

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 14th September

11am – 4pm	Community Friendship Café
10am	Bible Study
11.30am	Midday Prayer (<i>John 3: 13-17</i>)
1pm	Funeral of Lewis Button - Waveney Crem
3pm	Funeral of Pamela Searle - Gorleston Crem
5.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 15th September

1pm	Funeral of David Titley Gorleston Crem
2pm	Busy Fingers

Wednesday 16th September

12pm	Midday Prayer (<i>Luke 7: 31-35</i>)
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Friday 18th September – Heritage Open Day

10am – 4pm	Open Church
12pm	Holy Communion
6pm	Choir Practice

Sunday 20th September

10am	Sung Eucharist
6pm	Holy Communion

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 13th September 2026 15th Sunday after Trinity

Week 8 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: Faithful kingdom living may bring opposition, but Jesus promises belonging, joy and reward.

Presiding:	Canon Simon
Preaching:	Canon Simon
Deacon:	Sarah
Reader:	Samuel
Reading:	Acts 5: 27-42
Gospel:	Matthew 5: 1-12



SCAN FOR
SERVICE BOOKLET

Focussing on Matthew 5:10-12

Intercessor:	Gerda
Hymns:	569, 775, separate sheet, 629 & 678
Anthem:	Be thou my vision - Chilcott

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

11.45am Baptism Violet Farrow

6pm Choral Evensong

Leading:	Canon Simon
Preaching:	Canon Simon
Reader:	Christine
Readings:	Genesis 50: 15-21 & Acts 5: 27-42
Hymns:	116, 702 & 766
Psalm:	119 verses 57-64 (Chant by Cooke)
Canticles:	Walmisley in D minor
Anthem:	O Lord my God (S.S Wesley)

Sunday 20th September 2026 16th Sunday after Trinity

10am	Sung Eucharist
6pm	Holy Communion (Church Centre)

St. Margaret's Heritage Open Days

Friday 18th September

Friday Opening Times: 10am – 4pm

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 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.

Prayers for Your Parish

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Malvern Rise - Map no. 72 / Ref. G 8

Mount Pleasant - Map no. 92 / Ref. G 10-11

Mimosa Walk - Map no. 114 / Ref. I 9

Safeguarding Training Certificates

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

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

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THURSDAYS ARE SIMON'S DAY OF REST

13.09.26

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Readings for Sun 13th Sept 2026

New Testament: Acts 5: 27-42

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead - whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honoured by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Focussing on: Matthew 5: 10-12

"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."

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:

Persecution does not mean God's blessing has failed; it can confirm faithful identification with Jesus.

Additional passages for reflection & application:

Daniel 3: 13-30, John 15: 18-21 and 1 Peter 4: 12-19

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Harvest Festival - Sun 27th Sept

10am Sung Eucharist

followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch

800th Anniversary of St. Francis
Sunday 4th October



10am Sung Eucharist with a focus on St. Francis

3pm Pets' Service – For all Pets (Past & Present)

Bring your pet along or a photo to our service of blessing



Coffee Concert

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 WITH DONATIONS WELCOMED ON THE DAY - HELPING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHURCH!