

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 2nd February

10am Bible Study
11.30am Midday Prayer (Mark 5.1-20)
11am - 4pm Community Friendship Café (including slow cooker demonstration 11.30 – 2pm)

Tuesday 3rd February

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 4th February

12pm Midday Prayer (Mark 6.1-6a)

Friday 6th February

12pm Holy Communion
5-6pm Confirmation Class - Rectory
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 8th February

10am Sung Eucharist
12pm Fundraising Committee Meeting
4pm Sung Evensong

DEFIB COURSE – Sat 14th Feb 11.30-12.30pm

We have arranged for a free of charge
CPR / AED refresher training course in our Church Centre
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

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

Free Financial Guidance

Pop along to the Church Centre on Mon 23rd Feb,
where Sophia will be happy to have a chat with you.
For more info please tel: 07469 393028

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
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Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

CONTACT DETAILS

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& Fri 8.30am–5pm
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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 1st February 2026

Candlemas &
Rededication of Anna Chaplains

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas
Presiding: Canon Simon & Sarah
Preaching: Canon Simon
Reader: Grace & Samuel
Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-end
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40
Intercessor: Grace
Hymns: 719, Booklet, 113, 396, & 264
Anthem: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
(Evans)



Refreshments served afterwards

Marriage Preparation Course - Rectory

No Evening Service

Sunday 8th February 2026

10am Sung Eucharist
4pm Sung Evensong

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Readings for Sunday 1st February

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

New Testament: Hebrews 2: 14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on

him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts
beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Walberswick Way – Map no. 100 / Ref. H5
Yarmouth Road (West) – Map no. 125 / Ref. F/I 13-14