



## *Weekly news, readings and prayers*

Sunday 18th May 2025  
Easter 5

Resurrection doesn't always look like an empty tomb.

Nor is resurrection a return to the life we once new. Resurrection is about life transformed.

Sometimes resurrection looks like *people changing their minds*.

That's what happens in this week's reading in Acts.

Peter returns from a boundary-breaking encounter and has to explain himself. No longer is he preaching the old ways. No longer is he telling the story of how things have always been.

He doesn't argue theology or ecclesiology.

Instead, he tells a story - of visions, strangers, and the Spirit moving in ways that no one expected.

Perhaps in ways that some never wanted but ways instead, that make room for God's abundant love and life among all peoples.

And by the end, the people who questioned him say something that still echoes today: **"Then God has given even to them the repentance that leads to life."**

Even to them. Even to us.

Let's pray this weekend for the promise of resurrection. For changed minds among world leaders who wage war. For changed minds among this church community and a willingness for more people to offer to stand and serve as PCC members. That instead of building walls that keep us apart we might instead build a bigger table that as we take up our place, loving and serving one another and sharing in resurrection life together.

Rev 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 **9.30am** Café Church (Church Centre)

**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 from 10am to 4pm.

Lectionary

**This week** **8am BCP Holy Communion** [James 1.17-21](#) [John 16.5-15](#) **11am Parish Communion**  
[Acts 11.1-18](#) [John 13.31-35](#)

Church News

**Hearing Loop**

Just to remind all hearing aid users in church that there is a hearing loop available during all services. This will send amplified sound direct to hearing aids and cut out any background noise that is present. Aids should be switched to the 'T-Coil' programme in order to make use of this facility. Should you have any questions or need to be shown how to use the loop, please speak to Charles Croydon or the mixer desk operator.

**APCM Sunday May 25th 10.00am. Service will immediately follow.**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, where reports are received, elections held, and the church's activities and finances are reviewed, will be held on the 25th May at 10.00am in Church. Please go to our [website](#) to access the agenda and reports. There are also some paper copies at the back of the Church as well. There is also a printed copy of the electoral roll names on the blue board by the kitchen in Church. There are also nomination forms for PCC Members, Deanery Synod and Church Warden if you would like to actively serve the Church community. We currently have 1 Churchwarden vacancy, 2 Deanery Synods rep vacancies (1 year term) and 8 PCC members vacancies. When filling out the forms if you could include 2/3 sentences about why you feel called to serve in this role and what you will bring to the role that would be greatly appreciated. (please email completed forms to [verger.stmagsips@gmail.com](mailto:verger.stmagsips@gmail.com) or post in the cardboard letterbox at the back of Church. Forms must be handed in before the APCM meeting).

**Confirmation Service - Sunday 15th June, 3.30pm**

Bishop Graeme will be joining us for our confirmation service on Sunday 15th June. Prep sessions for confirmation are beginning soon, for more information please contact Rev Sarah.

**Family Activity Morning**

We are going to be running a Family Activity Morning on Friday 30th May 9.30am - 12.30pm. During the morning there will be activities for all ages, coffee, tea, snacks and we will end with having lunch together. To book on please click [here](#)

or if you have any questions please email [events.stmagsips@gmail.com](mailto:events.stmagsips@gmail.com). All welcome. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

Growing Deeper

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses passers-by this week as we pray for Soane Street and Bolton Lane

We give thanks and pray for community connections:

- For our new Together community who explored stories of Jesus seeing his friends after his resurrection and then enjoyed a meal together.
- A lovely breakfast with the Y6 pupils at St Margaret's School

### May Prayer Diary

#### Growing Greener

#### Eco Tip of the week

Just Say No to Plastic Cutlery and Straws - Disposable cutlery and straws are among the worst plastic pollution culprits. Like plastic bags and bottles, they're used just once, for a few minutes, and then thrown away. Keep metal or wooden utensils set in your purse or travel pack

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#### Calendar

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

**This Week****Tuesday 20th May**08.00am Morning Prayer**Friday 23rd May**08.00am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 25th May**08.00am BCP*Note change of service time*

**10.00am Combined Service and Annual Parish Church Meeting**

Rev Sarah is praying for God's calling to people to actively serve the St Margaret's Community as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and as this church's Charity Trustees.

**Upcoming****Friday 30th May**9.30am Family Activity Morning

#### 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:

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**Sarah's rest days are usually**

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

[helenptstmags@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:churchwardens.stmagsips@gmail.com) **Office** Email: [verger.stmagsips@gmail.com](mailto: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 [apastoralteam.stmagsips@gmail.com](mailto:apastoralteam.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](mailto:safeguarding.stmagsips@gmail.com)

Lucy Collins - Parish Safeguarding Officer and PCC Secretary. Email [verger.stmagsips@gmail.com](mailto: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.