

## Your guide to this coming week

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March

9.00am, 11am, 2pm School Services in church  
10am Bible Study & Lent Course Session 6 – Lounge  
11.30am Midday Prayer – Church Centre  
**(Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 24-30)**  
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café – Centre  
6pm Bell Ringing Practice

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

2pm Busy Fingers

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

All day Organ Tuning - Church  
12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre  
**(Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 17-19)**  
2pm Mothers' Union – Small Hall  
7pm Lent Course – Rectory (repeat of Monday's Session 6)

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April


12pm Holy Communion – In Church  
**(Gospel Reading: Mark 12: 28-34)**  
12.30pm – 4pm - Church Open for visitors  
2pm Fellowship Walk – Meeting outside the Church Centre  
6pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

11am – 3pm Easter Table Sale – In the Church Centre

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

10am Sung Eucharist (Shortened Service)  
11am Annual Church Meeting (APCM)  
2pm Baptism  
4pm Wedding rehearsal



**Fellowship Walk – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
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

## Lent Course - 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 16<sup>th</sup> April

### Session 6 – Contemplation On earth as it is in heaven

*In this session we will discover how spending time with God in silence can enrich our relationship with Him.*

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10am (Church Centre)**  
**Repeated Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm (Rectory)**

For further information visit: <https://prayercourse.org/sessions/>

### 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](http://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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**Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre**

30.03.25

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Mothering Sunday

**10am**

**Parade Service**

Leading: Canon Simon & Sarah

Intercessor: Pam

Hymns: 394, 136, 656, 533 & 652

Anthem: Be thou my vision (Chilcott)

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.



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

**3.30pm**

**Simon preaching at Norwich Cathedral Evensong**

**No Evening Service**

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## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**10am**

**Sung Eucharist (Shortened)**

**11am**

**APCM**

**No Evening Service**

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### Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

**Crestview Drive** - Map no. 18b / Map Ref. F 7-8

**Darsham Vale** - Map no. 27 / Map Ref. E 5

**Derwent Gardens** - Map no. 36 / Map Ref. E 6

## Reading for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

### Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

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### Collect (Prayer of the Week)

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### Easter Table Sale

#### Cakes, Small Easter Eggs & Help needed

If you think you are able to help in any way,  
please speak with Sarah or Rachel

### Stewardship - Giving in Grace

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



### 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.

### Authorised Worship Assistants (AWA)

Have you ever thought about training  
to become an AWA?  
If you're interested in training as an AWA  
please speak with Simon.

### Volunteers Needed

Servers, Crucifer & Acolytes  
We are looking for volunteers to help during  
services. Training will be given.  
If you're interested, speak with Simon.

### APCM – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11am (after the 10am Morning Eucharist Service)

During the meeting elections will be held for  
various roles within the church.