

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 31st August – Bank Holiday

No Community Friendship Café – Café returns 7th September
No Midday Prayer
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 2nd September

12pm Midday Prayer (*Luke 4: 38 – end*)
2pm Wedding of Samantha & Martyn (in church)
2pm Mothers' Union (Small Hall)

Friday 4th September

12pm Holy Communion
12.30 – 4pm Open Church

Sunday 6th September

10am Sung Eucharist
11.45am Baptism of Jason Brown

St. Margaret's Heritage Open Days

Fri 11th & Fri 18th September

Friday Opening Times: 10am – 4pm

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!

Saturday Opening Times: 9am – 6pm

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.

PCC Meeting (Church Centre)

Wednesday 9th September at 7pm

With tea / coffee available from 6.45pm

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

Rector

Rev'd. Canon Simon Stokes
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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

CONTACT DETAILS

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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 30th August 2026

13th Sunday after Trinity

Week 6 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: *Purity of heart is undivided devotion to God from the inside out.*

Presiding: Rev Jim

Preaching: Sarah

Reader: Rachel

Reading: James 4: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 (Read by Delphine)
Focussing on Matthew 5:8

Intercessor: Captain John

Hymns: 595, 700, 236, 373 & 598



SCAN FOR
SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

Sunday 6th September 2026

14th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

11.45am Baptism of Jason Brown

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Lavenham Way - Map no. 95 / Ref. E/F 6

Lilac Drive - Map no. 113 / Ref. H 9

Larch Road - Map no. 116 / Ref. H 9

Readings for Sunday 30th Aug 2026

New Testament: James 4: 7-10

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Focussing on: Matthew 5: 8

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

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 promise of seeing God is given to those whose hearts are being cleansed, reordered and made whole.

Additional passages

for reflection & application:

Psalm 24: 3-6, Psalm 139: 23-24 and Ezekiel 36: 24-28

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Date for the Diary!
Sunday 27th September
Harvest Festival Sung Eucharist
with Shared lunch afterwards



St. Margaret's Coffee Concerts
in September

PLEASE JOIN US AND ENJOY LISTENING TO:

Friday 11th September at 1.15pm
Steven Kirk (Organ)

Friday 25th September at 1.15pm
Katalin Prentice (Soprano)
Katalin will also be bringing her paintings with her again, which will be available to purchase

FREE ENTRY TO BOTH CONCERTS WITH DONATIONS WELCOMED ON THE DAY