

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 26th October

9am FISH – Church Centre
No Community Friendship Café this week
11.30am Midday Prayer (*Luke 13: 10-17*)
5.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 27th October

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 28th October

12pm Midday Prayer (*John 15: 17-end*)

Friday 30th October

12pm Holy Communion
12.30pm – 2.30pm Open Church
3pm – 5.30pm Light Party – Church Centre
6pm Choir Practice

Sunday 1st November

10am Sung Eucharist
4pm Bereavement & Thanksgiving Service

Safeguarding Survey (confidential)

As part of the ongoing INEQE Safeguarding Audit, we are encouraging everyone to take part in the INEQE Safeguarding Survey.

Survey closes on 11th November 2026.

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

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.

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

25.10.26

Office

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Fri 8.30am – 5pm

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.

Sunday 25th October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

10am

Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Sarah
Deacon: Gill
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-end
Reader: Kay N
Intercessor: Rev Jim
Hymns: 823, 284, 604, 463 & 814
Anthem: Prayer of St. Teresa (Ogden)



SCAN FOR
SERVICE BOOKLET

Refreshments served afterwards in the Centre

4pm

Sung Evensong (winter service times)

Lead & preach: Rev Geoff
Reader: Ruth
Readings: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Hymns: 676, 804 & 476
Psalm: 119 verses 121-136 (Chant by Harper)
Canticles: Day & Lewis
Anthem: Round me falls the night (Dresse)

Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saints' Day

10am Sung Eucharist

4pm Bereavement & Thanksgiving Service



Prayers for Your Parish

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Oxford Road - Map no. 118 / Ref. H / I 12

Osborne Street - Map no. 123a / Ref. H 14

Pound Farm Drive - Map no. 23 / Ref E / F 4

Readings for Sun 25th Oct 2026

Old Testament: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-end

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two

commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Evening Services – Time Change

From Sunday 25th October

(when the clocks go back an hour)

Evening Services will start at 4pm

These will revert to their original 6pm time late March

We look forward to welcoming you there.

Light Party - Friday 30th October

3pm – 5.30pm (Church Centre)

Food <> Music <> Activities

Free Entry - All ages welcome

Join us for an afternoon of light & fun!

For more info please speak with Michelle

Children must be accompanied!

Bereavement & Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 1st November at 4pm

An opportunity to come together in thought & prayer,

Remembering loved ones and receive fresh comfort.

Refreshments afterwards

*Please add names of loved ones to list at back of church
of those you wish to be remembered & names read out*