

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 17th February

Church Office Open

9–11am FISH – Food in School Holidays – In the Centre

10am Bible Study – Small Hall

11.30am Midday Prayer – Church Centre

11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café – Centre

6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Tuesday 18th February

Church Office Closed

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 19th February

Church Office Closed in the afternoon

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre

Friday 21st February

12pm Holy Communion – In Church

12.30pm – 2.30pm - Church Open for visitors

6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 23rd February

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Sung Evensong

Electoral Roll Forms
Have you returned yours?

Please make sure you've returned your form

LENT COURSE

Starts Sunday 2nd March

(1st Session during 10am Service)

WHY PRAY? Looking at the importance of prayer and introducing the various topics to be covered during the course

FOLLOWED BY SEVEN MORE TOPIC-BASED SESSIONS

(Upcoming Pew Sheets will detail information on each topic):

3rd March – 16th April

Every Monday – 10am In the Church Centre

Session repeated every Wednesday - 7pm in the Rectory

Stewardship

Giving in Grace

During Lent we will be exploring stewardship -
How do we respond to God's outrageous love for us?

Further details to follow

APCM – 6th April after the 10am Service

Would you like to join the PCC? If so, please complete a form and return it to a Church Warden.

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 16th February 2025

3rd Sunday before Lent

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Farmer
Presiding: Rev Jim
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Gerda
Reader: Grace
Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
Gospel: Luke 6: 17-26
Intercessor: Jennifer D
Hymns: 238 (tune 1), 552, 557, 725 & 708
Anthem: Blest are the pure in heart
(Walford Davies)



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

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

6pm Holy Communion

This will be held in the Church Centre with Tea & Coffee being served

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Reader: Emma
Reading: Luke 6: 17-26
Hymns: 236, 700, 621, 661 (2 verses), 602 & 595

Sunday 23rd February 2025

2nd Sunday before Lent

10am Sung Eucharist – In Church

6pm Sung Evensong – In Church

Prayers for 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:

Burton Street - Map no. 139 / Map Ref. I 12

Boston Road - Map no. 140 / Map Ref. I 12

Barnards Way (West side) - Map no. 164 / Map Ref. L / M 8

Readings for Sunday 16th February

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and

a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

*Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.*

Post Communion Prayer

*Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ
to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him
should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.*