-younger-growing-youth-growing-you-ips-deanery-conference-2024-tickets-856946097847?aff=oddtcreator>

Financial Healthcheck

I wonder how you've been getting on, thinking and praying about this? Adam and I have been saying that we must get around to changing our monthly giving - it's easy to get in touch with the Parish Giving Scheme, we just haven't done it yet. So here's my pledge - to get it done this week!

How about you?

There is lots of information at the end of this weekly newsletter about how you can give in response to God's generosity and in support of the ministry and mission in this place. Without regular giving, we would not survive as a church family.

If you've not taken one of the leaflets home, there are some available at the back of the church - do pick one up and remember that it all adds up!

Thanks, Vicar Sarah.

Prayerful action: how shall I help?

Planned Giving:
If you do not yet give regularly through the parish giving scheme, please prayerfully and sincerely consider the possibility.
If you already give regularly, is your gift keeping pace with your and the church's circumstances?
Through the parish giving scheme, as circumstances change you can easily amend the amount that you give.
Is this something to consider today?
If you are a taxpayer, have you signed a Gift Aid declaration form enabling the church to turn your £1 into £1.25?

Occasional Giving:
Make an occasional unexpected gift of gratitude, just because you can! It's easy to 'forget' that God is involved when money regularly goes straight from your account.
Gift in support of a particular project, a fundraising event, a significant life event or an area of church activity.
Pledge a % of your estate by making a gift in your will.

Practical action: next steps...
You can arrange regular and one off gifts to St. Margaret's Church by scanning the QR code or visiting the Parish Giving Scheme website: www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/jpswich-st-margaret-ipswich/
For other ways to give, please contact Dave Scott
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Funding our Parish for the Future

Dear Friends,
This church is blessed with a generous and supportive community. Since I arrived here almost a year ago, many people have told me about their connection with this place and many more recognise the potential of St Margaret's. It is a privilege for us all to belong to such a vibrant church at the heart of the community. I long to see this richly gifted community flourish in faith, serving one another, energised and equipped to share the good news of God's love.
The PCC and I are working hard to put down good roots; taking decisions to implement overdue capital projects (including accessing grant funding) whilst improving safeguarding, governance, communication and employment practices. Administration is a gift of the Holy Spirit!
As we build for the future we need to stabilise our finances in what we all know is a difficult financial environment. As such, the PCC has developed this opportunity for us all to review our individual commitment to both occasional gifting and regular giving. Together, through the grace of God's abundant provision to us we will build on firm foundations as we see God's kingdom come in this place.

I commend this information to you for your prayerful action.
Revd Sarah


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welcoming people of all faiths and none


St. Margaret's Church
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'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
Acts 20.35

Where does the money come from?

Parish churches receive no direct funding from the government or The Church of England.

St Margaret's relies upon the generous financial support of the congregation, all those who support the heritage of their local church and those from the wider community who value the work of the church.

It costs around £150,000 to resource St Margaret's each year; this is before anything is set aside for long-term maintenance or a rainy day.

In a parish of 3,600 households, just over 70 currently give regularly through tax-efficient planned giving, historically raising about 60% of annual income. The remainder has to come from church centre lettings and fundraising.

Budget projections

The PCC is working out what is needed in order to maintain the current levels of church activity and mission... estimated income for 2024 already looks lower than likely expenditure and that's before putting aside any savings for future repairs and maintenance.

Minor change major impact!

The annual impact soon adds up!

If 90 people committed to give each week an extra:

£1 (the cost of a small chocolate bar) = £4,680

£2 (the cost of a takeaway coffee) = £9,360

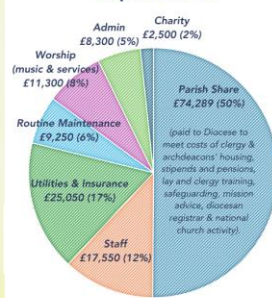
£4 (a packet of crisps & a pint of beer) = £18,720

£7.50 (the cost of a bottle of wine) = £35,100

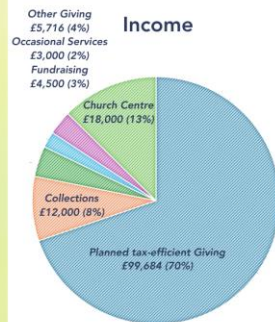
This may not be possible for everyone. But it will be for some. And if you're not yet giving regularly: making a habit of regular giving helps the church to focus its energy on mission, not money.

2024 Draft Budget

Expenditure



Income



Our Vision

To be a lively, loving, welcoming and inclusive church, valued by all. A church without walls: loving God and loving neighbour. People led by the Spirit, following the way of Christ Jesus.

Our Mission

To offer worship to God that is accessible to all: the young and the young at heart, the life-long faith-full, the curious and those who have lost their way. To reach out in loving service to children, families, young people and the elderly: caring for the world and all God's people through community building and social action.

Our Giving

Gratitude and giving go together. We give out of gratitude for what we have already received from God. To all who give regularly and sacrificially to support the work of God and this parish, even in these difficult financial times **THANK YOU!**

Our Future

St Margaret's has long dreamed of supporting a dedicated children & families worker. We have a history of working among the most vulnerable. Let's train & equip more people in their calling to God's ministry. The church centre longs to be used to its potential and we have work to do on inclusion.

Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life and love freely given through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to be generous in response, supporting St Margaret's to serve you in proclaiming your good news afresh in this generation. Amen.

Christian Football Group



A newly formed Christian men's football team based in Ipswich are looking for players from September 2024. They will be playing Saturday afternoons.

If interested please contact Mark Wilson on 07504 504313 or

email brookshallrovers@outlook.com

Future services

In addition to the main services at the top of the pew sheet, here are the details of other services taking place

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Sunday 14th April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise & Shine

11.00am Parish Communion

Tuesday 16th April

8.00am Morning Prayer in St Margaret's School

Friday 19th April

8.00am Morning Prayer in Church

Sunday 21st April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Café Church in the Church Centre

11.00am Parish Communion

Tuesday 23rd April

8.00am Morning Prayer in St Margaret's School

Friday 26th April

8.00am Morning Prayer in Church

Sunday 28th April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise & Shine Communion

11.00am Morning Worship with guest speaker Geoff Spiller

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Pastoral Support

Please let us know if you or someone in St Margaret's community is unwell and

would like a visit at home or is in hospital - Home Communion can be arranged. [Maggie Conder](#) is our [pastoral care](#) team leader or contact the vicar, [Sarah](#).



Financial Giving

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.

Here are some answers to the practicalities of giving:

- **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.
- **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](#).



John Grierson, Church Treasurer

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Helen is a self-supporting ordinand, working full time. Her parish rest day is usually on Tuesdays and she currently has ordination formation training on most Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

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Or telephone 07733 609661 and leave a message.

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](#).

