

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 27th July

No Community Friendship Café – Café returns 7th September
11.30am Midday Prayer (Matthew 13: 31-35)
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 29th July

12pm Funeral Service of Bobbie Burlingham (in Church)

Friday 31st July

12pm Holy Communion
12.30 – 4pm Open Church

Saturday 1st August

11am Wedding – Bethany & Craig

Sunday 2nd August

10am Sung Eucharist

FISH (Food in School Holidays)

We are offering breakfast on
Mon 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th August 9am – 11am
If you would like to help, please speak with Simon

Coffee Afternoon – Mon 17th August 2pm – 4pm in the Church Centre

In aid of Dementia UK

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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

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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 26th July 2026 8th Sunday after Trinity

Week 1 of Summer Sermon Series – 'Blessed'

This series explores the Beatitudes as Jesus' portrait of kingdom life: a way of being blessed that often overturns ordinary assumptions about success, strength and security.

Each week focuses on one Beatitude.

10am Sung Eucharist

Theme: *Entering the kingdom begins with spiritual poverty: recognising our need before God.*

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Deacon: Gill

Reader: Jennifer T

Reading: Revelation 3: 14-22

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Focussing on Matthew 5: 3

Intercessor: Gerda

Hymns: 641, 421, 383, 389 & 766

Anthem: Be still for the presence of the Lord (Evans)



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Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

11.45am Baptism of Lyra-Rae

4pm Wedding Rehearsal

6pm Sung Evensong

Leading: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Readings: 1 Kings 3: 5-12

Romans 8: 26-end

Hymns: 116, 696 & 702

Psalm: 77 verses 11-20 (Chant by Turle)

Canticles: Garrett & Ouseley

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood)

Sunday 2nd August 2026 9th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist
No Evening Service

Readings for Sunday 26th July 2026

New Testament: Revelation 3: 14-22

To the Church in Laodicea

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Focussing on: Matthew 5: 3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because
of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon focus: The blessed life starts not with self-sufficiency but with humble dependence on God's grace.

*Additional passages for reflection and application:
Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 51:16-17, Luke 18:9-14*

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be
free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen
the tokens of your love shine with the light of
hope; and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the fullness
of your life; glory to you for ever.

Songs of Praise Services

Sunday Evenings - 9th, 16th & 23rd August

4pm Praise Service, followed by Tea & Cake

During August the evening services will be informal
Songs of Praise Services (Outside-weather permitting)

There is a sheet at the back of church to
add your favourite hymn requests onto.

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

High Beech – Map no. 110 / Ref. I 8

Hemlands Map no.123b / Ref. H 14

Ipswich Road – Map no. 117 / Ref. H / I 12