

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.

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 28th September

11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
 10am Bible Study
 11.30am Midday Prayer (*Luke 9: 46-50*)
 5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 29th September

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 30th September

12pm Midday Prayer (*Luke 9: 57-end*)

Friday 2nd October

12pm Holy Communion
 12.30pm - 4pm Open Church
 6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 4th October

10am Sung Eucharist
 3pm Pets' Service of Blessing



Coffee Concerts

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported this year's Coffee Concerts. We really appreciate all your support & donations raising funds for St. Margaret's Church. We look forward to welcoming you back in April, for another Coffee Concert series on the 4th Friday of each month April – October 2027.



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

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

27.09.26

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ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

LOWESTOFT



Sunday 27th September 2026

Harvest Festival

Welcoming guest speaker Amanda Wisher
 (Fishermen's Mission)

10am

Presiding:

Preaching:

Deacon:

Reader:

Reading:

Gospel:

Intercessor:

Hymns:

Anthem:

Sung Eucharist

Canon Simon

Amanda Wisher

Sue

Helen

2 Corinthians 9: 6-end

John 5: 1-15

Kathryn

282, 639, 284, 287 & 290

Be still for the presence of the Lord
 (Evans)



SCAN FOR
SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

Then followed by a Bring & Share lunch

6pm

Leading:

Preaching:

Reader:

Readings:

Hymns:

Psalm:

Canticles:

Anthem:

Sung Evensong

Sarah

Sarah

Sheila

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

2 Corinthians 9: 6-end

676, 451 & 784

65 verses 8-13 (Chant - Attwood)

Garrett & Lloyd

Fairest Lord Jesus (How)

Sunday 4th October 2026

18th Sunday after Trinity

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis

10am

3pm

Sung Eucharist (focussing on St. Francis)

Pets' Service of Blessing

This week's pew sheet is kindly sponsored

by Jennifer Tucker for John Tucker

*Blessings & thanks to all the
 Church & Community Volunteers past & present.*



Readings for Sun 27th Sept 2026

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you

because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel: John 5: 1-15

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie - the blind, the lame, the paralysed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?" The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Your Parish

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Marham Road - Map no. 134 / Ref. J 9-10

Mariners Street - Map no. 160 / Ref. I 14

New Millennium Way - Map no.4 / Ref A/F5-6