

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 5th October

11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
10am Bible Study
11.30am Midday Prayer (Luke 10: 25-37)
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 6th October

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 7th October

12pm Midday Prayer (Luke 11: 1-4)
2pm Mothers' Union – Small Hall

Friday 9th October

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

Sunday 11th October

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Sung Evensong - *With Guest Speaker:*
Rev James Stewart MU Chaplain

Safeguarding Survey

As part of the ongoing INEQE Safeguarding Audit, we are encouraging everyone to share their views and experiences by taking part in the INEQE Safeguarding Survey.

The survey is an important opportunity for us all to help shape and strengthen safeguarding across the Diocese of Norwich. Your feedback will contribute to an independent review of safeguarding culture, practice and support.

The survey is confidential, and we encourage as many people as possible to take part and share their honest reflections.

Survey closes on 11th November 2026.

Please use this link to complete the survey:
<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/norwich/>

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

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Fri 8.30am – 5pm

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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 4th October 2026

18th Sunday after Trinity

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon
With the help of the young people
Preaching: Rev Nigel Lacey
Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18
Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30
Intercessor: Young People
Hymns: 532, pew sheet, 656 & 725, 690
Anthem: Loving Shepherd of thy sheep (Ledger)



SCAN FOR
SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

3pm Pets' Service

All pets welcome or bring a photo (past or present)

For their safety, please keep them safe on a lead or pet carrier

Leading: Canon Simon
Reading: Matthew 6: 25-27
Hymns: Service booklet – Inc. 532, 533 & 546



Sunday 11th October 2026

19th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Sung Evensong - *With Guest Speaker:*
Rev James Stewart MU Chaplain

This week's pew sheet is kindly sponsored
by Jennifer Dyer

*In loving memory of my daughter
Linda Shepherd
on her passing on 7th October
(12 years ago)*

*Also for Robert Linton
on his passing on 8th October (1 year ago)
A very good friend*



Readings for Sun 4th October 2026

New Testament: Galatians 6: 14-18

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule - to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you,
O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion
is renewed, here our minds
are filled with grace, and here
a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign with all your saints for ever.



HYMN: I am a new creation

*I Am a new creation,
no more in condemnation,
here in the Grace of God, I stand.*

*My heart is overflowing,
my love just keeps on growing,
here in the grace of God, I stand.*

*And I will praise You, Lord,
Yes, I will praise You, Lord,
and I will sing of all that You have done.*

*A Joy that knows no limit,
a lightness in my spirit
here in the grace of God, I stand.*

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Songwriters: Dave Bilbrough. For non-commercial use only.

Prayers for Your Parish

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Northgate - Map no. 111 / Ref. H / I 8-9

Normanshurst Close - Map no. 127 / Ref. I 7

Normanston Drive - Map no.128 / Ref J 6-10

Bereavement & Thanksgiving Service Sunday 1st November at 4pm

*An opportunity to come together in thought and prayer,
remembering loved ones and receive fresh comfort
Refreshments afterwards*

Safeguarding Sunday - 15th November

Safeguarding Sunday brings together many churches,
united by a shared commitment to creating safer
communities.

*This year's theme is 'Love Protects' – rooted in the
powerful words of 1 Corinthians 13, reminding us that
safeguarding isn't just about policy, but a natural
expression of Christian love in action.*

It's an opportunity for us to pause & reflect on our
safeguarding journey; celebrate the good work happening,
see where things can improve, and commit to continuing
to build safer places for everyone in church.