

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 27th April

10am Bible Study
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
11.30am Midday Prayer (John 10: 1-10)
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 28th April

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 29th April

12pm Midday Prayer (John 12: 44-end)
2pm Funeral of the late Michael Rutty

Friday 1st May

12pm Holy Communion
6pm Choir Practice

Saturday 2nd May

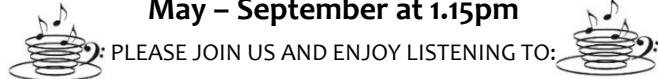
7.30pm Waveney Sinfonia Concert

Sunday 3rd May

10am Sung Eucharist

St. Margaret's Coffee Concerts

May – September at 1.15pm



PLEASE JOIN US AND ENJOY LISTENING TO:

Friday 8th May – David Grealy

Organist of Cathedral St. John the Baptist, Norwich

Friday 22nd May

The St. Peter's Carlton Colville Handbell Ringers

FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS WELCOMED ON THE DAY

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Crestview Drive – Map no. 18b / Ref. F 7-8

Darsham Vale – Map no. 27 / Ref. E 5

Derwent Gardens – Map no. 36 / Ref. E 6

SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to safeguarding all worshippers, staff and visitors. If you have a concern, please refer to the noticeboards on how to voice your concern

Our Safeguarding Officer is Zoe Parle

10am service is livestreamed - Side aisles not in view

NB: The taking of photos is only permitted with the express permission of the clergy and individuals concerned

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

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Tues & Wed 9am – 3.30pm

Fri 8.30am – 5pm

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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 entrance.

Many thanks for your kind gift.

Sunday 26th April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter / Vocations Sunday

Welcoming visiting speaker Canon Lucy Dallas
Diocesan Director of Ordinands

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Lucy Dallas
Deacon: Sarah
Reader: Amelia
Reading: Acts 2: 42-end
Gospel: John 10: 1-10
Intercessor: Charles
Hymns: 713, 448, 212, 747 & 593(i)
Anthem: Let all mortal flesh (Cleobury)



SCAN FOR SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

4pm Interment of Ashes

The late Pat King-Gardiner

6pm Sung Evensong

Lead & Preach: Canon Simon
Reader: Sheila
Readings: Genesis 7 & Acts 2: 42-end
Psalm: 106 vs. 6-12 (Turle)
Canticles: Garrett & Lewis
Anthem: Be thou my vision (Chilcott)
Hymns: 810, 696 & 736

Sunday 3rd May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

10am Sung Eucharist
No Evening Service

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings for Sunday 26th April 2026

Old Testament: Genesis 7

The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him. Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in.

For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits. Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

New Testament: Acts 2: 42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel: John 10.1-10



'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life
and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Coffee Concerts

Refreshment Helpers Needed

 2nd & 4th Fridays May – September at 1.15pm 
We are looking for people to help
serve Refreshments at our Coffee Concerts please

If you think you could help
please speak with either Gill, Sue or Kathryn
Thank you – We'd gratefully appreciate your support