



St. Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H

This Church Year features the Gospel of Mark

The Second Sunday of Easter **Sunday 7th April 2024**

8am Holy Communion

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

[1 John 5.4-12](#) and [John 20.19-23](#)

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.

Due to works on the AV board there will be no livestreaming of the service this week

Sunday's lectionary readings:

[Acts 4.32-35](#) and [John 20.19-end](#)

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 3pm

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



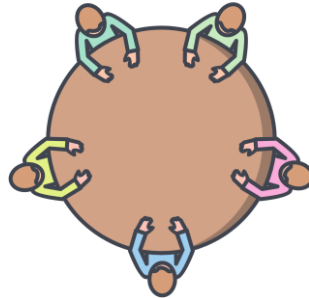
The accounts in the four gospels of the resurrection of Jesus enabled us to proclaim with confidence in church last Easter Sunday: “Hallelujah! He is risen” - as we do every Easter - but I wonder what it was like, then and there, for his disciples in the days immediately after the empty tomb was discovered. John’s gospel refers to them having shut themselves away in fear, almost absurdly behind locked doors thinking that might protect them from also being arrested by the leaders of the Jews in Jerusalem to perhaps suffer the same fate as their master, however that fear and sorrow and anxiety turned to joy when Jesus suddenly appears amongst them saying twice – just to be sure! - “Peace be with you”.

Workaday life in Roman-occupied Jerusalem would have carried on as normal in the week after Jesus’s resurrection from the dead despite the enormity of the event that had just occurred, and so it continues ‘as normal’ today in our own town which, like Jerusalem, is multi-ethnic and multi-religion with folk just getting on with their lives.

But whatever fears or sorrows or anxieties we may face in our own daily lives, that peace of the risen Lord Jesus is available to each one of us, just as it was to his disciples hiding away behind locked doors for fear of the Jews whose anxieties were, in the blink of an eye, transformed into joy. Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!

George
Lay Minister in Training

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. To those who are writing them, thank you. Along with the ACPM agenda, the 2023 Church Accounts and the 2023 Electoral Roll will be published on 12th April.

For the next three weeks, at the back of the church there will be a list of the names of those who are currently on the electoral roll. Every member of the household in this parish or anyone who attends St Margaret's regularly to worship and has done for at least the last six months, who is over 16 years old and a communicant member of the church can be on the electoral roll: the list of those who vote for members of the PCC and Deanery Synod representatives: who in turn elect General Synod representatives.

If your name is not on there and you would like to be added please fill out a form underneath the list and post in the postbox.

Sarah Milner will finish serving as PCC Secretary after the ACPM. We need to appoint a new secretary.

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 we are looking to appoint three 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.

If you cannot attend the APCM and will need to vote by post before the APCM, please alert administrator Lucy at verger.stmagsips@gmail.com before 12th April 2024 so that the appropriate provision can be put in place.

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

Cornerstones Friendship Group



A friendship group meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 2 - 4pm, in the Gladwyn room in St Margaret's Church Centre

All welcome to come and have a cup of tea/coffee/biscuit and enjoy some company and friendly chat.

Church Maintenance



Our church will be closed from 2nd April -13th April 2024 for building works.

Church will be open on Sundays as normal during these times for Holy Communion, Rise & Shine and Parish Communion

Compassionate Conversation Sessions



Free Compassionate Conversation sessions - an opportunity for individuals and organizations interested in building skills for sensitive conversations

Here are the session details:

- o Online event on 30th March 2024, 19:00 - 21:00
- o Event at Moments Coffee Shop, Health Road, Ipswich on 24 April 2024, 19:00 - 21:00
 - o Online event on 7th May 2024, 10:00 - 12:00
- o Event at Kesgrave Community Centre, Ipswich on the 22 May 2024, 10:00 - 12:00
- o Event at Holbrook Village Hall, The Street, Holbrook on 6 June 2024, 10:00 - 12:00
 - o Online event on 19th June 2024, 19:00 - 21:00
 - o Online event on 24th July 2024, 10.00 - 12:00
 - o Online event on 6th August 2024, 10.00 - 12:00

These sessions aim to empower individuals (18+) to have open, honest conversations about end-of-life, loss, and bereavement while learning ways to support others.

Sign up here- <https://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/compassion/events/>

Additionally, in March, we're hosting a Compassionate Workplace session. This **Free** 2-hour training is focused on assisting employers in supporting their workforce during difficult times.

Details for the Compassionate Workplace session on the 25th of March can be found here.

Sign up here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-elizabeth-hospice-30716527042>

Future services

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

Sunday 7th April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise & Shine

11.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 14th April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Rise & Shine

11.00am Parish Communion

Sunday 21st April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Church Cafe

11.00am Parish Communion

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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Ordinand Helen Prior-Townsend:

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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.

Churchwardens churchwardens.stmagsips@gmail.com

Verger administrator verger.stmagsips@gmail.com

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](#).

