

## Your guide to this coming week

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August

9am FISH (Breakfast) – Church Centre  
11.30am Midday Prayer – Small Hall (*Matthew 17: 22-end*)  
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

12pm Holy Communion – In Church  
12.30pm - 4pm Church Open for visitors

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

10am Sung Eucharist  
4pm Songs of Praise Service – outside weather permitting  
(Followed by tea & cake)



### Fellowship Walk – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August

#### Meeting at the Church Centre at 2pm

For a lovely circular walk to Sparrows Nest

If you need further information,  
please speak to Linda or Emma

### Songs of Praise Services

Sunday evenings - 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August

4pm Praise Service, followed by Tea & Cake

During August the evening services will be informal  
Songs of Praise Services - Outside (weather permitting)  
Please let Simon know your favourite hymns, readings & poems

### St. Margaret's Church Coffee Concert



Jill Crossland (Piano)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
1.15pm – 2pm



Refreshments served before & after the Concert

### Church Office

Please note the Church Office will be closed from  
12<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September

The office emails will also be unmanned.

For urgent enquiries, Funerals, weddings & baptisms  
please contact Canon Simon

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

### SAFEGUARDING:

St. Margaret's Church is committed to safeguarding all worshippers, staff and visitors. If you have any concerns, please refer to the noticeboard on how to voice your concern, or visit [www.stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk](http://www.stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk)  
NB: The 10am service is livestreamed. Side aisles seats not in view

### CONTACT DETAILS

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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

#### Office

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Usual Hours: Tues & Wed 9am–3.30pm  
& Fri 8.30am–5pm  
Please note: Office Closed between  
12<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September

10.08.2025

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### 10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Sarah

Reader: Kathryn

Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12: 32-40

Intercessor: Rev Jim

Hymns: 650, 373, 757, 146 & 595



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SERVICE  
BOOKLET

Refreshments served in the Church Centre

### 4pm Songs of Praise

An informal service followed by tea & cake  
Outside – weather permitting

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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### 10am Sung Eucharist

### 4pm Songs of Praise

An informal service followed by tea & cake  
Outside – weather permitting

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This week's pew sheet is kindly sponsored by  
members of the MU to celebrate

Mary Sumner Day (founder of the Mothers' Union)  
on 9<sup>th</sup> August



## Readings for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August

### New Testament: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### Gospel: Luke 12: 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so

that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

### Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your  
praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens  
of your love shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed  
with your body be refreshed with the  
fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

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### Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Lilac Drive – Map no. 113 / Map Ref. H 9

Larch Road - Map no. 116 / Map Ref. H 9

Meadow Road - Map no. 11 / Map Ref. C 4