

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 28th July

9am FISH (Breakfast) – Church Centre
11.30am Midday Prayer – Small Hall (*Matthew 13: 31-35*)
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Wednesday 30th July

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre (*Matthew 13: 44-46*)
NOTICE: LAST WEDNESDAY MIDDAY PRAYER UNTIL WED 3RD SEPTEMBER
MONDAY'S MIDDAY PRAYER WILL CONTINUE, EXCEPT FOR BANK HOL

Friday 1st August

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm - 4pm Church Open for visitors
No Choir Practice

Sunday 3rd August

10am Sung Eucharist
No Evening Service

FISH (Food in School Holidays)

We are offering breakfast on the following
Mondays (9am – 11am):

28th July, 4th Aug, 11th Aug & 18th Aug

If you would like to help please speak with Simon

Songs of Praise Services

Sunday evenings - 10th, 17th & 24th August

4pm Praise Service, followed by Tea & Cake

During August the evening services will be informal
Songs of Praise Services Outside (weather permitting)

Please let Simon know your
favourite hymns, readings & poems

LOWESTOFT FOOD BANK

If you have brought any donations for the Foodbank, please leave
them in the labelled box at the back of the church. Thank you!

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Kelsale Close – Map no. 48 / Map Ref. F 7

Kelly Pain Court - Map no. 89 / Map Ref. G 12

Kirby Cane Walk - Map no. 101 / Map Ref. H / I 6

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

SAFEGUARDING:

St. Margaret's Church is committed to safeguarding all worshippers, staff
and visitors. If you have any concerns, please refer to the noticeboard on
how to voice your concern, or visit www.stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk

NB: The 10am service is livestreamed. Side aisles seats not 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 27th July 2025

6th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Gerda

Deacon: Sarah

Reader: Gill

Reading: Colossians 2: 6-15 [16-19]

Gospel Luke 11: 1-13

Intercessor: Captain John

Hymns: 641, 144, 628, 389 & 652

Anthem: Be still for the presence of the Lord
(Evans)



SCAN FOR
SERVICE
BOOKLET

Refreshments served in the Church Centre

6pm

Sung Evensong

Lead & Preach: Canon Simon

Readings Genesis 18: 20-32

Colossians 2: 6-15 [16-19]

Hymns: 116, 696 & 702

Psalm: 95

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood)

Sunday 3rd August 2025

7th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

No Evening Service

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 27th July

Old Testament: Genesis 18: 20-32

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the Oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

New Testament: Colossians 2: 6-15 [16-19]

Brothers and sisters as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it

to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Post Communion Prayer

*God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*