

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 11th May

10am Bible Study
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
11.30am Midday Prayer (John 15: 26-16: 4)
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 12th May

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 13th May

12pm Midday Prayer (John 16: 12-15)
6.30pm PCC Meeting starting with Communion (Centre)

Thursday 14th May – Ascension Day

12pm Holy Communion Service

Friday 15th May

12pm Holy Communion
12.30 – 4pm Open Church
No Choir Practice

Sunday 17th May

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Holy Communion – Church Centre

St. Margaret's Coffee Concerts

May – September at 1.15pm



PLEASE JOIN US AND ENJOY LISTENING TO:



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:

Dove Street – Map no. 143 / Ref. I 13
Drake's Heath – Map no. 154 / Ref. K 8
Ennerdale Close – Map no. 22 / Ref. C7

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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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

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Tues & Wed 9am – 3.30pm

Fri 8.30am – 5pm

10.05.26

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 10th May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter Christian Aid Sunday

10.00am Sung Eucharist with Baptism of Arthur Battrick

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Gill
Gospel: John 14: 15-21
Intercessor: Rev Pauline
Hymns: 736, 805, 644, 249 & 507
Anthem: Irish Blessing (Chilcott)



SCAN FOR
SERVICE
BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

12pm National Fishing Memorial Service

6pm Sung Evensong

Lead & Preach: Canon Simon
Reader: Christine
Readings: Genesis 8: 20 – 9: 17
Acts 17: 22-31
Psalm: 73 v. 21-28 (Chant by Camidge)
Canticles: Garrett & Lewis
Anthem: Lord my God (S.S. Wesley)
Hymns: 810, 696 & 721 (ii)

Sunday 17th May 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Holy Communion (Church Centre)

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Readings for Sunday 10th May 2026

Old Testament: Genesis 8: 20 – 9: 17

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.' 9God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.' Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

New Testament: Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.