

## Your guide to this coming week:

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

10am Lent Course in Church Centre Lounge  
11.30am Lunchtime 'Midday Prayer' – Church Lounge  
12pm Lent Lunch (Soup & Bread) – Church Centre  
6pm Bellringing Practice in Church

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

2pm Busy Fingers

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

12pm Midday Prayer for Lent – In Church  
1.45pm Northfield St. Nicholas school visit to the Church  
2pm Mothers' Union – Church Centre (SMALL HALL)  
7pm Lent Course at the Rectory

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

7pm PCC Meeting – Church Centre (Small Hall)

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

10am Bell Ringing Group – In Church  
10am Fellowship & Walk – Meet outside Church Centre

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

10am Morning Worship & Parade Service  
6pm Choral Evensong

## Lenten Giving

If you would like to make a donation during Lent please place your donation in the green 'bell jar' at the back of the church.

Supporting:

Kimbilio Children's Sanctuary  
in the D.R. Congo

*Thank you for your support*

## FELLOWSHIP & WALK

SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 10AM

**A walk from the St. Margaret's Church Centre to The Sparrow's Nest**

If you're unable to walk far, you would still be welcome to meet us at The Sparrow's Nest around 11am for coffee & fellowship

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

## CONTACT DETAILS

**Rector:** Revd. Canon Simon Stokes  
simon@stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk  
01502 573046 or 07771 520085

**Office:** 01502 561973  
office@stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk  
Tues & Wed 9am - 3.30pm & Fri 8.30am - 5pm

03/03/24

## Welcome to

# St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

### Third Sunday of Lent

#### 10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon  
Preaching: Canon Simon  
Deacon: Gerda  
Readers: Jan D & Tina  
Readings: Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2: 13-22  
Intercessor: Gerda  
Hymns: 2, 193, 144, 634 & 690  
Anthem: Teach me, O Lord (Attwood)



Scan the QR Code above to view the 10am service booklet

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

**11.45am Baptism:** Luca Newman

**3pm Baptisms:** Lexi-Marie & Harvey King

**NO EVENING SERVICE**

\*\*\*

## Services for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Mothering Sunday

**10.00am Morning Worship & Parade Service**

Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 20-end  
Luke 2: 33-35

Hymns: 533, 604, 652 & 588

**6pm Choral Evensong**

Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13  
John 9: 1-25

\*\*\*

**If you are visiting us today, you are very welcome. Please ask the sidespersons at the back table for any help. Large-print pew sheets, service sheets & hymn books available.**

**If you wish to make an offering, the gift bowl is near the back of the church, 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**

### **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

### **New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power

of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **Gospel Reading: John 2: 13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

\*\*\*

### **Collect (Prayer of the Week)**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*\*\*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*\*\*



For Church Life, Events & Activities  
please scan the QR Code  
or visit our website:  
[www.stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk](http://www.stmargaretslowestoft.co.uk)