

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 3rd March (Office open)

10am Bible Study & Lent Course Session 2 – Lounge
11.30am Midday Prayer – Church Centre
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café – Centre
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Tuesday 4th March – Shrove Tuesday (Office closed today)

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday (Office open)

12pm Holy Communion Service with Ashing – In Church
2pm Mothers' Union – Small Hall
7pm Lent Course – Rectory (repeat of Monday's Session 2)

Friday 7th March (Office open)

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm – 2.30pm - Church Open for visitors
6pm Choir Practice
7pm World Day of Prayer Service – St. Michael's, Oulton

Sunday 9th March

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Choral Evensong

LENT COURSE

(1st Session during today's 10am Service)

WHY PRAY? Looking at the importance of prayer

FOLLOWED BY SEVEN MORE TOPIC-BASED SESSIONS

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



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.*

SAFEGUARDING:

St. Margaret's Church is committed to safeguarding all worshippers, staff and visitors. If you have any concerns, please refer to the notices at each entrance door, which gives details of how to voice your concern, or visit www.stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk

**Please note, this service is livestreamed.
The seats in the side aisles are never in view**

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

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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 2nd March 2025 Sunday next before Lent

10am Sung Eucharist *Introduction to the Lent Course – Session 1*

Mass Setting: Farmer – Service 2
Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Reader: Kathryn
Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36
Intercessor: Gerda
Hymns: 598, 728, 42, 358 & 736
Anthem: Lamb of God (Webb)



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10am service
booklet

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

No Evening Service

Wednesday 5th March 2025 Ash Wednesday

12pm Holy Communion Service with Ashing

Sunday 9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Choral Evensong

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 2nd March

Old Testament: Exodus 34: 29-end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. To this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit & where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 28 – 36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they

were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power
to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LENT Course 2025

Session 1

Sunday 2nd March 10am Service

Why pray?

Focussing on the importance of prayer

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Session 2

Monday 3rd March at 10am

(In the Church Centre's Lounge)

Then repeated on

Wednesday 5th March at 7pm

(In the Rectory)

Adoration Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

*We will explore how we can enjoy God's presence
in praise and worship.*

For further information visit this website:

<https://prayercourse.org/sessions/>

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:

Cranworth Gardens - Map no. 24 / Map Ref. E 4

Claydon Drive - Map no. 60 / Map Ref. G 4-5

Clovelly Rise - Map no. 66 / Map Ref. F / G 8

Electoral Roll Forms

*Please can you make sure you've returned your form.
The electoral roll will close on 16th March.*