

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 26th January

10am Bible Study
11.30am Midday Prayer (Matthew 19: 27-end)
11am - 4pm Community Friendship Café

Tuesday 27th January

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 28th January

12pm Midday Prayer (Mark 4.1-20)

Friday 30th January

12pm Holy Communion
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 1st February

10am Sung Eucharist – In the Church Centre, followed by marriage preparation course.

DEFIB REFRESHER COURSE

We have arranged for a free of charge CPR / AED refresher training course in our Church Centre
Saturday 14th February between 11.30am - 12.30pm
If you're interested in attending, please speak with Kathryn

LENT COURSE

**Monday in the Church Centre, Wednesday in the Rectory
Starting on Wednesday 18th February at 7pm**

Then continuing on the following dates:

Mon 23rd Feb 10am (Mon's sessions are instead of Bible Study)
Mon 2nd March at 10am & Wed 4th March at 7pm
Mon 9th March at 10am & Wed 11th March at 7pm
Mon 16th March at 10am & Wed 18th March at 7pm
Mon 23rd March at 10am & Wed 25th March at 7pm

Free Financial Advice

Pop along to the Community Friendship Café on Monday 26th January, where Sophia will be happy to have a chat with you.

Fundraising & Social Committee Meeting Sunday 8th Feb at 12pm in small Hall

If you would like to join the committee please speak with Rachel or Michelle,
Alternatively, pop along to the meeting for a chat

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

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Sunday 25th January 2026 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Rev Jim

Preaching: Sarah

Deacon: Sue

Reader: Delphine

Reading: Acts 9: 1-22

Gospel: Matthew 19: 27-end

Intercessor: Rev Pauline

Hymns: 721, 609, 664, 787 & 588

Anthem: A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester (White)

SCAN FOR
SERVICE
BOOKLET



Refreshments served afterwards

4pm Sung Evensong

Presiding: Rev Geoff

Preaching: Rev Geoff

Reader: Sheila

Readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Acts 9: 1-22

Psalm: 33 verses 1-11 (Chant by Rowthorn)

Canticles: Parratt & Lewis

Anthem: Round me falls the night (Drese)

Hymns: 634, 566 & 691

Sunday 1st February 2026 Candlemas

10am Sung Eucharist (Church Centre)

No Evening Service

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday 25th January

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

New Testament: Acts 9:1-22

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptised, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 19: 27-end

Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven
and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Wensum Gardens – Map no. 75 / Map Ref. G 11
Woods Lake Way – Map no. 96 / Map Ref. H 5
Woods Lake East - Map no. 98 / Map Ref. H 6-7