

## Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Your guide to this coming week:

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

10am Bible Study this week  
12pm FISH – Food in School Holidays  
No Midday Prayer – Resumes 15<sup>th</sup> April  
6pm Bellringing Practice - In Church

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

2pm Busy Fingers

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

2pm Mothers' Union – Church Centre Small Hall  
No Midday Prayer – Resumes 17<sup>th</sup> April

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

12pm Holy Communion – In Church  
12.30 – 4pm Open Church  
5.30pm Confirmation Classes – At the Rectory  
6pm Choir Practice this week

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April

10am Walk & Fellowship – Meet at the Church Centre

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

10am Sung Eucharist Service (followed by APCM)  
6pm Sung Evensong

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## Tea Party & Bake Sale

In aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

12.30pm – 3.30pm

*Please come along and support this event.  
We look forward to welcoming you there!*

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## Welcome to

# St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, 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 will support our ongoing mission work & help  
towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.

*Thank you for your kind gift.*

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

10am

Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Revd. Jim  
Preaching: Revd. Jim  
Deacon: Gerda  
Reader: Sue B & Pam  
Reading: Exodus 14: 10 - end  
1 John 1: 1-2: 2  
Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31  
Intercessor: Revd. Pauline  
Hymns: 204, 197, 678, 236 & 194  
Anthem: Let all mortal flesh (Cleobury)



Scan the QR Code  
above to view this  
week's 10am  
service booklet

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

## No Evening Service

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## Services for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00am

Sung Eucharist

*Followed by the APCM after the service. Please stay in  
church for the APCM*

6pm

Sung Evensong

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If you are visiting us today, you are very welcome.  
Large-print pew sheets, service sheets & hymn books available.  
Toilets are in the centre - If you need them during the service,  
the key is available from the back table.

This week's pew sheet is  
sponsored by Monica Turner

*'In memory of my dear husband  
Leonard James Turner'*

05.06.1928 – 10.04.2010



## **Lectionary Readings & Prayers for this Sunday**

### **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 14: 10 - end**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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### **New Testament Reading: 1 John 1: 1-2: 2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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### **Gospel Reading: John 20: 19 - 31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.