

Your guide to this coming week

PLEASE NOTE: Church Office closed this week

Monday 3rd August

No Community Friendship Café – Café returns 7th September
9am – 11am FISH – Church Centre
11am – 12pm Visiting Bell Ringers
11.30am Midday Prayer (Matthew 14: 13-21)
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 5th August

12pm Midday Prayer (Matthew 15: 21-28)

Friday 7th August

12pm Holy Communion
12.30 – 4pm Open Church
1.15pm Coffee Concert – Chris Upton & Friends

Saturday 8th August

2pm Wedding – Bethany & Harry

Sunday 9th August

10am Sung Eucharist
4pm Songs of Praise Service – Church Centre

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:
Jenkins Gardens (part) – Map no. 1 / Ref. A 6
Johnson's Way Map no. 2 / Ref. A 6
Jenkins Green – Map no. 3 / Ref. A 6

Support us while you shop!

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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
02.08.26

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Fri 8.30am – 5pm
CLOSED THIS WEEK

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 2nd August 2026 9th Sunday after Trinity

Week 2 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: Kingdom comfort comes to those who grieve sin, suffering and the brokenness of the world

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Reader: Young People
Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12
Focussing on Matthew 5:4
Intercessor: Young People
Hymns: Separate sheet, 212, 557, 512 & 678



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Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

No Evening Service

Sunday 9th August 2026 10th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist
4pm Songs of Praise Evening Service followed by tea & cake - Church Centre (Outside weather permitting)

This week's pew sheet is kindly sponsored by Pat Burlingham

Cherished Memories of my husband, Terry, whose birthday was on 7th August.

It will also be a year since his passing on 23rd September



Readings for Sunday 2nd Aug 2026

New Testament: Revelation 21: 1-5

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Focussing on: Matthew 5: 4

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

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: *Jesus does not dismiss sorrow;
he meets mourners with the promise of God’s
comfort and restoration*

Additional passages for reflection and application:

Isaiah 61: 1-3, Psalm 34: 18, 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory’s sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here
around the table of your Son to share this meal
with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

St. Margaret’s Coffee Concerts



PLEASE JOIN US AND ENJOY LISTENING TO:

Friday 7th Aug at 1.15pm



Chris Upton & Friends (Vocalists)

FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS WELCOMED ON THE DAY

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.**

Coffee Afternoon

Monday 17th August

2pm ~ 4pm in the Church Centre

In aid of Dementia UK

Magazine Deadline - Monday 17th August

**PLEASE LET EITHER TINA OR KEITH HAVE ANY ARTICLES ETC
FOR INCLUSION IN THE SEPT / OCT MAGAZINE. THANK YOU.**

HYMN - Light of the World

**Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
beauty that made this heart adore you
hope of a life spent with you.**

Chorus

***So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God,
And You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.***

**King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came
To the earth You created.
All for love's sake became poor.**

Chorus

***So here I am to worship,
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**And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
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