

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 19th October

11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
10am Bible Study
11.30am Midday Prayer (*Luke 10: 1-9*)
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 20th October

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 21st October

12pm Midday Prayer (*Luke 12: 39-48*)

Friday 23rd October

12pm Holy Communion
12.30pm - 4pm Open Church
1.30pm School visit to church
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 25th October (Clocks go back 1 hour)

10am Sung Eucharist
4pm Sung Evensong

Safeguarding Survey

As part of the ongoing INEQE Safeguarding Audit, we are encouraging everyone to take part in the INEQE Safeguarding Survey.

The survey is an important opportunity for us all to help shape and strengthen safeguarding across the Diocese of Norwich.

The survey is confidential, and we encourage as many people as possible to take part and share their honest reflections.

Survey closes on 11th November 2026.

Please use this link to complete the survey:
<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/norwich/>

Evening Services – Time Change

From Sunday 25th October

(when the clocks go back an hour)

Evening Services will start at 4pm

These will revert to their original 6pm time end of March.

We look forward to welcoming you there.

SAFEGUARDING

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

Our Safeguarding Officer is Zoe Parle

10am service is livestreamed - Side aisles not in view

NB: The taking of photos is only permitted with the express permission of the clergy and individuals concerned

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

CONTACT DETAILS

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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

18.10.26

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

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. Many thanks.

Sunday 18th October 2026

19th Sunday after Trinity

10am

Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Deacon: Sarah

Reading: Isaiah: 35: 3-6

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

Reader: Jennifer T

Intercessor: Sue

Hymns: 736, 563, 512, 258 & 612

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins - Attwood

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

6pm

Holy Communion (Church Centre)

Leading: Canon Simon

Reader: Emma

Readings: Matthew 20: 1-16

Hymns: 598, 563, 800, 442 & 700

Sunday 25th October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

(Clocks go back 1 hour)

10am Sung Eucharist

4pm Sung Evensong



Prayers for Your Parish

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Orford Drive - Map no. 58 / Ref. F / G / H 4

Orwell Drive - Map no. 56 / Ref. F 5

Olive Court - Map no. 112 / Ref H8

Bereavement & Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 1st November at 4pm

*An opportunity to come together in thought & prayer,
Remembering loved ones and receive fresh comfort.*

Refreshments afterwards

**Please add names of loved ones to list at back of church
of those you wish to be remembered & names read out**

Readings for Sun 18th Oct 2026

Reading: Isaiah 35: 3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

"About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

"'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

"The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

"But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."
"The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit and through the
wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love
and power to heal;
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. Amen.

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.

Light Party - Friday 30th October

3pm – 5.30pm (Church Centre)

Food <> Music <> Activities

Free Entry - All ages welcome

Join us for an afternoon of light & fun!

For more information, please speak with Michelle

*** Children must be accompanied ***

Safeguarding Sunday - 15th November

Safeguarding Sunday brings together churches, united by a shared commitment to creating safer communities.

*This year's theme is 'Love Protects'
rooted in the powerful words of 1 Corinthians 13, reminding us
that safeguarding isn't just about policy, but a natural
expression of Christian love in action.*

It's an opportunity to pause & reflect on our safeguarding journey; celebrate the good work happening, see where things can improve, and commit to continuing to build safer places for everyone in church.