

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 13th January

10am Bible Study - Church Centre (Lounge)
11.30am Midday Prayer - Church Centre
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café – Centre
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Tuesday 14th January

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 15th January

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre

Friday 17th January

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

Sunday 19th January

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Holy Communion – In Church

LOWESTOFT FOOD BANK

If you have brought any donations for the Foodbank, please leave them in the labelled box at the back of the church. Thank you!

Food in urgent need of:

Rice Pudding, Custard, UHT Milk, Pasta,
Tinned Fruit, Baked Beans, Tinned Meat,
Chocolate Bars & Biscuits.

Your Parish - Street by Street

Starting in January, each week we will be praying for a group of streets and their residents. You can find these streets on the map, pinned up in church.

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Allma Close - Map no. 17 / Map Ref. D 6
Ambleside Gardens - Map no. 19 / Map Ref. D 6
Ashness Close - Map no. 33 / Map Ref. D 6

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 12th January 2025

Baptism of Christ

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

Presiding: Rev Jim

Preaching: Canon Simon

Deacon: Gill

Reader: Kathryn

Reading: Acts 8: 14-17

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-18, 21-22

Intercessor: Sue

Hymns: 227, 337, 103, 263 & 766

Anthem: Holy Spirit, truth divine (Wynne Jones)

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.



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6pm Choral Evensong

Lead: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reader: Christine

Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7 & Acts 8: 14-17

Hymns: 691, 46 & 507

Psalm: 89 v. 19-29

Anthem: Come down, O love divine (Harris)

Sunday 19th January 2025

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Holy Communion

Readings for Sunday 12th January

Old Testament: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

New Testament: Acts 8: 14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 15-18, 21-22

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

*Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus
as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves
to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

Post Communion Prayer

*Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
