

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 24th February

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

Tuesday 25th February

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 26th February

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre
5.30pm Silent Prayer

Friday 28th February

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm – 2.30pm - Church Open for visitors
NO Choir Practice

Saturday 1st March

10am Marriage preparation in the centre.

Sunday 2nd March

10am Sung Eucharist
No Evening Service

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



Fellowship Walk

Friday 28th February – For approximately 2 hours

Meeting outside Church Centre at 2pm

We'll then walk to the Wherry Hotel
via Normanston Park and Lake Lothing

Weather permitting

An easier route is also available

For more details speak with Linda or Emma



Appeal for Volunteers

We are looking for people to learn how to use the PA System, Live-Streaming & Screens for during a service. If you feel able to help please speak with Keith.

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 23rd February 2025

2nd Sunday before Lent

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Farmer
Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Rev Jim
Deacon: Sarah
Reader: Sue
Reading: Revelation 4
Gospel: Luke 8: 22-25
Intercessor: Sarah
Hymns: 721 (ii), 702, 598, 764 & 595
Anthem: Let all mortal flesh (Cleobury)



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

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

6pm Sung Evensong – In Church

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Reader: Ruth
Readings: Genesis 2: 4b – 9, 15-end
Revelation 4
Hymns: 276, 721 (i) & 763
Psalm: 104 verses 1-6
Anthem: Round me falls the night (Drese)

Sunday 2nd March 2025

Sunday next before Lent

10am Sung Eucharist – Introducing the Lent Course
No Evening Service

Electoral Roll Forms

Please can you make sure you've returned your form. Thanks

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

You can find these streets on the map, pinned up in church.

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Blakenham Close - Map no. 44 / Map Ref. F 4
Coniston Walk - Map no. 20 / Map Ref. C / D 7
Cumbria Way - Map no. 21 / Map Ref. C 7

Readings for Sunday 23rd February

Old Testament: Genesis 2: 4b – 9, 15-end

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

New Testament: Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder,

and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, ‘Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.’ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.’

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side of the lake.’ So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.

He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?’

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

*Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Post Communion Prayer

*God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart
of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*