

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 1st September

11.30am Midday Prayer – Church Centre (*Matthew 9:16-22*)

11am - 4pm Community Friendship Café

6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Wednesday 3rd September

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre (*Matthew 13:44-46*)

Friday 5th September

12pm Holy Communion – In Church

12.30pm – 4pm Church Open for visitors

6pm Choir Practice

Saturday 6th September

7pm Jazz Concert (See notice below)

Sunday 7th September

10am Sung Eucharist

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 31st August 2025

11th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reader: Margaret

Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Gospel Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Intercessor: Sue

Hymns: (789), 716, 639, 557, 247 & 394



SCAN FOR
SERVICE
BOOKLET

Refreshments served in the Church Centre

Sunday 7th September 2025

12th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jazz Concert – Saturday 6th Sept,

Join us for an evening of amazing Jazz playing on the Organ,

Doors open 7pm, event starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £16 from: lowestoftjazzweekend.co.uk or on the door

St. Margaret's Heritage Open Days

Fri 12th, Sat 13th, Fri 19th & 20th Sept

10am – 4pm

Refreshments available

Coffee Concerts during Heritage Open Days include:

Steven Kirk on 12th September at 1.15pm

Tootie Flooties on 19th September at 1.15pm

*Come along and enjoy the splendour & beauty
of this grade 1 listed medieval church & soak up its rich history*

Suffolk Ride & Stride - 13th September

*If you feel able to help by cycling / walking, half the sponsorship
collected goes to your own local church*

See Richard for additional information

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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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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

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REOPENS 5th SEPT

31.08.2025

Readings for Sunday 31st August

New Testament: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this

person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation
of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Myrtle Close – Map no. 132 / Map Ref. I 9

Magnolia Court - Map no. 132b / Map Ref. I 9

Marham Road - Map no. 134 / Map Ref. J 9 - 10