

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 8th September

10am Bible Study – Church Centre
11.30am Midday Prayer – Church Centre (*Luke 6: 6-11*)
11am - 4pm Community Friendship Café – Church Centre
1.30pm Funeral of t/l Roy Leech in Church
6pm Bell Ringing Practice in Church

Tuesday 9th September

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 10th September

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre (*Luke 6: 20-26*)
2pm Mothers' Union – Small Hall
7pm PCC Meeting with tea & coffee from 6.45pm

Friday 12th September – Heritage Open Day

10am – 4pm Church Open for visitors
12pm Holy Communion – In Church
1.15pm Coffee Concert – Steven Kirk
6pm Choir Practice

Saturday 13th September – Heritage Open Day

10am – 4pm Church Open for visitors
10am – 4pm Ride & Stride – Church Open

Sunday 14th September

10am Sung Eucharist & 6pm Choral Evensong

Suffolk Ride & Stride - 13th September

Church Open 10am – 4pm

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

See Richard for additional information

07758 416272 or riallen@talktalk.net

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Join us in the Church on

Friday 26th September

12.30pm – 4pm

Cake donations would be gratefully appreciated please.

For further information contact Sarah:

sarah@stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk

ALPHA COURSE - Starting 1st October

(Every Wednesday for 8 weeks)

7pm in the Church Centre

(starting with refreshments)

Come along and explore Christianity together

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

CONTACT DETAILS

Rector

Rev. Canon Simon Stokes

PLEASE NOTE, CANON SIMON IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE 8TH – 22ND SEPTEMBER

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Tues & Wed 9am–3.30pm

& Fri 8.30am–5pm

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 7th September 2025

12th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reader: Captain John

Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Intercessor: Gerda

Hymns: 598, 789, 489, 427 & 748

Anthem: Forth in the peace of Christ (Ogden)



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Refreshments served in the Church Centre

Sunday 14th September 2025

13th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Mariners Street – Map no. 160 / Map Ref. I 14

New Millennium Way - Map no. 4 / Map Ref. A / F 5-6

Northgate - Map no. 111 / Map Ref. H / I 8-9

Readings for Sunday 7th September

New Testament: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes,

and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Sept at 1.15pm

Tootie Flooties on 19th Sept at 1.15pm

**Free admission, with donations towards church funds
welcome on the day, thank you**

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

ST. MARGARET'S COFFEE CONCERT

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 1.15PM



ST. PETER'S HANDBELL RINGERS

REFRESHMENTS SERVED BEFORE & AFTER THE CONCERT



FREE ADMISSION, DONATIONS TO CHURCH FUNDS WELCOME ON THE DAY