

## Your guide to this coming week

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

10am Lent Group – Church Centre  
11am-4pm Community Friendship Cafe  
11.30am Midday Prayer (John 4: 43-end)  
1pm Funeral of t/l John Tucker – In Church  
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

2pm Busy Fingers

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

12pm Midday Prayer (John 5: 17-30)  
7pm Lent Group - Rectory

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

10am Sung Eucharist & Confirmation Service  
(followed by a bring & share lunch)  
4pm Sung Evensong

#### BRING & SHARE LUNCH

#### SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH - AFTER THE SERVICE

If you plan to join us, there's a sign-up sheet at the church entrance to write down the food you will be bringing on the day.

#### Clocks change - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Don't forget the clocks go forward 1-hour

#### Books For Schools - Appeal

If you're able, please collect tokens for our local schools and place them in the tray under the font. Tokens are printed in the EDP and Lowestoft Journal. Many thanks for your support.

#### APCM – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Following a shortened 10am service.  
If you regularly attend & would like to be included in our church Electoral Roll please see Sarah, Linda or Kathryn for a form.  
These will need to be returned by 29<sup>th</sup> March.

We are committed to safeguarding all worshippers, staff and visitors. If you have a concern, please refer to the noticeboards on how to voice your concern

10am service is livestreamed - Side aisles not in view

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

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Fri 8.30am – 5pm

15.03.26

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 entrance. Your gift will support mission work & helps towards the upkeep of this beautiful church. Many thanks for your kind gift.

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Mothering Sunday

### 10.00am Morning Worship

Leading: Canon Simon  
Preaching: Sarah  
Reader: Samuel  
Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 20-end  
Luke 2: 33-35  
Intercessor: Christine  
Hymns: 394, 656, 604, 533 (omit \* vs 4) & 652  
Anthem: Loving Shepherd of thy sheep (Ledger)



SCAN FOR SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the centre

### 4pm Holy Communion

Presiding: Canon Simon  
Preaching: Canon Simon  
Reader: Ruth  
Reading: Luke 2: 33-35  
Hymns: 818, 628, 678, 442 & 700

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## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 Confirmation with Baptism Service with Rt Rev Ian Bishop Bishop of Thetford

10am Sung Eucharist & Confirmation  
(followed by Bring & Share Lunch)  
4pm Sung Evensong

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## Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 20-end



In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a Nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

### Reading: Luke 2: 33-35

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.'

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## Collect (Prayer of the Week)

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### THINKING ABOUT GETTING MARRIED, HAVING A CHILD OR YOURSELF BAPTISED OR PLANNING A BURIAL OF ASHES?

*Please do get in touch - We can have a chat about what's possible and help you organise the service so it is special*

**[office@stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk](mailto:office@stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk)**

### Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

**Burton Street – Map no. 139 / Ref. I 12**

**Boston Road – Map no. 140 / Ref. I 12**

**Barnards Way (West) – Map no. 164 / Ref. L / M 8**



### Lenten Giving

Supporting

Kimbilio Children's Sanctuary in D.R. Congo



*If you'd like to make a donation during Lent please place your donation in an envelope, marked 'Kimbilio' & place either on giving plate or hand to a Church Warden. Thank you kindly.*

## Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday - 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**10am Sung Eucharist (clocks change)**

*with procession around churchyard (optional)*

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March, Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March & Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**7pm Compline (Church Centre)**

**Maundy Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**7pm Holy Communion Service (In Church)**

*with Washing of Feet or Hands & striping of altar*

**Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April (12pm - 3pm)**

**Devotional Service (Three 1-hour sessions)**

*Starting in the Centre with Hot Cross Buns  
then moving across to the Church*

*Coffee Concerts will start again in May  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 1.15pm*