

Your guide to this week:

Morning & Evening Prayer are said in our own homes.

Monday 13th November

10am: Bible Study Group (Church Centre Lounge)
6pm: Bellringing Practise

Tuesday 14th November

2pm - 4pm: Busy Fingers

Friday 17th November

12noon: Holy Communion
12.30pm: Church is open for visitors (until 2.30pm)
6pm: Choir Practice

Coffee Concert

St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft

Friday 24th November 2023

1.15-2.00pm



Katalin Prentice (Soprano)

Tanya Kirk (Piano)



Looking forward to seeing you there.

Refreshments served before & after the concert.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Epiphany Pantomime Tea & Cake

St. Margaret's Church Centre, Lowestoft

Saturday 6th January 2023 at 3pm

Tickets available soon

(Donations on the Day)



Looking forward to seeing you there.



Lowestoft Food Bank

If you have brought any donations for the Foodbank, please leave them in the labelled box at the back of the church. Thank you.

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12/11/23

Welcome to

St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



Sunday 12th November 2023

Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Said Communion Service

Presiding: Canon Simon
Reading: Matthew 25: 1 - 13

10.30am Remembrance Sunday

Led by: Canon Simon & Sarah
Readers: Samuel & Kathryn
Readings: Micah 4: 1 - 5
Matthew 5: 43 - 48
Intercessions: Revd Geoff
Hymns: 746, 645, 725, 715, 635, 218 & 578
Anthem: Loving Shepherd of thy sheep (Ledger)

Tea & coffee are served in the Church Centre following the service. Why not come and join us?

6pm Choral Evensong

Led by: Canon Simon
Readings: Judges 7: 2 - 22
John 15: 9 - 17
Hymns: 609, 764 & 713 (Psalm 82)
Anthem: Holy is the true light (Harris)
Canticles: Noble in B minor

Services for 19th November 2023 2nd Sunday before Advent

10.00am Sung Eucharist (Kingdom Season)

Readings: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12 - end
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11
Matthew 25: 14 - 30

6pm Holy Communion with Hymns

Readings: Luke 9: 1 - 6

If you are visiting us today, you are very welcome.

Please ask for any help you might need from the sidespersons at the back table.

If you wish to make an offering the bowl is also near the back together with a card-reader.

Toilets are in the centre – if you need them during the service, the key is available from the back table.

Lectionary Readings & Prayers for this Sunday

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



PRAYER FROM ARCHBISHOP HOSAM NAOUM OF JERUSALEM

*O God of all Justice and peace we cry out to you
in the midst of pain and trauma of violence and
fear which prevails in the Holy Land.*

*Be with those who need you in these days of
suffering; we pray for people of all faiths –
Jews, Muslims and Christians,
and for all the people of the land.*

*While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to
violence and the establishment of peace, we
also call for you to bring justice & equity to the
peoples.*

*Guide us into your kingdom where all people are
treated with dignity and honour as your children,
for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Festive Dates for the Diary

Festive Food & Carol Evening - 12th Dec at 7pm

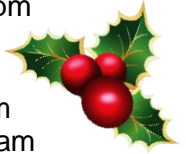
Christmas Carol Service - 17th Dec at 6pm

Christmas Eve - Sung Eucharist 10am

Christmas Eve - Crib & Christingle 4pm

Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Christmas Day - Family Communion 10am



Volunteers Needed!

**We are looking for people to help
over the festive season:**

Readers, as well as additional Sidespeople
to help welcome & guide visitors to seats for the
Carol Service on 17th December.

Additional Sidespeople to help welcome &
guide visitors to seats for the Christingle.
Help with distributing & lighting Christingles.
We'll also need fire marshalls for the Christingle,
as there will be lit candles.

If you would like to help please let either
Simon, Roy, Pam or Kathryn (in the office) know.

Christingle Making – Helpers Needed

Saturday 23rd December at 10am

If you'd like to help make the Christingles, ready
for Christmas Eve please come along to the
church centre!