

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 12th October

11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café
10am Bible Study
11.30am Midday Prayer (Luke 11: 29 - 32)
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 13th October

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 14th October

12pm Midday Prayer (Luke 11: 42 - 46)
7.30pm Christians Together AGM—Church Centre

Friday 16th October

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

Sunday 18th October

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Holy Communion – Church Centre

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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Tues & Wed 9am – 3.30pm

Fri 8.30am – 5pm

11.10.26

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.

Sunday 11th October 2026

18th Sunday after Trinity

10am

Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Rev Geoff
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Rachel
Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14
Reader: Augustine
Intercessor: Sarah
Hymns: 769, 38, 810, 455 & 650
Anthem: Lamb of God (Webbe)



SCAN FOR
SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

6pm

Sung Evensong

Guest preacher: Rev James Stewart MU Chaplain

Leading: Canon Simon
Reader: Caroline
Readings: Isaiah 25: 1-9 & Philippians 4: 1-9
Hymns: 244, 604 & 715
Psalm: 138 (Chant - Attwood)
Magnificat: Tell out my soul (Hymn 394)
Nunc Dimitis: Ouseley
Anthem: If ye love me (Tallis)

Sunday 18th October 2026

19th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist (healing service
celebrating St. Luke's day)

6pm Holy Communion – Church Centre

This week's pew sheet is kindly sponsored by Tom Bedwell for

Brenda Bedwell

*In loving memory of my darling wife,
always in my thoughts*



This week's pew sheet is also kindly sponsored by

The members of the St. Margaret's

Mothers' Union

*as the branch celebrates
its 120th year*



Readings for Sun 11th Oct 2026

Old Testament: Isaiah 25: 1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

New Testament: Philippians 4: 1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen

and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood
of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips but in lives
dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Safeguarding Sunday - 15th November

Safeguarding Sunday brings together 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 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.

Prayers for Your Parish

This week, please pray for the residents of:
Newson Meadow - Map no. 150 / Ref. J 10
Oulton Road North - Map no. 8 / Ref. C/D 4-5
Oulton Road - Map no. 30 93a / Ref D/E/F/G/H 5-11

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*