

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 21st September

11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
10am Bible Study
11.30am Midday Prayer (*Matthew 9: 9-13*)
12pm Funeral in Church – t/l Joyce Mullender
followed by a burial at Lowestoft Cemetery
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 22nd September

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 23rd September

12pm Midday Prayer (*Luke 9: 1-6*)
12pm Funeral of t/l Elfryn James – Gorleston Crem

Friday 25th September

12pm Holy Communion
12.30pm - 4pm Open Church
1.15pm Coffee Concert – Katalin Prentice
1.15pm Macmillan Coffee Event
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 27th September

10am Harvest Festival
6pm Sung Evensong



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!**

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

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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WELCOME TO

ST . MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



Sunday 20th September 2026

16th Sunday after Trinity

10am

Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Rev Geoff
Preaching: Rev Geoff
Deacon: Gill
Reader: Terri
Reading: Philippians 1: 21-end
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16
Intercessor: Rev Pauline
Hymns: 641, 790, 710, 430 & 652
Anthem: Author of life divine - McDowall



SCAN FOR
SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

6pm

Holy Communion (Church Centre)

Presiding: Rev Geoff
Preaching: Rev Geoff
Reader: Jean
Reading: Matthew 20: 1-16
Hymns: 702, 681, 800, 442 & 644

Sunday 27th September 2026

Harvest Festival

10am

Sung Eucharist

With visiting speaker Amanda Wisher
(Fishermen's Mission)

12pm

Bring & Share lunch (Centre)

6pm

Sung Evensong



Harvest Festival - Sun 27th Sept

10am Sung Eucharist
followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch

**We will be collecting for the Lowestoft Foodbank
& will be welcoming food donations.
Please leave food donations around the font.
Many thanks.**



This week's pew sheet is kindly sponsored,
by Maureen & Roger

**In loving memory of
Eileen May Godfrey
&
Margaret Ann Cuff
a dear
mother and sister**

Readings for Sun 20th Sept 2026

New Testament: Philippians 1: 21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?"

Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you
with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Your Parish

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Melbourne Road - Map no. 122 / Ref. H 12-14

Myrtle Close - Map no. 132a / Ref. I 9

Magnolia Court - Map no. 132b / Ref. I 9

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER - 1.15PM (IN CHURCH)

(THE SAME TIME AS THE COFFEE CONCERT)

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN
MACMILLAN & ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH**

PLEASE SPEAK WITH SARAH OR RACHEL FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION AND HOW TO DONATE CAKES FOR THE EVENT

THANK YOU KINDLY



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