

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 18th May

10am Bible Study
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
11.30am Midday Prayer (John 16: 29-end)
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 19th May

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 20th May

12pm Midday Prayer (John 17: 11-19)

Friday 22nd May

12pm Holy Communion
12.30 – 4pm Open Church
1.15pm Coffee Concert – St. Peter's Handbell Ringers
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Sung Evensong

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



Summer Fayre

Saturday 6th June 11 – 3pm

Helpers needed please

(Sign-up sheet at the back of the church)

Please speak to Rachel or Michelle for more info

Retirement Announcement

Canon Steven Betts – Archdeacon of Norfolk

It's been announced that

Archdeacon Canon Steven Betts

will be retiring at the end of September.

You're invited to a farewell service

Friday 18th September, Norwich Cathedral, at 5.30pm

If you'd like to contribute to his retirement gift,

please email louise.cumberland@dioceseofnorwich.org

for BACS transfer details

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

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Tues & Wed 9am – 3.30pm
Fri 8.30am – 5pm

17.05.26

WELCOME TO

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 17th May 2026 7th Sunday of Easter

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Rev Jim
Preaching: Gerda
Deacon: Sue
Reader: Val
Reading: Acts 1: 6-14
Gospel: John 17: 1-11
Intercessor: Kathryn
Hymns: 588, 700, 228, 592 & 612
Anthem: Be still for the presence of the Lord (Evans)



SCAN FOR SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

6pm Holy Communion (Church Centre)

Presiding: Rev Geoff
Preaching: Rev Geoff
Reader: Jean
Reading: John 17: 1-11
Hymns: 702, 165, 454, 442 & 507

Sunday 24th May 2026

Pentecost

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Sung Evensong

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Eskdale Way – Map no. 32 / Ref. D 6-7

Evans Drive – Map no. 107 / Ref. I 7-8

Edinburgh Road – Map no. 121 / Ref. H 13

Readings for Sunday 17th May 2026

Old Testament: Ezekiel 36: 24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

New Testament: Acts 1: 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ
has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.