

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

No Bible Study
No Midday Prayer
No Community Friendship Café
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Tuesday 6th May

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 7th May

9am School Visit – In Church
12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre
(*Gospel Reading: John 6: 35-40*)
2pm Mothers' Union – Small Hall
6.30pm PCC Meeting with Holy Communion – Small Hall

Thursday 8th May – 80th Anniversary of VE Day

6.30pm National Bell Ringing Event – In Church

Friday 9th May

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm – 4pm - Church Open for visitors
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 11th May

Marking the 80th Anniversary of VE Day

10am Sung Eucharist (Shortened)
11.30am National Fishing Remembrance Service
6pm Choral Evensong (Open to Churches together)

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness
and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your
risen life and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known
to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him
in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

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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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 4th May 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

A Service of Praise & Thanksgiving

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reader: Jennifer D

Reading: Acts 9: 1-6

Gospel John 21: 1-19

Intercessor: Sarah

Hymns: 598, *separate sheet*, 802, 249, 218



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10am service booklet

Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre

No Evening Service

Sunday 11th May 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day

10am Sung Eucharist (Shortened)

11.30am National Fishing Remembrance Service

6pm Choral Evensong

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Field Grange - Map no. 5 / Map Ref. B 5

Fallowfields (part) - Map no. 6 / Map Ref. B 5

Foxborough Road - Map no. 16a / Map Ref. D 6-7

Please pray for the bereaved families of:

Jill Robertson

Pauline Adam



Loving God, grant them eternal peace.



Readings for Sunday 4th May

New Testament: Acts 9: 1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my

lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

HYMN: I will offer up my life

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love,
as my worship to you
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said,
what can be sung
As a praise of Your name
for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell,
not even in part
Of the debt of love
that is owed by this thankful heart*

You deserve my every breath,
for You've paid the great cost
Giving up your life to death,
even death on a cross
You took all my shame away,
there defeated my sin
Opened up the gates of heaven
and have beckoned me in

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Songwriters: Matthew James Redman

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre