

Your guide to this coming week:

Wednesday 28th August

Bank Holiday

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5.30pm Silent Prayer – In Church

Friday 30th August

9.30am Fabric Committee Meeting – Lounge

12pm Holy Communion – In Church

12.30pm Open Church (until 4pm)

Sunday 1st September

10am Sung Eucharist Service

11.45am Baptism – Olivia Penelope Stokes

PCC MEETING

Thursday 5th September 7pm – Small Hall

Tea & Coffee will be served from 6.45pm



Coffee Concert

Friday 6th Sept at 1.15pm

Steven Kirk (Organ)

Refreshments before & afterwards



LLM Licensing of Sarah Spall

Saturday 21st Sept - Norwich Cathedral

We are hiring a minibus for the event. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to go & need transport by minibus.

There will be a cost (tbc once we know numbers)

Harvest Sunday 29th September

**10am Harvest Festival Service
followed by a Harvest lunch**

More information to follow. There will also be a sign-up sheet at back of church nearer the time.

The pew sheet has been kindly sponsored by

Patricia Raven

In loving memory of

Audrey & Graham Morgan

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25.08.24

Welcome to

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



If you would like to make an offering to

St. Margaret's please place your gift either on the collection plate *before* the service or use the card-reader at the back of church. Your gift supports our ongoing mission work & helps towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.

Thank you for your kind gift.

Sunday 25th August 2024

13th Sunday after Trinity

10am Holy Communion

Presiding & Preaching: Canon Simon

Deacon: Sarah

Reader: Jennifer T

Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

Intercessor: Captain John

Hymns: Come now is the time to Worship,
805, 639, 663, 348 & 707



Scan the QR Code to view this week's service booklet

Tea & coffee are served in the Church Centre following the service. Please stay and join us.

**4pm / 5pm Tea & Nibbles at 4pm followed by
Songs of Praise Service at 5pm
In the Rectory Garden**

**Services for Sunday 1st September 2024
14th Sunday after Trinity**

10am Sung Eucharist

11.45am Baptism - Olivia Penelope Stokes

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

**Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Large-print Service Sheets & Hymn Books available.
Toilets & Baby Changing are in the Church Centre.**



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Lectionary Readings

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43

Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel & so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist,

and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel Reading: John 6: 56-69

Jesus said to the crowd: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly
pilgrimage until we come to that place where
hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.