### Your guide to this coming week

Monday 25th August – Bank Holiday

Church Centre Closed for Bank Holiday

#### Friday 29th August

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

6pm Choir practice

Sunday 31st August

10am Sung Eucharist

## Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street This week, please pray for the residents of:

Mount Pleasant – Map no. 92 / Map Ref. G 10 - 11 Mimosa Walk - Map no. 114 / Map Ref. I 9 Melbourne Road - Map no. 122 / Map Ref. H 12-14

## Jazz Concert – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept,

Join us for an evening of amazing Jazz playing on the Organ, Doors open 7pm, event starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £16 from: lowestoftjazzweekend.co.uk or on the door

# St. Margaret's Heritage Open Days Fri 12<sup>th</sup>, Sat 13<sup>th</sup>, Fri 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am – 4pm

Refreshments available

Coffee Concerts during Heritage Open Days include: Steven Kirk on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 1.15pm Tootie Flooties on 19<sup>th</sup> September at 1.15pm

Come along and enjoy the splendour & beauty of this grade 1 listed medieval church & soak up its rich history

# Suffolk Ride & Stride - 13th September

If you feel able to help by cycling / walking, half the sponsorship collected goes to your own local church

See Richard for additional information

01502 576913 or riallen@talktalk.net

#### **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

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

CURRENTLY CLOSED UNTIL 5th SEPT

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

## ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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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 24th August 2025

10th Sunday after Trinity

## **10am Sung Eucharist**

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon Preaching: Rev Pauline

Reader: Kay S

Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-end

Gospel Luke 13: 10-17 Intercessor: Jennifer D

Hymns: 700, pew sheet, pew sheet, 358 & 264

#### Refreshments served in the Church Centre

## 4pm Songs of Praise

An informal service followed by tea & cake In the Rectory garden – weather permitting

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# Sunday 31st August 2025

11th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

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

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage
never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Readings for Sunday 24th August

## New Testament: Hebrews 12: 18-end

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth: but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

## Gospel: Luke 13: 10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does

not each of you on the sabbath untile his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

# HYMN: Jesus, be the centre

Jesus, be the centre, be my source, be my light, Jesus

Jesus, be the centre, be my hope, be my song, Jesus

Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails, be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus

Be the fire in my heart, be the wind in these sails, be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

# HYMN: Above all powers

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Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things; above all wisdom and all the ways of man, you were here before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known; above all wealth and treasures of the earth there's no way to measure what you're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone; you lived to die, rejected and alone; like a rose, trampled on the ground, you took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

Repeat