

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 18th August

9am FISH (Breakfast) – Church Centre
11am Interment of Ashes – t/l David Hall
11.30am Midday Prayer – Small Hall (*Matthew 19: 16-22*)
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Friday 22nd August

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm - 4pm Church Open for visitors
1.15pm – 2pm Coffee Concert: Jill Crossland (Piano)
No Choir practice

Sunday 24th August

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

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Melrosa Close – Map no. 12 / Map Ref. C 4
Magdalen Close - Map no. 65 / Map Ref. F / G 7
Malvern Rise - Map no. 72 / Map Ref. G 8

Notice – Church Office

The Church Office is closed until 5th September
The Office Emails will not be monitored.

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

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 and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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
NB: The 10am service is livestreamed. Side aisles seats not in view

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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.*

Sunday 17th August 2025 9th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reader: Helen

Reading: Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

Gospel Luke 12: 49-56

Intercessor: Sarah

Hymns: 598, Pew Sheet, 589, 489 & 719



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Refreshments served in the Church Centre

4pm Songs of Praise

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

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Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Lord God,
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.

Readings for Sunday 17th August

New Testament: Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When

you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

HYMN:

Amazing Grace (My Chains are gone)

*Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed*

*My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

*My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

*My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine*