

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 9th December

10am Bible Study – In Lounge (last until 13th Jan)
11.30am Midday Prayer – In Church Centre Lounge
11am–4pm Community Friendship Cafe – In Centre
6pm Bellingring Rehearsal – In Church

Tuesday 10th December

2pm Busy Fingers (last one until 7th January)

Wednesday 11th December

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

Thursday 12th December

9.30am Northfield's Primary School Christmas Service

Friday 13th December

9.30am Poplars Primary School Christmas Service
12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12pm Open Church (until 2.30pm)
6pm Choir Practice – In Church

Sunday 15th December

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Christmas Carol Service – In Church

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 8th December 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne
Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Rev Pauline
Deacon: Sarah
Reader: Helen
Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11
Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6
Intercessor: Christine
Hymns: 38, 46, 604, 42 & 721
Anthem: Author of life divine (McDowell)



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Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

11.45am Baptism – Frankie Swan

12.30pm Baptism – Isaac Winter & family

6pm **Carol Service of Remembrance & Hope**
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Sunday 15th December

3rd Sunday of Advent

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Christmas Carol Service

Advent 2 Responses 'Lighting of the Candle'

Come, Christ Jesus
Awaken our peace

(The Candles are lit)

Come, Christ Jesus
Awaken our peace.

Let it rise & shine and live. Amen



Readings for Sunday 8th December

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

New Testament: Philippians 1: 3-11

My brothers and sisters. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance

for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

*Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.*

Post Communion Prayer

*Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and
purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Christmas Helpers Needed!

Sunday 15th December – 6pm

Sidespeople & welcomers

Christingle – Sidespeople / welcomers

Midnight Mass – Sidespeople & Readers

If you can help, please sign the sheets

Community Friendship Cafe Every Monday (Church Centre)

During December & January, we're now open a little longer from 11am – 4pm. We're here as a warm space & for fellowship, serving tea & coffees, light bites & cakes.

Epiphany Tea Sunday 5th January 2025

3pm – 5pm at the Rectory