

## Your guide to this coming week:

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

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

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

2pm Busy Fingers  
7pm Deanery Synod at Bloodmoor Community Centre

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

12pm Midday Prayer – In Church  
5.30pm Silent Prayer – In Church

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

12pm Holy Communion – In Church  
12.30pm Open Church (until 4pm)  
1.15pm Coffee Concert – In Church  
Evan Ruth (Tenor) & Tanya Kirk (Piano)  
5.30pm Confirmation Class - Rectory  
6pm Choir Practice – In Church

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

10am Sung Eucharist Service  
11.45am Baptism  
6pm Sung Evensong

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**Advance Notice:**  
**PCC Meeting - Starting with Holy Communion**  
**1<sup>st</sup> May at 6.30pm**  
*In the Church Centre - Small Hall*

This week's pew sheet is kindly  
sponsored by Linda  
In loving memory of my dear mum,  
Maurgen



*This week's pew sheet is also kindly  
sponsored by Pat Raven*

*In Loving memory of  
Pauline Spratt*

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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.*

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## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10am

### Sung Eucharist

*Visiting preacher Revd. Melanie Hider*

Presiding: Canon Simon  
Preaching: Revd. Melanie Hider  
Deacon: Sarah  
Reader: Margaret & Jennifer T  
Reading: Acts 4: 5-12

Gospel: John 10: 11-18  
Intercessor: Pam

Hymns: 650, 800, 678, 464 & 507

Anthem: Loving shepherd of thy sheep (Ledger)

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



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

6pm

### Holy Communion

Presiding: Canon Simon  
Preaching: Canon Simon  
Reading: John 6: 30-40  
Hymns: 681, 664, 454, 661, 724 & 635

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## Services for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00am

### Sung Eucharist

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 are available (please do ask). Toilets & Baby Changing Area are in the Church Centre. If you need them during the service, the key is available from the back table. Thank you.*

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

### **First Reading: Acts 4: 5-12**

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

### **Second Reading: 1 John 3: 16-end**

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## **Gospel Reading: John 10: 11-18**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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### **Collect (Prayer of the Week)**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into  
one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us  
to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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