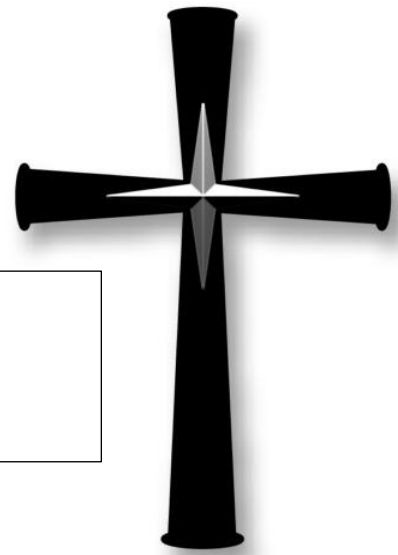


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October 2026



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Parish Announcements

Update

Church Service at Streatley - Sunday at 9.30 am

Church Service at Parish Centre - Sunday at 11.15 am

Parish Centre Service - Wednesday 10.15 am

Private prayer - by arrangement only

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This year's Season of Creation or Creationtide runs until 4th October, with churches thanking God for his gift of Creation and seeking to renew their commitment to caring for our planet. This links into our own Harvest Festival celebrations, including our Harvest Lunch.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2026 is living water, based on Ezekiel 47:1-12.

God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God, growing deeper, restoring barren land, reviving waters and sustaining flourishing ecosystems.

The vision invites human responsibility; recognising ecological damage and embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.



This is the symbol for the Season of Creation 2026, a church surrounded by water. With a call for transformation - for Christians to be immersed in the living water flowing from the throne of God - stepping in deeper and deeper, inspired by the spirit of God, working together for the renewal of Creation.

If you want to know more, look at the new Church of England publication “Hope for all Creation”, which describes the environmental crisis of our time and the theological response. You can also access the ‘Environmental Programme’ page on the Church of England website and sign up to the monthly newsletter.

Some of you may have been able to join one of the nationwide screenings of the ‘People’s Emergency Briefing on Climate and Nature Crisis’, to help understand the issues and potential solutions. If you missed it, you can access it at this address: <https://www.nebriefing.org/>

The Church of England resources include this prayer, which seemed a fitting way to end this letter regarding the climate crisis and the Church of England's response.

**At this Creationtide we thank you for the world we see around us;
For the flowers, trees and animals.
Bless all those who care for them, Lord.**

Help us to protect your creation by being careful about how we use your resources, so that there will be clean water, clean air and plenty of wild birds, mammals and insects to maintain the ecological balance of our countryside.

Amen



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APPEAL

in aid of the Luton Foodbank

CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL DECORATION
Sunday, 4th October 2026

To celebrate our Harvest Festival this year we will be decorating the church with non perishable food, which will be taken after to the Luton Foodbank to be distributed to those who are in desperate need.

We really hope everyone will feel able to support us by bringing along any donation/s to either the Church or Parish Centre from the 27th September to enhance our Harvest Festival decoration.

Thank you for your support with this, which is so appreciated.

St Margaret's Church, Streatley



From the Registers

Baptism

Maisie Jane Evelyn Farley - 13th September

Burial

Barbara Pattenden - 3rd September

Tower Light Sponsorship

To celebrate or commemorate a special occasion, please contact Pam Hooker by 1st of the previous month, via email Pam.norm1@gmail.com Sponsorship £5 per week.

Altar Sponsorship

Would you like to sponsor flowers for the Altar pedestal to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary, christening, or any other celebration or may be in memory of a loved one? There is a record of sponsorship in a book on the chest in the Cross Aisle in Church and as a token of thanks you will receive a commemorative card with a photograph. If you are interested, please contact Brenda on 01582 575 620 who will be happy to discuss your needs.

CHURCH CALENDAR - OCTOBER

October

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
			10 Coffee morning Parish Centre.	2:30 Choir Practice in Church		Churchyard Gardening
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30 Parish Church Communion Service 1.30 pm Harvest Lunch	2 - 4 Warblers & Wobblers, Parish Centre 2 - 4 Keech Buddies	10:15 Morning Service 12 Talking Elephants. 2.30 Barton Lodge visit	10 Coffee morning Parish Centre. 2:30 Ladies Guild, Parish Centre	2:30 Choir Practice in Church		7.30 pm Quiz Night, Parish Centre
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30 Parish Church Communion Service 11:15 Parish Centre Communion Service	Vicar applicant interviews	10:15 Morning Service	10 Coffee morning Parish Centre. 2 Compline in Church	2:30 Choir Practice in Church		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30 Parish Church Service of the Word 11:15 Parish Centre Service of the Word	7.30 PCC Meeting	10:15 Morning Communion Service, Parish Centre	10 Coffee morning Parish Centre.	2:30 Choir Practice in Church		Churchyard Gardening
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:30 Parish Church Communion Service. 11:15 Parish Centre Communion Service		10:15 Morning Service	10 Coffee morning Parish Centre. 2-4 Food Bank Collection, Parish Centre			

The Services at St Margaret's - Are you on Duty?

4th October	09.30	Parish Communion
Harvest	Sidesperson	Carol Hodges
	Reader	Brenda Daniells
	Intercessions	Paul Ingram
11th October	09.30	Parish Communion
Trinity 19	Sidesperson	Rod Giles
	Reader	Maureen Ingram
	Intercessions	Teresa Dales
	Coffee	Janet Giles, Beryl Gold
	Cleaning	Robin & Alison King
18th October	09.30	Parish Communion
Trinity 20	Sidesperson	Ray Harrison
	Reader	Val Blewitt
	Intercessions	Linda Stephenson
	Coffee	Jean Kain, Pat Wren
25th October	09.30	Parish Communion
Trinity 21	Sidesperson	Richard Daniells
	Reader	Teresa Dales
	Intercessions	Julia Godino
	Coffee	Brenda Daniells, Jan Williams
	Laundry	Judy Seymour

COFFEE ROTA SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2026

13 th September	and	1 st November	Judy Seymour Maureen Ingram
20 th September	and	15 th November	Carol Hodges Wendy Dyer
27 th September	and	22 nd November	Val Blewitt Linda Stephenson Jan Williams
11 th October	and	29 th November	Janet Giles Beryl Gold
18 th October	and	6 th December	Jean Kain Pat Wren
25 th October	and	13 th December	Brenda Daniells Jan Williams

**No Coffee 4th October - Harvest Festival & Lunch
8th November - Remembrance Sunday**

Proceeds from Coffee – £111.20 collected during April to June was sent to Sight Savers.

Donations received during July to September will be sent to MND supporting people with motor neurone disease, campaigning for better care and fund ground-breaking research.

Donations received during October to December will support the East Anglian Air Ambulance to build a new Cambridge Air Base Appeal owing to the closure of Cambridge Airport.

If you have a specific charity you would like a donation to be sent please let me know.
As always, my grateful thanks for your help and support.

St. Margaret's Church Streatley

**Fund Raising Committee Together with the
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QUIZ NIGHT



Saturday

10th October 2026

Doors Open 7:00 PM – Quiz Starts 7:30 PM

St. Margaret's Church Parish Centre

Lucas Gardens, Barton Hills

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Hymn of the month - October

For the beauty of the earth

This hymn expresses the many blessings of life we take for granted.

Now, in this, the season of Harvest, we are very aware of the beauties of nature and celebrate the changes in our natural world as “all is safely gathered in”.

In Hebrews we read “Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise”.

The author of the hymn “For the beauty of the earth”, Folliot S. Pierpoint, begins by reminding us of all the beauties of the world - the sun, flowers, and shining stars. “hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of night”.

Living in Bath, with the River Avon winding its way through the countryside, it was natural to be overcome by the beauty of his surroundings.

He then reminds us of the social joys of friends and family, that bring such rich dimensions to our lives.

“ For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child”.

Above all, however, he gives thanks for the ministry of the Church, God’s agency for accomplishing His divine purpose in this world.

“For Thy Church evermore lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise!”

Barbara Donaldson

CHURCHWARDENS' NEWS

Area Dean Jairo Nyaongo has agreed to officiate Holy Communion again in September, October, and November on Wednesday mornings. Chris Burrows will officiate at the Harvest Festival service, and he and his family will attend the lunch. It is difficult to arrange for ministers to take services. Quite frequently requests have just been ignored.

We have, however, been very fortunate to find a minister for the Christmas Eve midnight communion - Revd Mae Palmer who will also conduct a couple of services in November.

Ecclesiastical carried out an inspection of the church - no issues were identified requiring necessary action. A fire risk assessment has been completed using their template. The refurbished Vicarage will allow the Diocese to rent short term but also provide a lovely home to help attract a new vicar to the parish. The advertisement went into Church Times 21st August with a closing date of 24th September, shortlisting on the 29th and interviews on 13th October.

Notices of the increased rents for the allotments have been issued for the coming year.

We are also putting together a group to wrap shoe boxes and fill with small gifts to take to Samaritan's Purse for distribution wherever children are deprived. People are busy donating small items for children 2 - 14 and shoe boxes which will be wrapped.

The electricity meter has been changed in church, but they were unable to establish a signal and are working with the network provider which could take up to 90 days. In the meantime, we are to provide readings for accurate billings.

The PCC will not pursue the installation of a defibrillator at the church as one is being installed at Streatley Village Hall hopefully accessible from outside, and in any case the British Heart Foundation has not started the free unit programme again.

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2026
Autumn Appeal**



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SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER 2026



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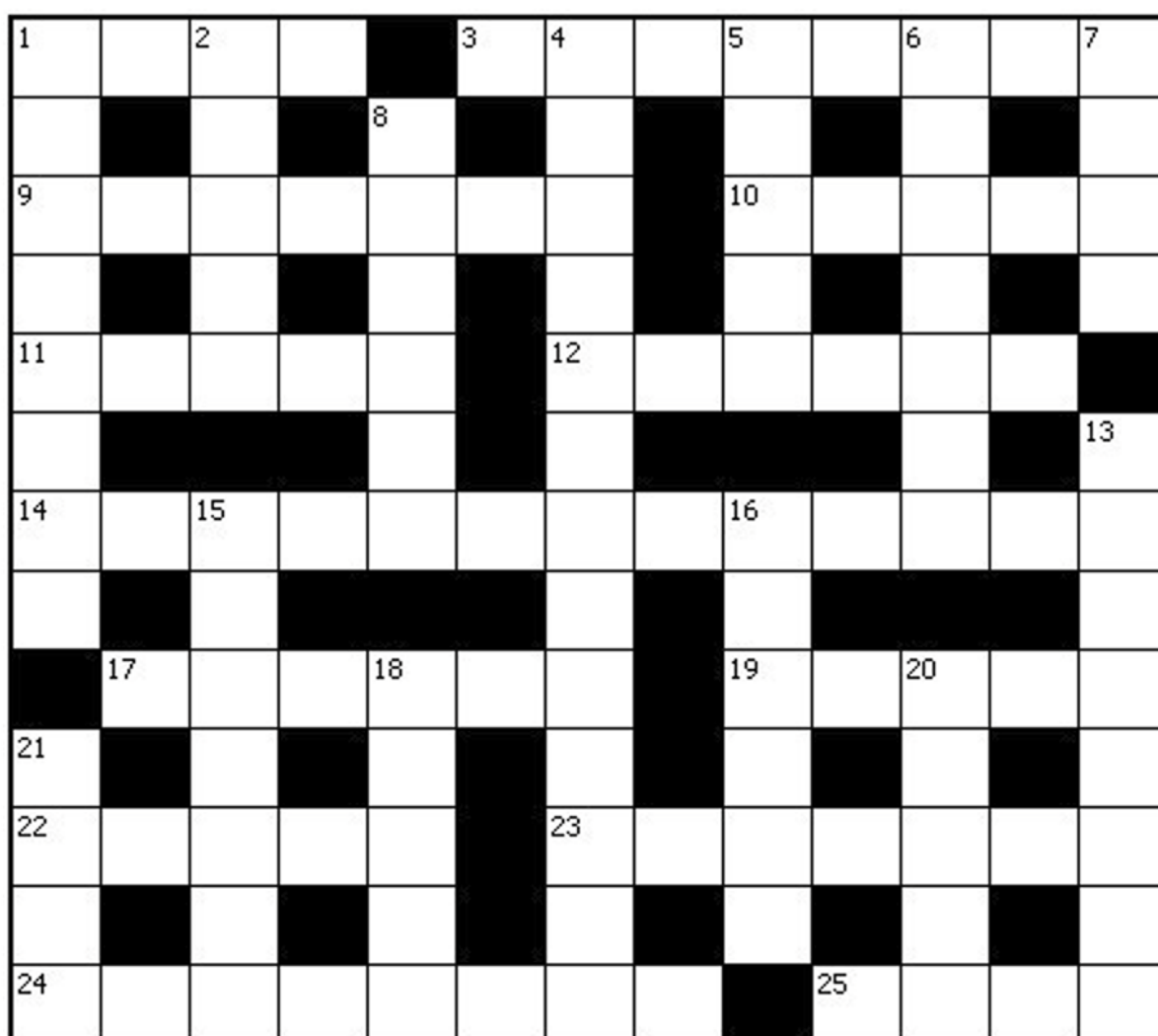
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CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)

- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

MARGARET'S LADIES' GUILD PROGRAMME

2026

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2026/27

8 th October	Julia Godino - Vietnam Visit
12 th November	Leslie Robertson - India Talk (part 2) (previously planned for January)
10 th December	Christmas Meal

2027

14 th January	Anne Thomas - Agatha Christie
11 th February	Pam Greener - History Talk
11 th March	Hannah - Armchair Exercises
8 th April	David Longman - Bananas and Macaroni Parson
14 th May	AGM

New members always welcome. Please contact Judy on 01582 883308 or any Committee member - Maureen Ingram, Kathy Rutherford, Pat Wren, Anne Beard, Sandra Hylton, and Janet Willison

The LADIES' GUILD meets from 2.30 - 4.30 pm on 2nd Thursday in the month at The Parish Centre, Lucas Gardens

St. Margaret's Ladies' Guild

September 2026

It was nice to welcome Kay Goddard back on a much cooler day than her July visit.

Her topic today was Stitching through the Wars - Signature Quilts.

During both 1st and 2nd World Wars signature quilts were sewn to help fund boots, ammunition, bedding, medicines for the armed forces and were sent to Military hospitals and convalescence homes. Adverts were put in newspapers, Red Cross and Church groups. People would buy a raffle ticket to have their names put on the cloth. They would be written in pencil and then embroidered over before being auctioned off. Some were just initials, names or even business logos. Some of them are very rare and can still be found in Charity shops. During WW1 some were just displayed in village halls. They are now very rare. £700 was raised from the sales, which back then, was a lot of money. They were only done in red and white except one. They were known as Redwork quilts and put together by the Red Cross and WI. They took a while to be recognised and in the end, they were put in newspapers. The Canadians were behind it and sent over 14000 to Nova Scotia. Then they had Community quilting with logos and symbols from all the countries involved.

In 1918 wool quilts were very popular as they were much warmer than cotton, often made from old heavy jackets. Australia then produced the Rylestone quilts which were white with white chain stitching and these were in memory of the boys who got lost. They were decorated with leaves and wild fauna.

In WWII, these had a lot more colour and many different fabrics. They just needed to raise money, so they used any fabric. Most now red, white and blue. One square with many signatures made lots of money which was donated to the Red Cross. If you lost your home or were bombed, you could go and ask for a quilt. We saw a picture of Lewisham after an air raid and quilts were distributed to the children, elderly and the sick in the Air Raid station.

Evacuees were often given parachute quilts to take with them - even baby quilts. Many things were made from parachutes - silk knickers, petticoats and even wedding dresses. You had to be eligible to get one - Canada, convalescence homes, hospitals and Land Army workers.

Quilting groups sprung up everywhere and as winter came, they were sent to the soldiers. We saw a photo of what was called Dauntless V's and all pieces have a V in - this was a gift from Canada. 25,000 quilts came from Nova Scotia and in total over 400,000 quilts were sent over.

Elizabeth Fry provided kits so that women prisoners could stitch them. Kay's Aunt was living in Singapore until it was invaded when she was posted back to the UK - her house was bombed and Singapore fell. Nurses who made it into prison were lucky although they had to march 15 miles to the jail. A jail made for 100 people and yet 400 ended up there and had just 2 toilets. Ethel Mulvany ensured they could have 6" square of rice sack and they were allowed thread and fabric from which they could make clothes etc. They could embroider a square with their name, where they were from and DOB. These were sent to soldiers in hospital - firstly to the Japanese. Then they started sending codes and maps of holes in the prison fencing and they were telling stories to men in jail. Changi women had to learn to live together surviving on marmite, condensed milk and aspirin. There is no written log of any women in prison, but in 1944, 4000 were moved from Changi down the road where they had a garden. A pregnant woman was taken to hospital and the other women made up things for the baby.

War ends - men are liberated but no mention of the women. Another very interesting insight into what I had no previous knowledge.



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DOWN

1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

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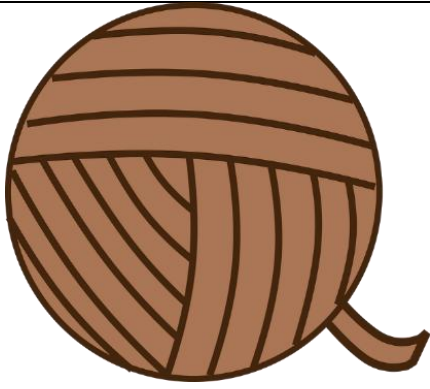
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