

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 17th August

No Community Friendship Café – Café returns 7th September
9am – 11am FISH – Church Centre
11.30am Midday Prayer (Matthew 19: 16-22)
2 – 4pm Coffee Afternoon – Church Centre
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 19th August

12pm Midday Prayer (Matthew 20: 1-16)

Friday 21st August

12pm Holy Communion
12.30 – 4pm Open Church

Sunday 23rd August

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

Songs of Praise Services

Sunday Evenings - 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)

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.

St. Margaret's Coffee Concerts



PLEASE JOIN US AND ENJOY LISTENING TO:

Friday 28th Aug at 1.15pm

Zoe Anderton (Harpist)

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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**THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST
16.08.26**

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Fri 8.30am – 5pm

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 16th August 2026 11th Sunday after Trinity

Week 4 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: Jesus blesses those whose deepest longing is for God's justice, holiness and right relationships

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Sarah
Reader: Christine
Reading: Philippians 3: 7-14
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 (Read by Rev Pauline)
Focussing on Matthew 5:6
Intercessor: Sue
Hymns: 716, separate sheet, 559, 247 & 650



SCAN FOR
SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

4pm Songs of Praise Service

Informal Service followed by tea & cake
Church Centre (Outside, weather permitting)

Sunday 23rd August 2026

12th 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
The Mothers' Union celebrating
Mary Sumner Day
(founder of the Mothers' Union 150 years ago)

In Mary Sumner's footsteps

Readings for Sunday 16th Aug 2026

New Testament: Philippians 3: 7-14

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Focussing on: Matthew 5: 6

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

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: Righteousness is not a religious accessory, but a holy appetite God promises to satisfy.

Additional passages for reflection & application:

Psalm 42 1-2, Isaiah 55: 1-3 and Amos 5: 21-24

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from
seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we
have to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one
true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace: by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Margaret's Heritage Open Days

Fri 11th & Fri 18th September

Friday Opening Times: 10am – 4pm

Saturday Opening Times: 9am – 6pm

Coffee Concert during Heritage Open Days:

Steven Kirk on Fri 11th September at 1.15pm

*Come along and enjoy the splendour & beauty of this
Grade 1 listed medieval church & soak up its rich history*

Suffolk Ride & Stride - 12th September

Cyclists & Church Sitters Needed!

Take part in this happy event & help to raise funds for
our church's upkeep. You can seek sponsorship for
cycling or riding to local churches or be sponsored to
church sit. Details at the back of church.

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Kirkstone West View - Map no. 40 / Ref. E7

Kelsale Close - Map no. 48 / Ref. F7

Kelly Plain Court - Map no. 89 / Ref. G12

HYMN

Lord, I come to you

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
that I've found in You
And Lord I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away
by the power of Your love

*Hold me close
let Your love surround me
Bring me near
draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
and I will soar with You
Your spirit leads me on
in the power of Your love*

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let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
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