

Your guide to this week:

Morning & Evening Prayer are said in our own homes.

Monday 6th November

10am: Bible Study Group (Church Centre Lounge)

6pm: Bellringing Practise

Tuesday 7th November

2pm - 4pm: Busy Fingers

Weds 8th November

9.30am Lowestoft charity board meeting

Friday 10th November

12noon: Holy Communion

12.30pm: Church is open for visitors (until 2.30pm)

6pm: Choir Practice

Saturday 11th November

10.30 - 11.30am: Defibrillator & CPR Training (Centre)



Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 12th November 2023

9.30am Said Holy Communion

10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service
with the laying of wreaths

Dates for the Diary

Festive Food & Carol Evening - 12th Dec at 7pm

Christmas Carol Service - 17th Dec at 6pm

Christmas Eve - Crib & Christingle 4pm

Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Christmas Day - Family Communion 10am

6th January - Epiphany Pantomime Tea & Cake 3pm



Defibrillator & CPR Training

Saturday 11th November 10.30 – 11.30am
Church Centre

With the help of a lottery grant, we now have a defibrillator in the Centre & will be running a training session on how to use it effectively. If you would like to sign up for this training, run by the Air Ambulance, please speak to Kathryn (in the office), Pam or Roy.

Coffee Concert

St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft

Friday 24th November 2023

1.15-2.00pm

Katalin Prentice (Soprano)

Tanya Kirk (Piano)

Refreshments served before & after the concert.



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Welcome to

St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



Services This Week

Sunday 5th November 2023

4th Sunday before Advent

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Revd Geoff

Deacon: Gerda

Preaching: Canon Simon

Readers: Jan & Sarah

Readings: Micah 3: 5 - 12

1 Thessalonians 2: 9 - 13

Matthew 24: 1 - 14

Intercessions: Sue

Hymns: 644, 664, 145, 358 & 296

Anthem: Blest are the pure in heart (W Davies)

Tea & coffee are served in the Church Centre following the service. Why not come and join us?

NO EVENING SERVICE

Services for 12th November 2023

Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Said Communion Service

Matthew 25: 1 - 13

10.30am Remembrance Service

Readings: Micah 4: 1-5

Matthew 5: 43 - 48

6pm Choral Evensong

Readings: Judges 7: 2 - 22

John 15: 9 - 17

*If you are visiting us today, you are very welcome.
Please ask for any help you might need from the
sidespersons at the back table.*

*If you wish to make an offering the bowl
is also near the back together with a card-reader.
TOILETS are in the centre – if you need them during the
service, the key is available from the back table.*

Lowestoft Food Bank

Please leave any donations in the labelled box.

To watch services & keep up with church events visit:

www.stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk

Lectionary Readings & Prayers for this Sunday

Old Testament Reading: Micah 3: 5-12

Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! Its rulers give judgement for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the Lord and say, 'Surely the Lord is with us! No harm shall come upon us.' Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 1-14

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place,

but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer from

Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem

O God of all Justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians, and for all the people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice & equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children, for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

This week's pew sheet is kindly sponsored by Jennifer Dyer

In Remembrance of the second anniversary of John's passing, on Wednesday 8th November

