

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 7th September

11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
10am Bible Study
11.30am Midday Prayer (*Luke 6: 6-11*)
1pm Funeral of Desiree Bailey Gorleston Crem
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 8th September

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 9th September

9.30 Lowestoft Charity Board @Church Green
12pm Midday Prayer (*Luke 6: 20-26*)
7pm PCC Meeting – Small Hall

Friday 11th September – Heritage Open Day

10am – 4pm Open Church
12pm Holy Communion
1.15pm – 2pm Coffee Concert – Steven Kirk (Organ)
6pm Choir Practice

Saturday 12th September

9am – 6pm Ride & Stride – Church Open

Sunday 13th September

10am Sung Eucharist
11.45am Baptism of Violet Farrow
6pm Choral Evensong

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 6th September 2026 14th Sunday after Trinity

Week 7 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: *Peacemakers reflect the family likeness of God by pursuing reconciliation, justice and wholeness.*

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Reader: Young People
Reading: Romans 12: 14-21
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12
Focussing on Matthew 5:9
Intercessor: Young People
Hymns: 635, 725, 42, 764 & 566
Anthem: Lamb of God - Webbe



SCAN FOR
SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

11.45am Baptism of Jason Brown

Sunday 13th September 2026 15th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist
11.45am Baptism – Violet Farrow
6pm Choral Evensong

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street
This week, please pray for the residents of:
Meadow Road - Map no. 11 / Ref. C 4
Melrosa Close - Map no. 12 / Ref. C 4
Magdalen Close - Map no. 65 / Ref. F/G 7

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

Prayer & Giving Stewardship Gift Days

Friday 11th & 18th September

As we each respond to God's outrageous love and his calling, please help support the work of St. Margaret's through your kind donations and prayers. Thank you for your support.

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.

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

Readings for Sunday 6th Sept 2026

New Testament: Romans 12: 14-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Focussing on: Matthew 5: 9

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of 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:

Peace is not avoidance of conflict but active participation in God's reconciling work.

Additional passages

for reflection & application:

Isaiah 52: 7, 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 and Ephesians 2: 11-22

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

Coffee Concerts - 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**

Safeguarding Training Certificates

Please can you let Zoe, our Safeguarding Officer, have copies of your certificates following any Safeguarding Training completed. Many thanks.