

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 12th January

10am Bible Study – Church Centre
11.30am Midday Prayer – Church Centre (Mark 1: 14-20)
11am - 4pm Community Friendship Café
11am - 4pm Local Community Police visit - Church Centre
11am - 4pm Tech Surgery with Keith - Church Centre
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice - In Church

Tuesday 13th January

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 14th January

12pm Midday Prayer – In Church Centre (Mark 1: 29-39)
7pm PCC Meeting (refreshments from 6.45pm) – Small Hall

Friday 16th January

12pm Holy Communion – In Church Centre
6pm Choir Practice – In Church Centre

Sunday 18th January

10am Sung Eucharist – In Church Centre
No Evening Service – You're invited to the Christians Together Service instead – Please See Notice

TECH SURGERY – Monday 12th January 11am – 4pm

Issues or concerns with your mobile, laptop, computer etc?
Then why not pop along, with your device, and have a chat with Keith - In the Church Centre.

PCC Meeting – Wed 14th Jan at 7pm

WITH TEA & COFFEE SERVED FROM 6.45PM
CHURCH CENTRE - SMALL HALL

Confirmation Service

Sunday 22nd March at 10am

With The Venerable Ian Bishop – Bishop of Thetford

If you're interested in being confirmed please speak with Simon as a matter of urgency

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Winnipeg Road – Map no. 138 / Map Ref. I 12
White Horse Street – Map no. 162b / Map Ref. I 14
Westhall Road - Map no. 18a / Map Ref. C / E 7-8

SAFEGUARDING:

St. Margaret's Church is committed to safeguarding all worshippers, staff and visitors. If you have any concerns, please refer to the noticeboards on how to voice your concern

NB: The 10am service is livestreamed. Side aisle seats not in view

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

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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 11th January 2026 Baptism of Christ

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-end

Intercessor: Sue

Hymns: 227, 46, 104, 427 & 108

Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood)



Refreshments served in the Church Centre

4pm Sung Evensong

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Gerda

Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm: 47 (Chant by Turle)

Canticles: Day & Ouseley

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord (Attwood)

Hymns: 691, 46 & 507

Sunday 18th January 2026 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10am Sung Eucharist No Evening Service

*Instead you are invited to join the Christians Together service
(See notice on notice sheet)*

**Please note all services
will now be held in the Church Centre
(hopefully returning to the church in March)**

Readings for Sunday 11th January

Old Testament: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

New Testament: Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to

testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-end

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been
drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christians Together in Lowestoft & District

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

United Service on Sun 18th January at 3pm

Salvation Army Citadel, Battery Green Rd, Lowestoft

*Our Evening Service on Sun 18th at 4pm has been
cancelled. You are invited to join us at the
Christians Together Service instead.*