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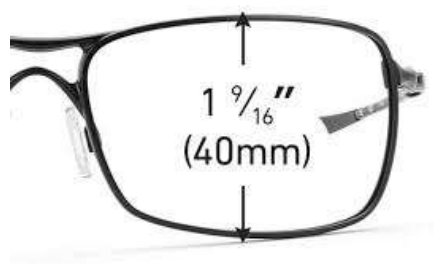


- *Weekly news, readings and prayers*

Sunday 23rd November

Christ the King

- **(Sunday next before Advent)**



Through the Lens of the Cross

Someone close to me collected a new pair of glasses from the optician this week. When asked at the fitting, 'how are they?', they replied, 'clean!'.

How we see things often depends not only on the sight that we have inherited, but also on when and how we look at things. The time of day and the light matters too. Our mood. Our perspective. Our bias. Our age. This is also true of the insight of faith. What might we learn of God when we are willing to change our perspective? Most of the time we engage with the story of the Cross at Easter. Yet this week's readings help us to explore the cross of Christ the King outside of the Easter season. On the last Sunday of the church year. The Sunday when the collect prayer 'stirs us up'.

This week the [Center for Action and Contemplation](#) shared the article below about the ways in which we see things. I found the article both interesting and challenging. I commend it to you.

Revd Sarah

Biases at Work Within All of Us

(published by *The Center for Action and Contemplation*)

Brian McLaren has identified sixteen biases that prevent us from seeing things in their complexity and with greater clarity:

People can't see what they can't see. Their biases get in the way, surrounding them like a high wall, trapping them in ignorance, deception, and illusion. No amount of reasoning and argument will get through to them, unless we first learn how to break down the walls of bias. So what are the specific kinds of bias we need to address, in others, yes, but also in ourselves?...

Confirmation Bias: We judge new ideas based on the ease with which they fit in with and confirm the only standard we have: old ideas, old information, and trusted authorities. As a result, our framing story, belief system, or paradigm excludes whatever doesn't fit.

Complexity Bias: Our brains prefer a simple falsehood to a complex truth.

Community Bias: It's almost impossible to see what our community doesn't, can't, or won't see.

Complementarity Bias: If you are hostile to my ideas, I'll be hostile to yours. If you are curious and respectful toward my ideas, I am more likely to respond in kind.

Competency Bias: We don't know how much (or little) we know because we don't know how much (or little) others know. In other words, incompetent people assume that most other people are about as incompetent as they are. As a result, they underestimate their own incompetence and consider themselves at least of average competence.

Consciousness Bias: Some things simply can't be seen from where I am right now. But if I keep growing, maturing, and developing, someday I will be able to see what is now inaccessible to me.

Comfort or Complacency Bias: I prefer not to have my comfort disturbed.

Conservative/Liberal Bias: I lean toward nurturing fairness and kindness, or towards strictly enforcing purity, loyalty, liberty, and authority, as an expression of my political identity.

Confidence Bias: I am attracted to confidence, even if it is false. I often prefer the bold lie to the hesitant truth.

Catastrophe Bias: I remember dramatic catastrophes but don't notice gradual decline (or improvement).

Contact Bias: When I don't have intense and sustained personal contact with "the other," my prejudices and false assumptions go unchallenged.

Cash Bias: It's hard for me to see something when my way of making a living requires me not to see it.

Conspiracy Bias: Under stress or shame, our brains are attracted to stories that relieve us, exonerate us, or portray us as innocent victims of malicious conspirators.

Constancy/Baseline Bias: Early in life, our brains set a baseline of normalcy based on what we constantly experience day to day. What our brains determine as normal or constant becomes acceptable to us. Later in our life, our baselines may be reset when a new normal becomes our constant experience. [This is the flipside of Catastrophe Bias.]

Certainty/Closure Bias: Our brains find it difficult to rest when we feel uncertainty, so we would often rather reach for premature closure on an unwarranted certainty than live with appropriate uncertainty. We may even prefer a pessimistic certainty to a potentially optimistic uncertainty.

Cleverness Bias: Our brains are vigilant to protect us against deceptions, and this vigilance against deception can make us so habitually skeptical that we become cynical, rejecting all good

or encouraging information as naïve. In protecting ourselves from danger, we can unintentionally insulate ourselves from positive possibilities.

November Prayer Diary

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

9.30 am Rise & Shine with Baptism

11.00 am Morning Worship

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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 will be open daily for private prayer, reflection and visiting from 10am to 3pm.

Lectiionary

This Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion

[Jeremiah 23.5-8](#)

[John 6.5-14](#)

11am Morning Worship

[Jeremiah 23.1-6](#)

[Colossians 1.11-20](#)

[Luke 23.33-43](#)

6.30pm Evensong

[1 Samuel 8.4-20](#)

[John 18.33-37](#)

Church News

[Click here to jump to information about the Refreshing Worship changes to services and services times taking place from January 2026.](#)

Scroll down too for information about Advent and Christmas.

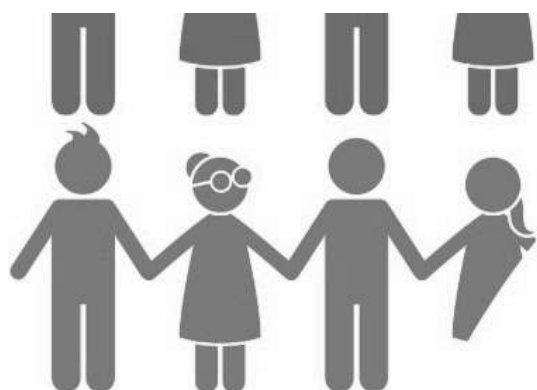
Church Christmas Leaflet Folding - 10am This Morning!

Parking available from 9.45am. Come and prepare for Christmas by folding all of the newsletters to be dropped through letter boxes this week. Pick up a bundle to deliver! We need to cover all 3,500 homes in the parish by next Sunday! A chance to get your steps in an offer a prayer for neighbours as you drop leaflets through letterboxes.

From 'Priest-in-Charge' to Vicar: 10am Advent Sunday 30th November

Please save the date and come to this service as a celebration of the life of St Margaret's Church as we begin a new church year and a new season. It would be such a joy to see EVERYONE together

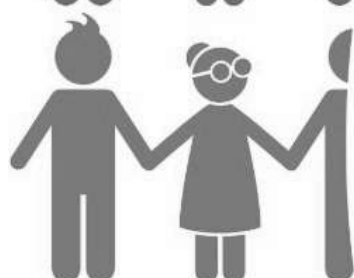
The PCC and the Patrons (Simeons Trustees) have agreed with the Bishop and Archdeacon's proposal that the 'suspension' of the Benefice of St Margaret's Ipswich, be lifted. This is church legal terminology which means that I can be permanently licensed as Vicar of St Margaret's Church. This will take place during a single, 10am service on the morning of Advent Sunday (30th November 2025). Archdeacon Sam will be joining us and I hope that we can begin the new Church year with a great celebration and re-commitment to being God's church in this place at this time.



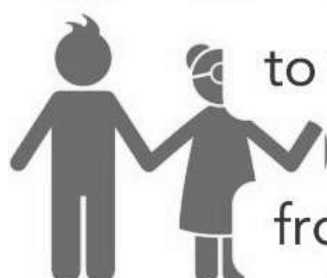
Together at Advent!



***Saturday 29th
November at 11am
until 12.45pm***



***In the Church Centre on
Bolton Lane***



***All are welcome
to this relaxed community for all
ages. Join us for storytelling
from the Bible, activities, songs,
prayer, a short communion
and a meal together***



Welcoming people of all faiths and none





Advent
from fear to hope
 a new Church year begins

Read a chapter of Luke's Gospel every day
Take-away JOY Advent-in-the-bag

Sunday 30th November 10am Family Communion
 We welcome Archdeacon Sam to license Revd Sarah as 'The Vicar'. Celebratory nibbles after the service.

Sunday 30th November 6.30pm Advent Carol Service
 A choral service with Advent carols, readings and poetry.

Tuesdays 2nd, 9th & 16th Dec at 7-8pm Zoom Advent Group
 Sign up for reflection and discussion on Luke's Gospel.

Sunday 7th Dec 4-5pm Heigh-ho: Holly! Hexachordia Concert
 Medieval instruments play carols. Music, mirth, merriment, hot drinks and cake. Tickets £8/£5 in advance or on the door.

Saturday 13th Dec 9-10.30am Advent Breakfast
 In the Church Centre: sign up for food, fellowship and worship.

Thursday 18th Dec 3.15ish-5pm Together for Advent
 In the Church Centre: reflective storytelling, activities and a meal for everyone. Especially child-friendly, though all are welcome.

Saturday 20th Dec 9-11am Decorate for Christmas
 Bring local foliage & decorations and we'll find you a space. Eco-friendly and 'oasis-free' as much as possible please!

What's on? Sign up at...
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Advent Breakfast - Saturday 13th December at 9.00am

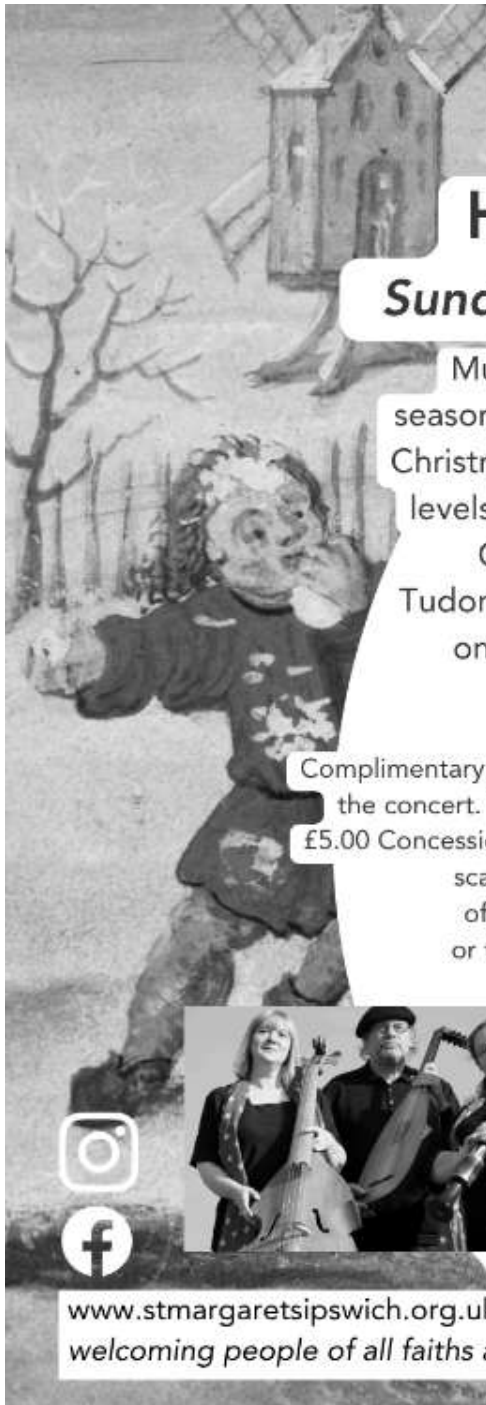
To book your tickets [click here](#), scan the QR code or contact the church office by email: office.stmagsips@gmail.com phone or text 07833 609661.

Advent Zoom Group - Gospel of Luke - Tuesdays 2nd, 9th & 16th Dec. at 7.00pm

To book your tickets [click here](#), scan the QR code or contact the church office by email: office.stmagsips@gmail.com phone or text 07833 609661.

Hexachordia Concert - Sunday 7th December at 4.00pm

To book your tickets [click here](#), scan the QR code or contact the church office by email: office.stmagsips@gmail.com phone or text 07833 609661. You can also turn up on the door... though for catering purposes (cake!) it's helpful if you book ahead. Thank you.



Hexachordia

Heigh-ho, the Holly!

Sunday 7th December 4.00 pm

Music, mirth and merriment for the festive season, as this hour-long concert reveals what Christmas and New Year was like for folk at all levels of society in the 16th & 17th centuries.

Come along and hear the Medieval and Tudor origins of today's familiar carols played on the gittern, vielle, crumhorn, lute, viol, recorder and bagpipes.

Complimentary drinks & cake served after the concert. Tickets: £8.00 Standard or £5.00 Concessions. To secure your tickets scan the QR code or contact: office.stmagsips@gmail.com or text/phone: 07733 609661



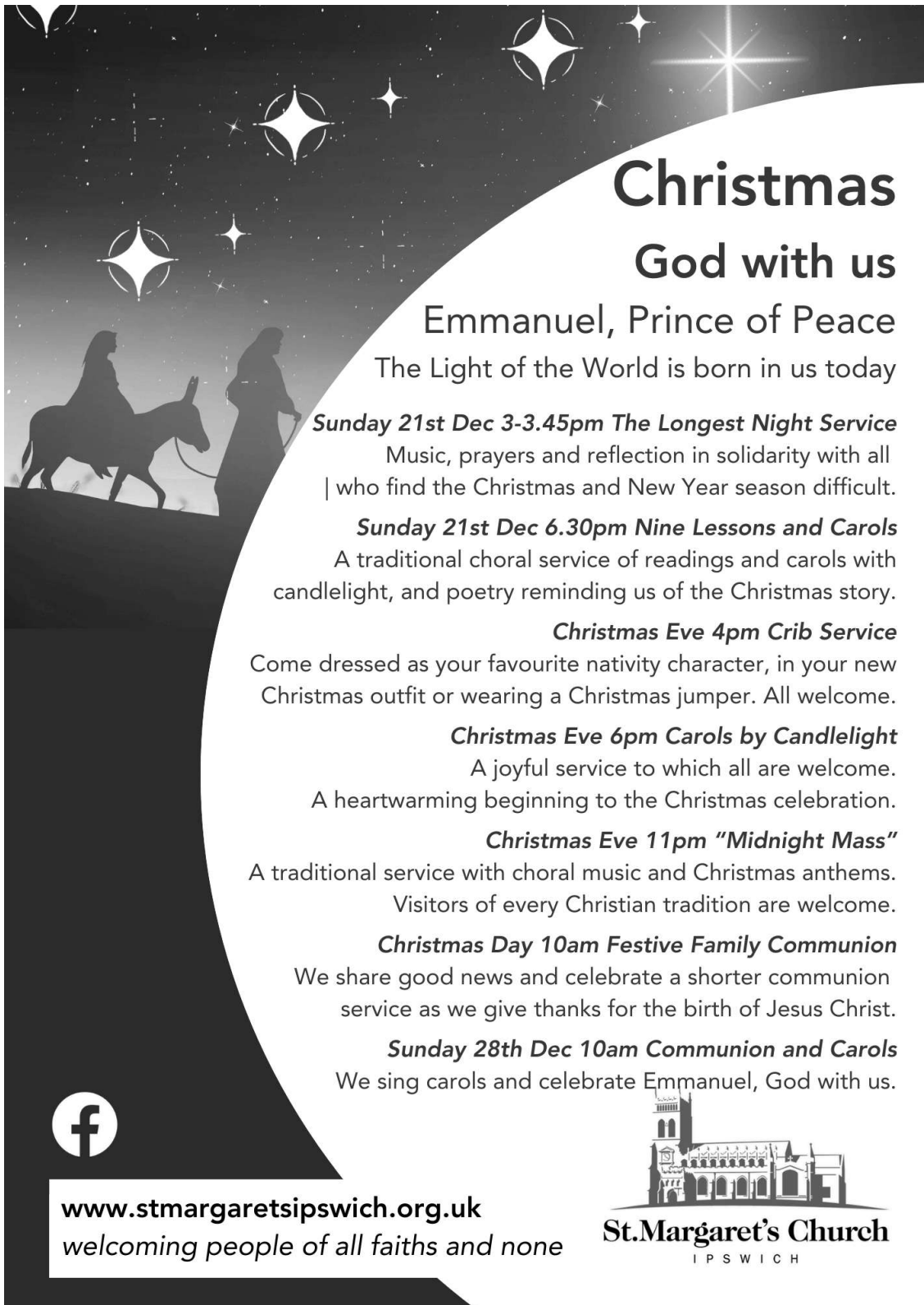



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Parking in St Margaret's VAP School,
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St. Margaret's Church
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Christmas

God with us

Emmanuel, Prince of Peace

The Light of the World is born in us today

Sunday 21st Dec 3-3.45pm The Longest Night Service
Music, prayers and reflection in solidarity with all
| who find the Christmas and New Year season difficult.

Sunday 21st Dec 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols
A traditional choral service of readings and carols with
candlelight, and poetry reminding us of the Christmas story.

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service
Come dressed as your favourite nativity character, in your new
Christmas outfit or wearing a Christmas jumper. All welcome.

Christmas Eve 6pm Carols by Candlelight
A joyful service to which all are welcome.
A heartwarming beginning to the Christmas celebration.

Christmas Eve 11pm "Midnight Mass"
A traditional service with choral music and Christmas anthems.
Visitors of every Christian tradition are welcome.

Christmas Day 10am Festive Family Communion
We share good news and celebrate a shorter communion
service as we give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Sunday 28th Dec 10am Communion and Carols
We sing carols and celebrate Emmanuel, God with us.

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St. Margaret's Church
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Thursday

Forum

*at Christ Church
Tacket Street* (next to Cox Lane car park)

Thursday Lunchtimes

Refreshments at low cost 12 noon - 1.00 pm
A short talk 1.10 - 1.50 pm

You are welcome to either or both



Season 2025/2026

- Dec 4th** **Has the Church of England passed its ‘use by’ date?**
Father John Thackray
- Dec 11th** **Seasonal Music**
The Belstead Singers; conductor Jenny Jones
- Dec 18th** **Food, Singing and Readings to celebrate Advent and Christmas**
- Jan 8th** **Hearing dogs for Deaf People**
Malcolm Taylor and guest, with dog

Community Carol Services

We welcome friends and neighbours
to celebrate Christmas with us.



Wednesday 10th December 7pm
Northgate School Carol Service

Students, staff, governors and families
gather for this annual celebration.
Arrive early - all are welcome.



Thursday 18th December 2-3pm
**St Margaret's VA Primary
School Carol Service**

Pupils and families from Y3-Y6 are all
welcome to this special service where
the pupils will lead us in music,
readings and prayer.



Tuesday 23rd December 11.30am
'Headway' Carol Service

The Headway community gathers to
celebrate a special Christmas service.
All friends and supporters welcome.



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Member of the St Margaret's congregation, Victoria Wyatt, is involved in this event and invites you to join in, as you can.

Refreshing Worship: 2026 Service Patterns

Following reflection and discussion at PCC Meetings in February, June and September 2025 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been considering changes to the worshipping pattern at St Margaret's Church. The PCC spent October 2025 listening to the church and wider community before meeting on 4th November 2025 to finally discern a new pattern of worship to be introduced from January 2026.

Six (6) opportunities for conversation and listening took place in person, with more than twenty (20) emails received and numerous informal conversations. Helpful feedback was received from over 35 individuals, some representing households and families, thus increasing the numbers of people who actively joined in the conversation. Revd Sarah also attended both choir and bell ringing practices. The feedback across the board was thoughtful and varied, though understandably sometimes contradictory. At all times the conversation was carefully considered, often with regard for the needs of others. The listening has informed adjustments to the PCCs original proposals.

During their deliberations the PCC recognised that a refreshed pattern of worship will not meet every individual's preference and that it will take time for the changes to settle in. Members of the PCC remarked on the willingness to welcome change, particularly the number of individuals who recognised the sacrificial need to make space for others and to find ways of worshipping together more often. It is hoped that the refreshed worshipping

patterns will allow those worshipping at St Margaret's now, and those who will join in the coming weeks and years, to grow younger, to grow in spiritual depth and to grow in number. We continue to keep all of this in our prayers.

Revd Sarah

Priest-in-Charge & Chair of PCC 8th November 2025

*Printed copies of this will be available in church from Sunday 9th November, with accompanying notes. Sunday services will take place at 8am, 10am and 6pm. Midweek Worship will include a weekly 12pm service of Holy Communion on Wednesdays. Children & families are welcome to all services – those marked * are usually particularly well received. For people who prefer a quieter, less noisy environment – the services marked + are usually well received.*

Sunday Morning Worship

	1 st Sunday of the month	2 nd Sunday of the month	3 rd Sunday of the month	4 th Sunday of the month	5 th Sunday of the month
8 am (services 35 minutes)	Holy Communion + according to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). A service in traditional language with readings from The Authorised Version (King James Version) of the Bible in accordance with the Church of England's published version of the 3-year Revised Common Lectionary				
10 am (services no longer than 1 hour)	Family Communion * <i>livestreamed</i> A service of Holy Communion with 'Junior Church' returning from the church centre to receive Communion and to share learning. The choir sing an introit, the Eucharistic prayer responses and lead an alternating choir/ congregational-led Gloria. Opening and closing hymns are accessible to the whole church family. There are 2 readings with a gradual hymn. Prayers of healing / anointing with oil during distribution of Communion. Refreshments follow after the service.	Café Church * <i>In church centre</i> Breakfast is served from 10am. Gathering around tables with singing, prayers, activities to explore faith and going deeper faith-conversations. Closing prayer and song. Occasional informal Communion. With appropriate seating and picnic blankets, where possible Café Church will take place in the churchyard in summer months.	Family Communion * <i>livestreamed</i> A service of Holy Communion with 'Junior Church' returning from the church centre to receive Communion and to share learning. The choir sing an introit, the Eucharistic prayer responses and lead an alternating choir/ congregational-led Gloria. Opening and closing hymns are accessible to the whole church family. There are 2 readings with a gradual hymn. Refreshments follow after the service.	Sunday Worship * Beginning by sharing God's peace with one another, we sing, hear readings and tell the stories of faithful living. With a deeply reflective story followed by prayers of intercession, the service concludes with a blessing. Refreshments follow during which time ministers will be available for individual prayer and a discussion group open to all will explore the service themes more fully.	Parish Praise * <i>Livestreamed</i> A morning service with gathering prayers and confession, 2 readings, a talk and prayers of intercession. This service will either include Holy Communion or a Baptism. There will be a focus on singing during this service, and a short talk. Refreshments follow after the service.

Sunday Evening Worship

	1 st Sunday of the month	2 nd Sunday of the month	3 rd Sunday of the month	4 th Sunday of the month	5 th Sunday of the month
6pm	Prayer & Praise * A service with contemporary worship songs, the possibility of extended prayers and an exploration of scripture and faith through a talk, an interview or a visiting speaker. This informal service will last 45 minutes.	Choral Communion + <i>livestreamed</i> A service of Holy Communion with 'Junior Church in a bag' for young people in the pew. This service will last just over an hour. The choir sing an introit and the Kyries/Gloria (in season). There are 3 readings with a sung psalm before the Gospel reading.	Time Out + A 45-minute service of prayer, meditation and contemplation in the Celtic, Taizé or similar style with occasional informal Communion.	Choral Evensong + <i>livestreamed</i> A 40-minute service of sung Evening Prayer according to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). With hymns, psalms, readings and a short sermon, this choral service is an opportunity to prayerfully and meditatively reflect at the end of the day.	

Weekday Worship

Monday	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
<i>Quiet day</i>					
Tuesday					
8am (30 mins)	Morning Prayer + Daily Prayer according to the pattern of Common Worship: a said service with prayers, psalms and readings.				
3.30pm	[Holy Communion at Christchurch Court]				
Wednesday					
9am	[School Service during term time]				
12pm (35 mins)	Holy Communion + A weekly spoken service using the 'red' Common Worship Communion books (in nave or chapel). Includes a 'thought for the day'. On the first Wednesday of the month, prayers for healing and wholeness will be included, along with the offer of priestly anointing with oil. As this community grows, there will be opportunities for people to join in readings and leading prayers.				
7pm (up to 45 mins)		Prayer Gathering + A chance to explore prayer and to pray.			
Thursday					
3.15/3.30 after school (approx. 90 minutes)			Together * Church Centre Songs and prayers, Godly Play, activities and a shared warm meal.		
8pm (20 minutes)	Compline + livestreamed Night prayers sung by the choir.			Compline + zoom An online service of night prayer.	
Friday					
8am (30 mins)	Morning Prayer + Daily Prayer according to the pattern of Common Worship: a said service with prayers, psalms and readings.				
Saturday					
8.30am (90 minutes)	Men's Breakfast Food and fellowship followed by worship		Men's Breakfast Food and fellowship followed by worship		

Notes on the outcomes of Listening Conversations

1. Times of services will be simple and consistent, in a reliable pattern. Services on Sunday will take place weekly at 8am, 10am and 6pm throughout the year. The 10am services that include Holy Communion will usually last no longer than 1 hour, others will last 45 minutes. Services of 30 minutes will take place at 12pm on Wednesdays every week. Other services will be monthly, where possible beginning 'on the hour'.
2. Services will usually follow the Church of England's Common Worship 3-year cycle of lectionary of readings based on the Revised Common Lectionary. At the 8am service the readings will be read in traditional language from the Authorised King James Version, with the corresponding appointed collect prayer for the day also in traditional language (the same collect in traditional language will be sung at Evensong). At other services, the New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised) will usually be read. On occasion, an alternative translation may be used instead (e.g. International Children's Bible, The Message or similar).
3. Four Sunday mornings throughout the year (usually on either the 4th or 5th Sundays of the month) will be appointed as dates for baptisms during 10am Sunday Worship. In future, where there is a clear missional need, stand-alone baptism services may also be arranged by agreement with clergy.
4. A few years ago, the PCC explored the possibility of 'Admitting Children to Holy Communion before Confirmation', concluding then it was not a necessary step. The PCC will review this decision.
5. A team of carefully discerned and trained people will be needed to ensure continued provision of prayers 'for healing and wholeness'/prayer ministry during services. This will take time to grow and so the ministry will begin with licensed ministers only.
6. Bells will continue to ring before services on Sunday mornings, except for the 2nd Sunday of the month (Café Church), when worship will usually be in the Church Centre.
7. Preaching at Sunday Morning Services will offer a mix of traditional sermons, interviews or reflective storytelling. Sunday Evening Services in the choral tradition will include a '5-10 minute' sermon.
8. Music

- a. The choir & organ will lead the music provision weekly at at least one of Sunday Worship services. In addition, midweek Choral Compline will return (a short, 20-minute service of night prayer) will be sung once a month.
- b. Further conversations have yet to take place with members of the band and music group in the coming weeks to work out who can be available when, before finalising the provision of live music for other services.
- c. Some services will include videos and/or recorded music.

9. Children & Families

- a. Children and families who have joined St Margaret's Church over the last couple of years spoke candidly of the inclusive and welcoming atmosphere they value at St Margaret's Church. Particularly, they were clear that the inter-generational worshipping experience benefits both children and adults alike as we learn from one another and grow with one another, not only on Sundays, but also in continued prayer, reflection and conversation during the week.
- b. Further conversations will be taking place to refresh 'Junior Church', including choosing a new name for this aspect of the refreshed worshipping pattern.

10. Livestreaming

- a. Following the conversations about 'Junior Church', further conversations may need to take place about which elements of livestreamed services will include images, and which parts of the service will show an 'alternative' camera shot (as is currently the case to preserve privacy when receiving Holy Communion).
- b. The volunteer team remains very small. Further volunteers are welcome to learn. Where volunteers are available, we will endeavour to stream at least one service every Sunday, either morning or evening.

Growing Deeper

Prayer

Praying for our community: residents, visitors, businesses passers-by this week as we pray for North Close, Borrowdale Avenue, South Close, Tuddenham Road + Code Lane.

Support

Remember our Pastoral Team are here to support members of the St Margaret's community whether ill or in need of a friendly listening ear, details can be found towards the bottom of this email.

Social Action

Do not forget to pray for those in authority and lend your voice to the working out of justice and peace by supporting and challenging our politicians. You can follow what is on the agenda each day for both Houses of Parliament: www.whatson.parliament.uk or you can find out more about www.christiansinparliament.org.uk

Growing Greener

Green Tip of the week

In a shower what you wash with is a matter of personal preference. Environmentally bars of soap in cardboard boxes are probably the best, but if you like shower gel then do find a refill shop which sells a shower gel you like. That way you can enjoy your shower without feeling guilty about the plastic bottle which contains your shower gel! Shampoo and conditioner bars are also a good idea and avoid the use of plastic. However, if you don't get on with these, then do use a refill shop for your shampoo and conditioner.

We thank Revd Richard Stainer for the weekly tips.

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Services Calendar

23rd November

8am BCP Communion

9.30am Rise & Shine - with Baptism (no Holy Communion)

11am Morning Worship

6.30pm Choral Evensong

25th November

8am Morning Prayer in Church

26th November

9am St Margaret's VAP School Service

28th November

8am Morning Prayer in Church

29th November

11am-12.45pm Together for Advent - in the Church Centre

30th November

8am BCP Communion

10am Family Communion with the licensing of Revd Sarah as 'The Vicar'

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

7th December

8am BCP Communion

9.30am Rise & Shine

11am Parish Communion

9th December

8am Morning Prayer in Church

10th December

7pm Northgate School Carol Service

12th December

8am Morning Prayer in School

Forward Dates**14th February 2026**

Trianon Concert (evening)

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:**Revd Sarah Geileskey - Priest-in-Charge**Email: revsarahgeileskey@gmail.com

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Telephone: 07841 687879

Sarah's rest days are usually Thursday each week and the second Friday of each month**Revd Helen Prior-Townsend - Curate**

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Telephone: 07541 707543

Helen's rest days are usually Monday each week and every fourth Tuesday of each month.

George Woodward - Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)

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George's quiet days tend to be Wednesdays and Fridays.

Churchwardens

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

Number: 07733 609661 and leave a message.

Church Office and Contacts during the Church Administrator's period of Maternity Leave

We are taking the opportunity to rationalise email addresses. With immediate effect, please use office.stmagsips@gmail.com for all correspondence. The verger.stmagsips@gmail.com will be monitored until the end of August. There is a plan in place to maintain the current office opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays 9.30am - 2.30pm. However, if you have a particular reason for visiting the office, do email or call ahead of time to confirm.

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

Frederike Jacob is our assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer

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

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