

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 8th June

10am Bible Study

No Community Friendship Café this week

11.30am Midday Prayer (Matthew 5: 1-12)

5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 9th June

9.45am - 11am School Visit – Northfields

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 10th June

12pm Midday Prayer (Matthew 5: 17-19)

Thursday 11th June

1.30 - 2.50pm School Visit – Northfields

Friday 12th June

12pm Holy Communion

12.30 – 4pm Open Church

1.15pm Coffee Concert – Tim Patient (Organ Recital)

6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 14th June

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong

Magazine Articles - July / Aug

Just a reminder that this edition's deadline for magazine articles is **Tuesday 16th June**

Please let Tina or Keith have any articles either at Church or the Community Friendship Café. Thank you.

St. Margaret's Coffee Concerts



PLEASE JOIN US AND ENJOY LISTENING TO:

Friday 12th June - Tim Patient

Organist of St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Eye

Friday 26th June

The Tootie Flooties' Recorder Ensemble

BOTH FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS WELCOMED ON THE DAY

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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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 7th June 2026

1st Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Rev Jim

Readers: Young People

Reading: Romans 4: 13-end

Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Intercessor: Young People

Hymns: 2, 712, 678, 489 and 593

Anthem: Prayer of St. Teresa (Ogden)



SCAN FOR SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

12.15pm Baptism of Maggie Cruickshanks

No Evening Service

Sunday 14th June 2026

2nd Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Foxborough Road – Map no. 16b / Ref. C / D 7

Fritton Close – Map no. 47 / Ref. F 5

Ferndale Avenue – Map no. 87 / Ref. G 7-9

Readings for Sunday 7th June 2026

Old Testament: Hosea 5: 15 – 6: 6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.'

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

New Testament: Romans 4: 13-end

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as

righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.