

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 29th July

9am – 11am FISH (Food in School Holidays)
10.30am Fundraising & Fabric Committee – Small Hall
12pm Midday Prayer – In Church
6pm Bellringing Practice

Wednesday 31st July

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

Friday 2nd August

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm Open Church (until 4pm)
6pm Choir Practice – In Church

Saturday 3rd August

11am Burial of Ashes, Margaret Blakely

Sunday 4th August

10am Sung Eucharist Service
NO Evening Service

Praise to God for a fabulous Patronal Festival Weekend!

Thank you to everyone who came & supported our
'Festival of Flowers with Music' and 'Table-Top Sale'
It was wonderful to see so many people visiting
St. Margaret's this weekend.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to
make this fabulous event possible; the creative team of
florists for their beautiful displays, as well as to the
talented musicians who entertained us with their glorious
music.

To those behind the scenes who helped in so many ways;
from planning, organising & supporting, preparing & tidying
the church & centre, welcoming & stewarding, manning
stalls, baking, to serving refreshments... and so much more!

What a fantastic team!

**Thank you again to each one of you for helping to make this
weekend such a success!**

Songs of Praise Services

Sunday 11th, 18th & 25th August

4pm Tea & Cake, followed by 5pm Praise Service

During August evening services will be informal
Songs of Praise Services Outside (weather permitting)

Please let Simon know your
favourite hymns, readings & poems

LLM Licensing of Sarah Spall

Saturday 21st September
Norwich Cathedral

We are looking into hiring a minibus for the event.
Please put your name on the list at the back of church if
you would like to go & need transport by minibus. There
will be a cost (tbc once we know how many seats needed)

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28.07.24

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 28th July 2024 9th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Gill
Mass Setting: Farmer
Reader: Grace
Reading: Ephesians 3: 14 - 21
Gospel: John 6: 1 - 21
Intercessor: Sue
Hymns: 276, 448, 667, 429 & 453
Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Cleobury)



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

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

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

11.45am Baptism of Grace Ivy Ashton

6pm Sung Evensong

Lead & Preach: Canon Simon
Reader: Sarah
Readings: Song of Solomon 2
1 Peter 4: 7-14
Psalm: 75
Hymns: 238, 664 & 652
Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Cleobury)

Services for Sunday 4th August 2024 10th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist No Evening Service

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lectionary Readings

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 11: 1 - 15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. When David rose one afternoon from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So, David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' So, David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark, Israel & Judah remain in booths; & my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting & then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 6: 1 - 21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race & language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mothers' Union Exhibition (Souls of our Shoes) In the Church Centre Foyer

Please pop into the church centre and have a look at the display by the Mothers' Union, highlighting the important issue of domestic abuse