#### Your guide to this coming week:

#### Monday 9th September

10am Bible Study - Lounge 12pm Midday Prayer – In Church 2pm – 4pm Friendship Cafe (Centre) 6pm Bellringing – In Church

#### Tuesday 10th September

2pm Busy Fingers

#### Wednesday 11th September

12pm Midday Prayer – In Church

2pm Mothers' Union (Centre - Small Hall)

#### Thursday 12th September

11.45am Funeral for David McLean (In Church) followed by private family committal at Gorleston Crematorium

#### Friday 13th September

12pm Holy Communion – In Church 12.30pm Open Church (until 4pm)

1.15pm Coffee Concert – Tootie Flooties (Recorder)

6pm Choir Practice – In Church

#### Sunday 15th September

10am Sung Eucharist Service6pm Holy Communion

### Ride & Stride - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept Volunteers needed please!

We are looking for riders, church sitters and (please) sponsors. Details at back of church.

For further details contact Richard 07758 416272

# LLM Licensing of Sarah Spall Saturday 21st September

10.30am – Norwich Cathedral

8.45am Minibus pick up time - St. Margaret's Carpark

Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like to go and you need transport.

#### Minibus cost: £15 per person

Please can you let the Church Office have the money for your ticket by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – thank you.

## Harvest Lunch - Sunday 29™ September

Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come – Please include any dietary requirements

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED TO HELP PLEASE

Please let Christine or the Office know if you can help.

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

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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PLEASE NOTE: THURSDAY IS SIMON'S DAY OF REST

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#### Welcome to

#### ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



this week's

10am service

booklet

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 8th September 2024

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon Preaching: Canon Simon

Deacon: Gerda Reader: Jennifer T

Reading: James 2: 1-10, 14-17

Gospel: Mark 7: 24-end

Intercessor: Sue

Hymns: 681, 639, 742, 358 & 644 Anthem: Lamb of God - Webbe

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

6pm Choral Evensong

Leading: Canon Simon

Reader: Sheila

Readings: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9 & 22-23

James 2: 1-10, 14-17

Hymns: 357, 669 & 810
Psalm: 119 v 57-64
Canticles: Harwood in A flat
Anthem: Cantate Domino – Pitoni

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## Services for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Holy Communion

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#### Collect

(Prayer of the Week)

Lord God.

defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings for Sunday 8th September

#### **Old Testament Reading:**

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9 & 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

#### **New Testament Reading:**

James 2: 1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

#### Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 24-end

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Friendship Café - Church Centre Every Monday 2pm - 4pm

Pop along and enjoy Tea, Coffee, Cake & Chats Everyone welcome!