

Felthorpe Newsletter

St Margaret's Church News

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Church News

I can't quite believe what has happened over the past 2 months with the church building in Felthorpe! If you had told me there would be more strange things going on after the hole in the roof, (now safely repaired), then I'm not sure I would have believed you! Let me tell you a story ...

...about the floor

In September we noticed at the east end of the nave, where services are led from, that the floor felt hollow. Over the following week, 2 tiles rose up tent shaped and within another 48 hours, a number of other tiles followed suit with a floor based grave stone partially collapsed. The church building was immediately closed due to these rapid changes with the fear it was subsidence. That appears to have been eliminated but the cause is still unknown. An initial investigation has confirmed the area under the floor is hollow. This area has been cordoned off for safety reasons, and a full investigation, with repairs, will place the week of the 9 November. Initial costing is £1,200. The church building has reopened.

... about the tower

Later in September, we had our Quintennial Inspection undertaken by the Church Architect. Every 5 years this takes place to ensure the church building remains safe and any repair work is prioritised. The Church Council is waiting for the full written report but, suffice to say, there is some concern which has led to the decision to close the toilet area unless there is a service or supervised activity. Why? There's been a leak in the roof of the tower which has dramatically affected the beam which holds the

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bell. This is directly over the toilet area. It is also the way to the light switches. Although the beam holding the bell isn't in immediate danger of collapse, it is sensible to reduce the risk to serious injury, or worse, by locking the toilet at all times the church is unattended. The initial estimate for repair is £80,000 to £100,000. Fortunately the church has this amount of money. It also means grant bodies are very unlikely to award any grants because of the amount of funds held so no applications will be made.

...about the finances of St Margaret's

Once the Tower work is carried out, I hope at some point in 2027, the interest which provides an income of approximately £300 per month to St Margaret's Church, will reduce to under £100 per month. In 2026, monthly donations, including gift aid, are £483.75. Normal monthly outgoings are £1,118.97 i.e. to cover insurance, utilities, general expenses. The Church Council is very aware that once the work is completed to make the church building safe, there won't be enough money to meet the outgoings and so remain sustainable in the future.

Donations to help with the cost of repairs and/or help to secure the future of St Margaret's will be gratefully received.

Donations can be made by either using the QR Code or BACs (details below). If you prefer to give by cash, do contact me by phone or email. Thank you!

If you'd like to donate to your local church, please use this QR Code or make a BACs donation to

- Felthorpe Parochial Church Council
- Sort Code: **206268**
- Account No: **50375195**

Thank you for your support



Thank you to Felthorpe Parish Council for the grant which covers the costs of materials and fuel for Community Payback to undertake the amazing work in the churchyard and cleaning the church building.

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Remembrance Day Service



Join us in honouring those who served

Venue: St. Margaret's Church, Felthorpe

Date: November 8th 2026

Time: 3 pm

Sunday Services,
St Margaret's
Church
3pm,
2nd & 4th Sunday's
of the month

Every week at
All Saints,
Horsford,
10.30am



Felthorpe Pavilion and Recreation Ground Committee: Weekly Events

Balance & Strength Pilates

Monday Morning's, 10.30 am till 11.30am. £7 per session. Over 55's. seated and standing exercises which help to improve confidence and mobility.

11.45am to 12.45pm, £7 per session. Fitness Pilates, improves posture, flexibility.

Please contact Jo on 07969 863078 or email at jo@mojofitnessandwellbeing.co.uk

Table tennis

Tuesday Evening's, 6pm to 8pm Cost £2. Refreshments provided. All abilities welcome. Any questions please contact Malcolm on 0751 5966 788

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Rockbox – a drumstick boxing workout

Wednesday Evening's 6.30pm to 7.30pm. £6.50 per session, drumsticks may be purchased for £4. Please note cancellation fee unless cancelled 24 hours ahead. Please contact Steph on 07841 029555 for further details.

Karate – Norfolk Sports Karate Academy

Monday and Friday, 6pm till 9pm. High level traditional & sports level lessons available for 6 years old to seniors. First session free, after that lessons paid by subscription. Contact Socials, or karatenorfolk@gmail.com for further information

Future Events

Soup Lunches will resume on Wednesday 2 September. Ploughman's lunch. Next lunch usual soup and sandwiches, Wednesday November 11th. December 9th Christmas lunch. All lunches £8.

Please contact Sonia to book 07836 566523, or Linda 07500 06051. all bookings to be by the Monday evening before event for catering purposes.

Saturday 21 November, Christmas Fayre

Please contact Sonia 07836 566523. If you would like to book a table, festive Handmade gifts and decorations. Refreshments, and Raffle Set up 9am. Start time 10am -1pm.

If you have any Raffle prizes you would like to donate to the Pavilion for upcoming events, we would be grateful. Please let a Committee member know or bring to The Pavilion. Thank you.

Saturday 12 December, Christmas Party

7pm to 11pm, £6. Hot food will be available outdoors. Live music

Saturday 6 February 27, ABBA Night

Details to follow

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