

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 10th June

10am Bible Study – Church Centre (Lounge)
12pm Midday Prayer – In Church
6pm Bellringing Practice

Tuesday 11th June

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 12th June

12pm Midday Prayer – In Church

Friday 14th June

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm Open Church (until 4pm)
1pm – 4pm Maintenance afternoon
5.30pm Confirmation Class - Rectory
6pm Choir Practice – In Church

Sunday 16th June

10am Sung Eucharist Service
6pm Holy Communion

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Festival of Flowers with Music Friday 19th - Sunday 21st July

*Helpers needed to bake cakes & serve refreshments
If you feel you can help, please sign the sheet
at the back of church when it is put up. Thank you.*

Table-Top Sale Saturday 20th July

*If you would like to offer some help, please speak with
Rachel or Sarah, thank you.*

In preparation for our Festival of Flowers weekend there will be a maintenance & cleaning afternoon
This Friday 14th June 1pm - 4pm
Come & join the fun!

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.



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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 back of church.

Your gift supports our ongoing mission work & helps towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.

Thank you for your kind gift.

Sunday 9th June 2024 2nd Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Gill
Mass Setting: Farmer
Readers: Charles & Amelia
Readings: 1 Samuel 8: 4-20
2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1
Gospel: Mark 3: 20-end
Intercessor: Christine
Hymns: 581, 2, 587, 592 & 636 (tune 630)
Anthem: Lead me, Lord (S.S. Wesley)



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

Tea & coffee are served in the Church Centre following the service. Please stay and join us.

6pm Choral Evensong

Lead & Preach: Canon Simon
Reader: Sheila
Readings: Deuteronomy 6: 10-end
Acts 22: 22-23:11
Psalm: 36
Hymns: 763, 679 & 806
Anthem: Hide not thou thy face (Farrant)

Services for Sunday 16th June 2024 3rd Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Holy Communion

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

Lectionary Readings & Prayers for this Sunday

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 8: 4-20

Fed up, all the elders of Israel got together and confronted Samuel at Ramah. They presented their case: "Look, you're an old man, and your sons aren't following in your footsteps. Here's what we want you to do: Appoint a king to rule us, just like everybody else." When Samuel heard their demand - "Give us a king to rule us!" - he was crushed. How awful! Samuel prayed to God. God answered Samuel, "Go ahead and do what they're asking. They are not rejecting you. They've rejected me as their King. From the day I brought them out of Egypt until this very day they've been behaving like this, leaving me for other gods. And now they're doing it to you. So let them have their own way. But warn them of what they're in for. Tell them the way kings operate, just what they're likely to get from a king." So Samuel told them, delivered God's warning to the people who were asking him to give them a king. He said, "This is the way the kind of king you're talking about operates. He'll take your sons and make soldiers of them - chariotry, cavalry, infantry, regimented in battalions and squadrons. He'll put some to forced labour on his farms, ploughing and harvesting, and others to making either weapons of war or chariots in which he can ride in luxury. He'll put your daughters to work as beauticians and waitresses and cooks. He'll conscript your best fields, vineyards, and orchards and hand them over to his special friends. He'll tax your harvests and vintage to support his extensive bureaucracy. Your prize workers and best animals he'll take for his own use. He'll lay a tax on your flocks and you'll end up no better than slaves. The day will come when you will cry in desperation because of this king you so much want for yourselves. But don't expect God to answer." But the people wouldn't listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We will have a king to rule us! Then we'll be just like all the other nations. Our king will rule us and lead us and fight our battles."

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to

the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel Reading: Mark 3: 20-end

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin' - for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.