

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 19th May

10am Bible Study
11.30am Midday Prayer
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
(serving lunch 11am – 1.30pm & refreshments 2pm – 4pm)
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Tuesday 20th May

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 21st May

10am Funeral – t/l Molly Dyble
12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre

Friday 23rd May

9.30am School visit in church
12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm – 4pm - Church Open for visitors
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 25th May

10am Sung Eucharist
12pm Baptism
6pm Sung Evensong

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

*Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Post Communion Prayer

*Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.*



Fellowship Walk – Friday 30th May

Meeting at the Church Centre at 2pm

We'll then have a lovely circular walk to Dip Farm
and Gunton Woods - Weather permitting.

If you need further information, please speak to Linda or Emma

Coffee Concert – Aurora Consort

St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft

Friday 30th May at 1.15pm – 2pm

Refreshments served before & after the Concert



SAFEGUARDING:

St. Margaret's Church is committed to safeguarding all worshippers, staff and visitors. If you have any concerns, please refer to the noticeboard giving 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 18th May 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas
Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Rev Pauline
Deacon: Gerda
Reader: Val
Reading: Acts 11: 1-18
Gospel: John 13: 31-35
Intercessor: Jennifer D
Hymns: 713, 448, 212, 747 & 593
Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood)



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Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre

6pm Holy Communion (In the Church Centre)

Lead: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Reader: Jean
Gospel: John 13: 31-35
Hymns: 678, 165, 454, 442 & 612

Sunday 25th May 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

10am Sung Eucharist
12pm Baptism – Cheyenne, Anthony & Cordelius
6pm Sung Evensong

In Memory of Patricia King-Gardiner

Our thoughts and prayers are with Harry, Alison, Andrew and all the family following the very sad news of Pat's passing.
May she rest in peace & rise in glory. Amen.

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

Readings for Sunday 18th May

Old Testament: Genesis 22: 1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!'

Abraham said, 'Here I am.' God then said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

New Testament: Acts 11: 1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised

him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Fir Lane - Map no. 106 / Map Ref. H/I/J 6-8

Factory Street - Map no. 145 / Map Ref. J 13

Field View - Map no. 157 / Map Ref. K 7