

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 30th December

Church office closed
Church & Church Centre closed
No Community Friendship Cafe

Tuesday 31st December

Church office closed
Church & Church Centre closed

Wednesday 1st January (New Year's Day)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Church office closed
Church & Church Centre closed

Friday 3rd January

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm – 2.30pm Church Open for visitors
6pm Choir Practice – In Church

Sunday 5th January

10am Sung Eucharist
3pm – 5pm Epiphany Tea - Rectory
NO Evening Service

FISH – Food in School Holidays

Monday 6th January (9am – 11am)

If you're able to help, please speak with Simon or Christine

Community Friendship Cafe

Every Monday (Church Centre)

During January, we're 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

Open Rectory between 3pm – 5pm
Please feel free to pop in for a cuppa, cake & a chat



ADVANCE NOTICE

PCC MEETING – WED 8TH JANUARY AT 7PM

(WITH TEA & COFFEE SERVED FROM 6.45PM)

CHURCH CENTRE – SMALL HALL

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

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NORMAL OFFICE HOURS:
Tues & Wed 9am – 3.30pm & Fri 8.30am – 5pm

29.12.24

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 29th December 2024

1st Sunday of Christmas

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

Presiding: Rev Jim

Preaching: Rev Jim

Deacon: Gerda

Reader: Pam

Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-end

Intercessor: Rev Pauline

Hymns: 25, 1, 5, 8 & 12

Anthem: Away in a Manger (Jacques)



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view this week's
10am service booklet

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

NO Evening service

Sunday 5th January 2025

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Happy New Year!

10am Sung Eucharist

No Evening Service



Readings for Sunday 29th December

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

New Testament: Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 41-end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting

among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

*God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Post Communion Prayer

*Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the
life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

From Simon & the team

**Wishing everybody a blessed
& Happy New Year.**

**Thank you again to everyone
who helped in any way over the
Christmas festive season & also
to all those who supported our
Christmas services, events & activities.**

