

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 17th June

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

Tuesday 18th June

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 19th June

12pm Midday Prayer – In Church
2.30pm Fabric & Fundraising Committee (Lounge)

Thursday 20th June

11am Visiting Bell Ringers – In Church

Friday 21st June

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

Sunday 23rd June

10am Sung Eucharist Service
6pm Sung Evensong

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

WELCOME STEWARDS NEEDED

Add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet if you can help
and

VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE REFRESHMENTS AND / OR BAKE CAKES

Add your name to the Sign-up Sheet if you can help

SIGN-UP SHEETS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

Parish Giving Scheme

**A safe, secure & easy way to gift your collection
to the church**

Speak to Michael for further details or visit
www.parishgiving.org.uk

This week's pew sheet is kindly
sponsored by Jim & Pauline Florance

**Celebrating Jim's
80th Birthday**

Happy Birthday Jim. With all our love
from your friends & church family at St. Margaret's



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16/06/24 Tues & Wed 9am – 3.30pm & Fri 8.30am – 5pm

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 16th June 2024
3rd Sunday after Trinity

welcoming Bishop Raj Kumar (India)



10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Revd. Jim
Preaching: Revd. Pauline
Deacon: Canon Simon
Mass Setting: Farmer
Reader: Sue
Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34
Intercessor: Revd. Pauline
Hymns: 595, 494, 546, 794 & 769
Anthem: Now the green blade rises (Bullard)



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 Holy Communion

Preside: Canon Simon
Preach: Canon Simon
Reader: Ruth
Reading: Luke 7: 36-8:3
Hymns: 621, 212, 639, 661, 592 & 721

Services for Sunday 23rd June 2024 4th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Sung Evensong

Collect - Prayer of the Week

God our saviour, look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Large-print Service Sheets & Hymn Books available.
Toilets & Baby Changing are in the Church Centre.

Lectionary Readings & Prayers for this Sunday

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 15.34-16.13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home

with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel Reading: Mark 4.26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.