



# THE BULLETIN

keeping you informed and up to date with activities and developments  
at St Margaret's Church, Leigh on Sea.

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## Church Services in July

### St Margaret's Day



**Sunday 22nd July**  
Combined Sung Mass 1000  
followed by Parish Lunch

All other services as advertised

## Social Events in July

- 1st - Communita 4.30 pm
- 7th - Strawberry Tea in the  
Vicarage Garden 4pm - 6 pm
- 14th - Church cleaning 9.30 - 11.30  
after 9 am Mass  
Refreshments provided.
- 22nd - St Margaret' Day  
Parish Lunch



**July 22nd - Corporate Communion**  
for St Margaret's Day  
Service at 10am followed by Parish  
Lunch  
Please sit together where practical  
for this service and wear the badge  
- fly our flag!!

If you are interested in joining MU,  
please contact Sheila 554044 or  
Angela 477126

Parish Priest: The Revd Fr. David Wylie RN 07768 687 605  
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We have been  
supporters of HARP

for many years and will  
be continuing our  
donations of Food and



Goods. This month we are  
particularly collecting **Jam;**  
**Marmalade; Peanut Butter,**  
**Chocolate Spread; Marmite; Baked**  
**Beans**



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## CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Our February meeting will be on  
Tuesday 3rd July at St. Mary's 7.30pm  
for Mass. It is informal and very  
friendly. Everyone is invited, whether or  
not a member. If you require any  
further information, please contact me  
by telephone (01702 216401) or by  
email churchwarden@saintmargaretschurch.org  
Peter Fisher

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## Significant Days in July

- 3rd - Thomas the Apostle
- 20th - Margaret of Antioch
- 25th - James the Apostle
- 31st - Ignatius of Loyola

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*Please note the new email addresses for  
Fr David,  
Church Wardens  
and Bulletin.  
(See page  
footers)*



## Our Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

### Day 7 - our last day

We were all on the coach by 8.30 am with our packed cases in the luggage compartment. We had only added a couple of kilos to our case so we were still well within the weight allowance. We set off for St George's Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem. We arrived early and so went into the most English of rose gardens to wait for the service to begin.

The cathedral is beautiful, but not huge and we helped to fill the congregation. The service was conducted by the Dean of the Cathedral and was in Hebrew and in English. The hymns were sung in English and the sermon was given in both languages. At the end of the service we were treated to the most wonderful rendition of Widor's Toccata and Fugue by the organist. We all stood round listening to her play and at the end a cheer went up and we all applauded her.

After this we drove to the Museum of the Dead Sea Scrolls. It was getting very hot again and we had packed our hats so the walk around the model of Jerusalem was a bit uncomfortable. The model is of Old Jerusalem and shows the City of David and the complete city with all its walls. It is HUGE.

From there we went into the museum to see a replica of one of the actual scrolls found in the jars at Qumran. As Fr David (Tudor) had told us the writing was all joined together with dots over

the top for vowels. It was incredible though and I was interested to see the vellum skins stitched together with the tiniest of stitches. Lunch was taken here, as we had ordered it beforehand and then back on the coach for our final journey to the Airport.

We disembarked from the coach and collected our luggage. We joined the queue for the first part of security and stood for one hour in the line not moving anywhere at all. After a long wait eventually we were 'processed' and. Fr David, as leader was subjected to a long interview from a most officious lady, but eventually we all got through to get our boarding passes.

This is when the fun started. The flight was overbooked and we were asked if we would stand down and go tomorrow. We said 'No; we have a diabetic cat'. Not sure she believed us but we got our seats, not together, but we were on the flight. Then through more security checks and into the airport itself and more importantly the duty free. (A girl has to buy her perfume somewhere!)

It was not a very comfortable flight. It was an old plane and the seats were narrow, with not much leg room. My table was broken and so were the headphones I was given. I could not get the TV to work and the air conditioning was intermittent so it was quite hot. The food was exactly the same as on the outward journey with no choices and the crew did not seem to be bothered. However, we all arrived safely at Heathrow and found our cases. We were

held up by one of our party, who has a Canadian passport. He was taken aside for questioning, but all was well and we walked out to the waiting coach, having bid farewell to Mother Hannah from Fareham.

The journey back was uneventful but when we arrived at St Nicholas' church, there was a group of people waiting to greet us, with a very welcome large pot of tea. The church was beautiful as it had been decorated for the Flower Festival. Here we had a group photograph and then said our goodbyes. We retrieved our car keys and drove back home arriving at 12.30 am (0030 in 'new' time') on Monday morning to be greeted at the door by our little cat Minty, home from his holiday.

This was to have been a 'once in a lifetime' trip for us..... but it's one we would love to do again!

Barbara Southward

## The Diary of a Walking Pilgrim 2017

Day 3 Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May  
-St Albright, Stanaway - St  
Andrew's Lower Layham-  
approx. 16 miles

Not such an early start today as there was no need to vacate early and it was the shortest day. Anthony's foot looked pretty grim, but after some medication and plasters he declared himself fit. John and Maureen reappeared and produced a wonderful cooked breakfast - again everything eaten.

After Morning Prayer and the morning "selfie" we all set off together along the A120 towards Colchester and then turned sharp left to go via the footbridge over the A12. The way then rose steadily through West Bergholt towards the Suffolk border. Being a little taller than the rest of the walkers, my natural stride is obviously slightly longer. Also, it often more tiring walking slowly than at an ambient pace. As a result I soon became detached from the other walkers as the contours stretched out. There were loads of puddles to be negotiated as result of the night's deluge. At a point where the directions were a little difficult to guess due to the nature of the bends, the road became almost impassable. I jumped through a hedge to go along a field, but did get a tad muddy. At that very moment John & Maureen turned up to confirm we were on the correct route and ferry the others through the

### What Have I Seen and Where Have I Walked?

I have seen places I have only dreamed about.  
I have seen places I have only read about.  
I have seen places I have only heard about.  
I have seen places I have only prayed about.  
Now, I have walked into places where the footsteps  
of God are deep and yet new to you and me.  
May I walk the pilgrims way again.

(Samford University, Alabama)

swollen river. I met the support car for lunch just before Boxted church - but didn't stay too long as I didn't want to cramp up. Sometimes it is therapeutic to walk by oneself. So I carried on around 45 minutes ahead and went into Suffolk. As the ground rose I turned round to see the last of Essex and the view was fabulous. However, after their lunch my fellow walkers took a wrong turn - but ended up at a pub (tough eh?). Without any conversation it is easier to take in more of one's surroundings and it can be much more prayerful. I went a little "off-piste" to follow some footpaths and by-ways.

When you reach the Lower Layham signpost there is actually almost a mile and a half before you actually get into the village itself! I arrived about 1:00 o'clock - giving myself the longest opportunity for rest. This would be the only day I walked entirely by myself - (the rest would be mainly all together) - but it was a wonderful time for reflection. I polished-off the remainder of the sandwiches and had copious mugs of tea. The church had a "Weddings through the Ages" display and refreshments were on sale. We were staying in the Village Hall (which is used by the church) and is also the venue for a flourishing pre-school group. It is of wooden construction and although it was upgraded several years ago is still somewhat dated (and the floor creaks). The others arrived all together, but Anthony's foot was causing more concern. Fr Bill arrived quite early giving

us plenty of time for banter and an impromptu concert after finding an eclectic collection of musical instruments in the pre-school playgroup cupboard! I understand that our rendition of "Lloyd George" went 'viral'! Mass was at 6:00 again. We sang two hymns, as usual, and filled the small church with enthusiastic volume. Dinner (sausage & mash) followed and then after evening prayer Andrew, Thomas & I went to the pub for a couple of swift halves. It was very quiet when we arrived - just the publican and one local. We had an in-depth conversation with the landlord covering a range of subjects and loads of puns. The numbers in the bar steadily increased - with those arriving expecting a quiet evening and getting a noisy succession of banter and puns. Everyone knew why we were there and that we were very happy Christians (despite the fact that we had walked around 50 miles to get there) The landlord informed us that he had bought his local telephone box, got a defibrillator installed and it had been used three times to save a life.

Eventually, as all good things, our visit came to an end and we returned to the Village Hall for bed.

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Amusing Quotations from Parish Magazines

**A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.**

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## Walsingham Pilgrimage 2018

Once again a small group of Pilgrims set off for our annual visit to Walsingham. We joined St James and St Mary's to make up a party of around forty. Fr David was able to join us until the Saturday evening and then returned to St Margaret's for Pentecost. For those that have not been fortunate enough to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and are interested in finding out more please look on the website [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

Our first visit to the Holy House was on the Friday evening after supper. For anyone that hasn't been before, this is always a very special and moving experience. The magnificence of the Holy House is quite hard to describe. There is always a great sense of peace and calm when you enter. All of your senses are awakened with the splendor of the statues and candles; the stillness of prayer and the smell of incense lingering as you enter.

On Saturday morning the sun was shining and Fr David led us in a very moving Stations of the Cross that is conducted in the stunning gardens. There really is something very

moving when you reach the hill with the three crosses.

After lunch, we had some free time and many of our party did the annual trip to Wells next the Sea. We took a long stroll to the beach before enjoying an ice cream whilst watching the world go by.

Once back to the village some of us went to the shrine prayers before supper. In the evening there is always a service that includes a procession of Our Lady of Walsingham with everyone carrying candles and singing joyfully. The Benediction that followed was beautiful. There was a large "pot" of incense that created the smoke that somehow made the presence of the Holy Spirit very vivid.

Fellowship in the Bull pub on Saturday evening for an hour or so was also a special time for us to share time with each other. Ok, we may have gone in more than once over the weekend but who's counting? I should also mention that the catering is always amazing in the Refectory and is a great opportunity to meet pilgrims from different Churches.

Fr Leslie took a Mass in the Barn Chapel on Sunday morning. The local Church is also attended by many.

Before the last services we wandered around to the Farm Shop to stock up on fresh asparagus, jams, fudge and a variety of other goodies.

Sunday afternoon crept up quickly. The Service of sprinkling of the Holy Water followed by Healing and Anointing was well attended. This year many of us were fortunate to be near the steps to the well. The final procession meant the end of our Pilgrimage for another year. We left feeling spiritually nourished and rested from a most enjoyable weekend.

### St Margaret's Holiday Club

To book a place please email  
[holidayclub@stmargaretschurch.org](mailto:holidayclub@stmargaretschurch.org)  
 28th - 30th August 10am - 3 pm  
 Cost £20  
 Closing date for bookings  
 20th July 2018

If you or any of your family have something to celebrate, large or small, please let me know and it will be included in Bulletin. We like to share good news as well as sad news.

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## Congratulations



to Linda Kemp on winning prizes for her roses at the Leigh Horticultural Society Summer Show.

### Editor's Prerogative

A very proud wife and mother saw her husband and daughter take the Festival Duet



Shield at Leigh Music Festival in June. **Congratulations** also to Bob on winning a cup and 3 gold medals in the other piano classes he entered.

### Congratulations



to Francesca Mills on being awarded a 2:1 degree in History from Royal Holloway University.

...and last but certainly not least **Congratulations** to Fr David on celebrating 25 years of ordination to the priesthood.

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