Your guide to this coming week

Monday 29th September

10am Bible Study - Church Centre

11.30am Midday Prayer - Church Centre (John 1: 47-end)

11am - 4pm Community Friendship Café

5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church (New start time)

Tuesday 30th September

2pm **Busy Fingers**

Wednesday 1st October

12pm Midday Prayer - Church Centre (Luke 9: 57-end)

2pm Mothers' Union - Small Hall Alpha Course in Church Centre 7pm

Christians Together AGM - St. Peters', Carlton Colville 7pm

Friday 3rd October

12pm Holy Communion – In Church 12.30pm - 4pm Church Open for visitors

Choir Practice

Sunday 5th October

10am Sung Eucharist (followed by Harvest Lunch)

Most Recent Contact Details for Rey Jim & Rey Pauline Florance: 01502 393771

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street This week, please pray for the residents of:

Orford Drive – Map no. 58 / Map Ref. F/G/H 4 Orwell Drive - Map no. 56 / Map Ref. F 5 Olive Court - Map no. 112 / Map Ref. H 14

ALPHA COURSE - Starting 1st October

(Then every Wednesday for 8 weeks)

7pm in the Church Centre

(starting with refreshments)

Come along and explore Christianity together

Harvest Service - Sunday 5th October

with guest speaker - Director of Mission, Richard Lamey

followed by a Shared Harvest Lunch

Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come plus what you plan to bring.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED TO HELP PLEASE

Please let Christine or the Office know if you can help. Thank you.

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 aisle seats not in view

CONTACT DETAILS

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ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH LOWESTOFT

Sunday 28th September 2025

15th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Canon Simon Presiding: Preaching: Canon Simon

Deacon: Sarah Reader: Terri

1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Reading: Luke 16: 19-end Gospel Captain John Intercessor:

Hymns: 621, 678, Pew sheet, 430 & 784 Author of life divine (McDowall) Anthem:

Refreshments served in the Church Centre

Sung Evensong 6pm

Lead & Preach: Canon Simon

Reader: Ruth

Readings: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

676, 604 & 394 Hymns: Psalm: 132, verses 1-10

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord (Attwood)

Sunday 5th October 2025

Harvest Festival

10am Sung Eucharist

With guest speaker: Director of Mission, Richard Lamey followed by Harvest lunch

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Lord God.

defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 28th September

New Testament: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-end

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good

things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

HYMN: 10,000 Reasons (Matt Redman)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship His holy name, Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
and whatever lies before me
let me be singing
when the evening comes
(Chorus)

You're rich in love
and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great
and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find
(Chorus)

And on that day
when my strength is failing
the end draws near
and my time has come,
still my soul will
sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years
and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name I'll worship Your holy name Yes, I'll worship Your holy name