

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 23rd December

9 am - 11am FISH – Church Centre
11am Christingle Making – Church Centre
11am - 4pm Community Friendship Cafe – In Centre

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

4pm Christingle
11.30pm Midnight Mass Service

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Church Office Closed, reopens 3rd January
10am Informal Family Holy Communion
11am – 3pm Community Café – Church Centre

Friday 27th December

No midday communion

Sunday 29th December

10am Sung Eucharist
NO Evening Service

Christingle Making (Church Centre)

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

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

Epiphany Tea

Sunday 5th January 2025

3pm – 5pm at the Rectory



ADVANCE NOTICE

PCC MEETING-WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY AT 7PM

(WITH TEA & COFFEE SERVED FROM 6.45PM)

CHURCH CENTRE - SMALL HALL

THIS WEEK'S PEW SHEET IS SPONSORED BY
PAULINE & JIM

You will have joy and gladness and many will

rejoice at his birth. Luke 1: 14

Pauline & Jim wish everyone

at St. Margaret's a joyful, peace-filled

Christmas & New Year.

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

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22.12.24

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 22nd December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

Presiding: Rev Pauline

Preaching: Canon Simon

Deacon: Gerda

Reader: Kay S

Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-55

Intercessor: Jennifer D

Hymns: 315, 40, 75, 85 & 394

Anthem: In the Bleak Midwinter (Darke)



Scan QR Code to
view this week's
10am service booklet

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

Christmas Bring & Share lunch

In the Church Centre after the morning service

NO Evening service

Christmas Eve:

4pm Christingle

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

10am Informal Holy Communion Service

Sunday 29th December

1st Sunday of Christmas

10am Sung Eucharist

No Evening Service

Readings for Sunday 22nd December

New Testament: Hebrews 10: 5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 39-45 [46-55]

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

[And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his

mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.']

Advent 4 Responses 'Lighting of the Candle'

(Responses in **bold**)

Come, Christ Jesus

Awaken our love

(The Candles are lit)

Come, Christ Jesus
**Awaken our love
Let it rise & shine
and live. Amen**



Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Community Friendship Cafe Every Monday (Church Centre)

During December & January, we're now open
a little longer from 11am – 4pm
We'll also be open Christmas Day 11am – 3pm
We're here as a warm space & for fellowship,
serving tea & coffees & light bites.



From Simon & the team
Wishing everybody a peaceful
Christmas & blessed New Year.
Thank you also to everyone
who helped support all our
Christmas services, events & activities

