

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 27th January

10am Bible Study - Church Centre (Lounge)

11.30am Midday Prayer – Church Centre
International Holocaust Day

11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café – Centre

6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Tuesday 28th January

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 29th January

12pm Midday Prayer – In the Church Centre

Friday 31st January

12pm Holy Communion – In Church

12.30pm – 2.30pm Church Open for visitors

6pm Choir Practice – In Church

Sunday 2nd February

10am Sung Eucharist

No Evening Service

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

*God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.*

Post Communion Prayer

*Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by
your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of
his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.*

Your Parish - Street by Street

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:

Albany Road - Map no. 159 / Map Ref. I 14

Breckland Way - Map no. 50 / Map Ref. F 6-7

Berkley Gardens - Map no. 57 / Map Ref. F 6

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

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WELCOME TO

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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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 26th January 2025

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Gerda

Deacon: Sarah

Reader: Tina

Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4: 14-21

Intercessor: Captain John

Hymns: 2, 700, 258, 249 & 588

Anthem: Author of life divine (McDowall)

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.



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10am service booklet

6pm Sung Evensong

Leading: Sarah & Canon Simon

Reader: Pam

Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6 & 8-10

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Hymns: 634, 566 & 691

Psalm: 113

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord (Attwood)

Sunday 2nd February 2025

4th Sunday of Epiphany, Candlemas

10am Sung Eucharist

No Evening Service

Electoral Role – Complete Update

Please make sure you pick up your copy of the new Electoral Role form (available at the back of church).

Once completed, please return to Sarah or a Church Warden, alternatively please post through the church centre office letterbox. Thank you.

Everyone will need to do this, even if you were already previously on the electoral role.

Readings for Sunday 26th January

Old Testament: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6 & 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'