

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 26th May – Bank Holiday

10am Bible Study
No Midday Prayer
No Community Friendship Café
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Wednesday 28th May

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre
5.30pm Silent Prayer – In Church

Thursday 29th May – Ascension Day

12pm Holy Communion Service in Church

Friday 30th May

10am Rehearsal for Coffee Concert
12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm – 4pm Church Open for visitors
1.15pm – 2pm Coffee Concert – Aurora Consort
2pm Fellowship Walk
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 1st June

10am Sung Eucharist
11.45am Baptism

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Gorleston Road - Map no. 7 / Map Ref. A/L 4-5

Grassmere Drive - Map no. 14 / Map Ref. D 6

Glemsford Road - Map no. 25 / Map Ref. E 4



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

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

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25.05.25

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 25th May 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Deacon: Sarah

Reader: Delphine

Reading: Acts 16: 9-15

Gospel John 14: 23-29

Intercessor: Captain John

Hymns: 710, 805, 644, 566 & 507

Anthem: Irish Blessing (Chilcott)



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Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre

12pm Baptism Cheyenne, Anthony & Cordelius

6pm Sung Evensong

Lead: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reader: Pam

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 & Acts 16: 9-15

Hymns: 810, 696 & 736

Psalm: 40 verses 1-6

Anthem: Be thou my vision (Chilcott)

Thursday 29th May 2025

Ascension Day

Holy Communion Service at 12 noon

Sunday 1st June 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

10am Sung Eucharist

11.45am Baptism – Thomas Turner

No Evening Service

Readings for Sunday 25th May

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

New Testament: Acts 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of

prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptised, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call
to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

In our Church Prayers

t/l Pauline Adams & family
Funeral 28th May 12pm St. Ives Methodist Church PE27 5BY

t/l Pat King-Gardiner & family
Whose funeral is 10th June, 11am at St. Margaret's Church