

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 24th November

10am Bible Study – Church Centre
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
11.30am Midday Prayer – Church Centre (*Luke 18: 35-end*)
1.15pm School in church
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 25th November

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 26th November

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre (*Luke 19: 11-28*)
7pm Alpha

Friday 28th November

10.45 Funeral in church of t/l Sandra Kruse
12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm – 2.30pm Church Open for visitors
1.15pm Coffee Concert – Katalin Prentice
6pm Choir Practice

Saturday 29th November

10am – 12pm Memorial Coffee Morning (In church)
In memory of Robert Linton

Sunday 30th November – Advent Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist
4pm Advent Reflections – In the Church Centre

Advent Reflections

Sunday 30th November at 4pm (Church Centre)

As we start our journey of preparation towards Christmas, join us for some advent reflections

100 Birthday Cards Appeal

One of the ladies who Rachel looks after at her Care Home will be turning 100 soon. We'd love to present her with 100 birthday cards to mark this special occasion.

If you're able, please would you write a card

To Linda, from (your first name only please)

& place it in the box at the back of church by 1st Dec.

Thank you.

Community Friendship Café Christmas Lunch

Monday 15th December at 12pm (Church Centre)

Limited places - To get your tickets please see Sarah

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

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

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

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23.11.2025

WELCOME TO

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



Sunday 23rd November 2025 Christ the King

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Helen S

Deacon: Gill

Reader: Delphine

Reading: Colossians 1: 11-20

Gospel: Luke 23: 33-43

Intercessor: Gerda

Hymns: 291 (v.5,7,8 & dox), 802, separate sheet or screen, 700 & 719

Choir Anthem: Let all mortal flesh (Cleobury)

SCAN FOR
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Refreshments served in the Church Centre

4pm Sung Evensong

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reader: Ruth

Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Colossians 1: 11-20

Psalm: 110 (chant by Barnby)

Canticles: Lewis & Parratt

Anthem: King of all ages (Isom)

Hymns: 704, 769 & 818

Sunday 30th November 2025 Advent Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist

4pm Advent Reflections (Church Centre)

Dates for your Diary

Sun 7th Dec at 4pm

'Silent Night' Thanksgiving Carol Service

Sponsored and supported by Gordon Barber funeral services

Sun 14th Dec at 4pm – Informal Holy Communion
with carols & mulled wine (In the Church Centre)

Sun 21st Dec at 4pm

St. Margaret's Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle & 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Readings for Sunday 23rd November

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

New Testament: Colossians 1: 11-20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel: Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Somerleyton Road – Map no. 15 / Map Ref. D 4-5
Sotterley Road – Map no. 28 / Map Ref. E 5
Snape Drive - Map no. 29 / Map Ref. E 5-6