

Your guide to this week:

Monday 15th January

10am Bible Study
12pm Midday Prayer
6pm Bellringing Practise

Tuesday 16th January

No Busy Fingers this week

Wednesday 17th January

12pm Midday Prayer

Friday 19th January

12noon: Holy Communion
12.30pm: Church is open for visitors (until 2.30pm)
6pm: Choir Practice

Sunday 21st January

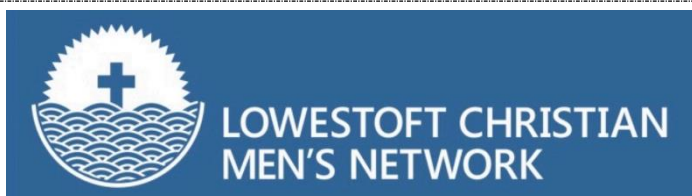
10am: Sung Eucharist
6pm Holy Communion with Hymns

The Three Bears & Aladdin

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this year's Pantomime. An afternoon full of fun & laughter! Thank you also to all those involved & helped in any way.

LOWESTOFT FOOD BANK

If you have brought any donations for the Foodbank, please leave them in the labelled box at the back of the church. Thank you!



Men's New Year Dinner
Saturday 20th January - 7pm
Park Hill Hotel
Oulton, NR32 5DQ

Speaker: Bruno Peek (Pageant master)

If you're interested, please add your name & menu choice to the list at the back of church, or contact Cliff directly on at bikercliff@yahoo.com (07922 004122) by Monday 15th January.

Please note: If you book and are then unable to attend there will be a charge of £10

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Welcome to

St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



Sunday 14th January 2024 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Gerda
Deacon: Sarah
Readers: Helen & Val
Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Revelation 5:1-10
John 1: 43-51
Intercessor: Pam
Hymns: 678, 193, 621, 747 & 630
Anthem: Star of Wonder (Bullard)

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

6pm Choral Evensong

Leading: Canon Simon
Reader: Ruth
Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 6:11-end
Psalm: 145: 1-12

Services for Sunday 21st January 2024 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10.00am Sung Eucharist

6pm Holy Communion with Hymns

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

If you wish to make an offering, the gift bowl is near the back of the church, together with a card-reader. Large-print pew sheets, service sheets & hymn books are available.

TOILETS are in the 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 3:1-10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

New Testament Reading: Revelation 5:1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and

people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Gospel Reading: John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'



Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
