

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 2nd December

10am Bible Study – In Lounge
12pm Midday Prayer – In Centre
11am–4pm Community Friendship Cafe – In Centre
6pm Bellingring Rehearsal – In Church

Tuesday 3rd December

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 4th December

12pm Midday Prayer – In Small Hall
2pm Mothers' Union – Small Hall

Thursday 5th December

2pm Funeral – In Church

Friday 6th December

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm Open Church (until 2.30pm)
6pm Choir Practice – In Church

Sunday 8th December

10am Sung Eucharist

11.45am Baptism

6pm Carol Service of Remembrance & Hope
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FESTIVE DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 8th December – 6pm

Carol Service of Remembrance & Hope

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Sun 15th Dec 6pm - Christmas Carol Service

Sun 22nd Dec – Christmas Bring & Share Lunch

Christmas Eve: 4pm Christingle

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: Family Communion – 10am

Christmas Bring & Share Lunch

Sunday 22nd Dec (Church Centre)

If you would like to come along, please sign the sheet & list the items of food you would like to contribute to the bring & share lunch.

Christingle Making (Church Centre)

Monday 23rd Dec (11am - after F.I.S.H)

If you're able to help, it would be greatly appreciated

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

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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 1st December 2024

Advent Sunday

Welcoming of Anna Chaplaincy Friends

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Sarah

Deacon: Gerda

Reader: Terri

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36

Intercessor: Pam

Introit: Advent Wreath Prayer 1 (Archer)

Hymns: 45, Choir - A Tender Shoot (Goldschmidt)
30, 249 & 41

Anthem: People look East (Archer)



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Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

No Evening Service

Sunday 8th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

10am Sung Eucharist

11.45am Baptism – Frankie Swan

6pm Carol Service of Remembrance & Hope
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Advent 1 Responses 'Lighting of the Candle'

Come, Christ Jesus
Awaken our hope

The Candle is lit

Come, Christ Jesus
Awaken our hope.

Let it rise & shine and live. Amen



Readings for Sunday 1st December

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

*Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

Post Communion Prayer

*O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Christmas Helpers Needed!

Sunday 8th December – 6pm

Additional sidespeople / welcomers

Sunday 15th December – 6pm

Sidespeople, welcomers & readers

Christingle – *Sidespeople / welcomers*

Midnight Mass – *Sidespeople & Readers*

If you can help, please sign the sheet

Commissioning of Rachel McDonough & Charles Thorogood as an Anna Friend

Congregation responses in **bold text**

St Paul, writing to the Christians in Rome says, 'For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.' (Romans 12: 4-8)

People of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries as we seek to live God's love. As we commission Rachel and Charles today, will you, with them, as we start the new Church year, and as baptised disciples of Christ, renew your commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people?
With the help of God, we will.

Rachel & Charles have been called to work as Anna friends. Will you, as the people of God here in this place, support and pray for them in their ministry?

With the help of God, we will.

This part of the service will then continue with responses from Rachel and Charles.