

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 23rd March

10am Lent Group – Church Centre (Last session)
11am-4pm Community Friendship Cafe
11.30am Midday Prayer (John 4: 43-end)
1.15pm Easter Service – Poplars Primary School
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 24th March

9.30am Easter Service – Northfields Primary School
11 am Visit of DAC
2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 25th March

12pm Midday Prayer (John 5: 17-30)
12.30pm Funeral of t/l John Page – In Church
7pm Lent Group – Rectory (Last session)

Thursday 26th March

9.15am Easter Service – St. Margaret's Primary School

Friday 27th March

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

Sunday 29th March (Clocks go forward)

10am Sung Eucharist & Procession

*Clocks change - Sunday 29th March
Don't forget the clocks go forward 1-hour*

**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.

Books For Schools - Appeal

If you're able, please collect tokens for our local schools & place them in the tray by the font. Tokens are printed in the EDP and Lowestoft Journal.

APCM – Sunday 12th 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 29th 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

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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

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Tues & Wed 9am – 3.30pm
Fri 8.30am – 5pm

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WELCOME TO

ST . MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



Sunday 22nd March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcoming The Rt Revd Ian Bishop The Bishop of Thetford

10.00am Sung Eucharist & Confirmation with Baptism

Presiding: The Rt Revd Ian Bishop with Canon Simon
Preaching: The Rt Revd Ian Bishop
Readers: Confirmation Candidates
Readings: Romans 8: 6-11
Gospel: Dramatised from John 11: 1-44
Intercessor: Revd Pauline
Hymns: 144, 585, hymn in service booklet, 427 & 588
Anthems: The Prayer of St. Teresa (Ogden)
Be thou my Vision (Chilcott)



SCAN FOR SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre followed by a Bring & Share Lunch

4pm Sung Evensong

Leading & Preaching: Revd Geoff
Reader: Sheila
Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Romans 8: 6-11
Psalm: 86 v. 1-9 (Chant by Stainer)
Canticles: Garrett & Lloyd
Anthem: Holy, holy, holy (Schubert)
Hymns: 772, 121 & 116

Sunday 29th March 2026

(Clocks go forward 1-hour)

Palm Sunday with Procession

10am Sung Eucharist

This week's pew sheet is kindly sponsored by
Sheila Hancock

In loving memory of my husband
David Hancock
Who died on 25th March 2022



Readings for Sunday 22nd March 2026

Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Reading: Romans 8: 6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us that what we do for
the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Blakenham Close – Map no. 44 / Ref. F4

Coniston Walk – Map no. 20 / Ref. C / D 7

Cumbria Way – Map no. 21 / Ref. C7

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 29th March

10am Sung Eucharist (clocks change)

with procession around churchyard (optional)

Mon 30th March, Tues 31st March & Wed 1st April

7pm Compline (Church Centre)

Maundy Thursday – 2nd April

7pm Holy Communion Service (In Church)

with Washing of Feet or Hands & stripping of altar

Good Friday – 3rd April (12pm - 3pm)

Devotional Service (Three 1-hour sessions)

Starting in the Centre with Hot Cross Buns

then moving across to the Church

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.