Your guide to this week:

Monday 5th February

10am Bible Study in Church Centre Lounge

12pm Midday Prayer in Church6pm Bellringing Practice in Church

Tuesday 6th February

11am Funeral of Beryl Caplen at Waveney Crematorium

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 7th February

12pm Midday Prayer in Church

2pm Mothers' Union – Church Centre Small Hall
 7pm Fabric Committee Meeting – Church Centre

Thursday 8th February

1pm Funeral of Stella Bishop

Friday 9th February

12noon Holy Communion in Church

12.30pm Church is open for visitors (until 2.00pm tbc)

2.15pm Memorial Service for James Aguss

6pm Choir Practice in Church

Sunday 11th February

10am Sung Eucharist 6pm Choral Evensong

Lent Course

'God On Mute'



Starting on:

Monday 19th February at 10am & Wednesday 21st February at 7pm

5 Week Course on:

Mondays - 10am in the Church Centre & Wednesdays - 7pm at the Rectory

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Welcome to

St. Margaret's Church Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft

Sunday 4th February 2024 2nd Sunday before Lent

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Revd Jim
Preaching: Gerda
Deacon: Gerda

Readers: Richard A & Kathryn
Readings: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31
Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-14

Intercessor: Sarah

Hymns: 681, 706, 547, 764 & 593

Anthem: God that madest earth & heaven

(Thorne)

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

No Evening Service

Services for Sunday 11th February 2024 Sunday before Lent

10.00am Sung Eucharist & Celebration of Anna Chaplaincy

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

6pm Choral Evensong

Readings: Exodus 24:12-end

2 Corinthians 3:12-end

Psalm 150

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 are 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: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth - when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did

not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK'S PEW SHEET IS SPONSORED BY ZOE & SAMUEL PARLE

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN PARLE

IN MEMORY OF JOHN'S
PASSING 6 YEARS ASO
ON THE 8TH FEBRUARY.