

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 22nd December

9 – 11am FISH – Breakfast – Church Centre
11am Christingle Making – Church Centre
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

10am Informal Family Holy Communion Service

Sunday 28th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas

10am Sung Eucharist
No Evening Service

Church Cleaning - Volunteers Needed

If you are able to volunteer to help keep the church clean until the 4th January, while our cleaner, Terry, is convalescing following an operation, please speak with Sarah. Thank you.

Christingle Making - Mon 22nd December

FISH 9am – 11am

Followed by Christingle Making – In the Centre
Please come along if you're able to help. Thank you!

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

St. Peter's Street – Map no. 158 / Map Ref. J 11-12
Stirling Close – Map no. 13 / Map Ref. D 5
Somerton Avenue - Map no. 76 / Map Ref. F / G 11

ADVANCE NOTICE

PCC MEETING - MONDAY 14TH JANUARY AT 7PM

(WITH TEA & COFFEE SERVED FROM 6.45PM)

CHURCH CENTRE - SMALL HALL

SAFEGUARDING:

St. Margaret's Church is committed to safeguarding all worshippers, staff and visitors. If you have any concerns, please refer to the noticeboards 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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21.12.2025

WELCOME TO

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



Sunday 21st December 2025 4th Sunday of Advent

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Rev Jim

Preaching: Rev Pauline

Deacon: Helen S

Reader: Jennifer T

Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-end

Intercessor: Christine

Introit: Advent Wreath Prayer 4 (Archer)

Hymns: 315, 40, 75, 85 & 394

Anthem: Lamb of God (Webbe)

SCAN FOR
SERVICE
BOOKLET



Refreshments served in the Church Centre

4pm Christmas Carol Service

Carols in the service booklet

Led by: Canon Simon

Wednesday 24th December 2025 Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle

Carols in the service booklet

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Bethlehem Carol Sheet

10, 2, 20, 3, 13 & 12

Thursday 25th December 2025 Christmas Day

10am Family Holy Communion

Bethlehem Carol Sheet

12, 23, 6, 7, 19, 2 & 10

Sunday 28th December 2025 1st Sunday of Christmas

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Readings for Sunday 21st December

Old Testament: Isaiah 7: 10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

New Testament: Romans 1: 1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Advent 4 - Responses

*People of God: prepare!
God, above all, maker of all,
is one with us in Christ.*

Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!

*God, the mighty God,
bends down in love to earth.*

Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!

*God with us, God beside us,
comes soon to the world he has made.*

Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!

*We are God's children,
we seek the coming Christ.*

Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!



From Simon & the team

Wishing everyone a blessed & joyful Christmas
& a peaceful New Year too

*Thank you so much to all our church family for all
you have done and continue to do, to help support
St. Margaret's and our church family in any way.
Many blessings.*