

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 17th March

10am Bible Study & Lent Course Session 4 – Lounge
11.30am Midday Prayer – Church Centre
(**Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 36 – 38**)
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café – Centre
1.50pm School Visit to the Church
No Bell Ringing Practice today

Tuesday 18th March (Office Open today)

11am Pat Raven Funeral at Waveney Memorial Park
1.50pm School Visit to the Church
2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 19th March (Office Open today)

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre
(**Gospel Reading: Matthew 1: 18-end**)
7pm Lent Course – Rectory (repeat of Monday's Session 4)

Thursday 20th March (Office Open today)

Friday 21st March (Office Closed today)

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
(**Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46**)
12.30pm – 2.30pm - Church Open for visitors
1.50pm School Visit to the Church
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 23rd March

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Sung Evensong

ELECTORAL FORMS LAST DAY TO RETURN FORMS IS TODAY

If you need another form, please let us know

LENT COURSE

3rd March – 16th April

Session 4 – Intercession

Your Kingdom Come

Monday 17th March at 10am (Church Centre)

Repeated Wednesday 19th March at 7pm (Rectory)

For further information visit:

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

Stewardship - Giving in Grace

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



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, the 10am service is livestreamed.

The seats in the side aisles are never in view

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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 March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Rev Jim

Deacon: Gerda

Reader: Delphine

Reading: Romans 12: 6-10

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Intercessor: Sue

Hymns: 494, 727, 791, 512 & 595

Motet: A Lent Prose

Anthem: Hide not thou thy face (Farrant)



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week's 10am
service booklet

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

3pm Christians Together - Songs of Praise St. Edmund's Church, Kessingland

6pm Holy Communion (Church Centre) Tea & Coffee will also be served

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reader: Pam

Reading: Luke 13: 31-end

Hymns: 818, 628, 678, 442 & 700

Sunday 23rd March 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Sung Evensong

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Camden Street - Map no. 124 / Map Ref. H / I 14

Church Road - Map no. 93b / Map Ref. I 12

Clarence Road - Map no. 142 / Map Ref. I 13

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

Readings for Sunday 16th – 10am Service

Old Testament: Genesis 15: 1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

New Testament: Romans 12: 6-10

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which
may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading for Sunday 16th – 6pm Service

Luke 13: 31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'