

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 6th May (Bank Holiday)

10am Bible Study – Church Centre (Lounge)
NO Midday Prayer today
NO Bellringing Practice today

Tuesday 7th May

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 8th May

12pm Midday Prayer – In Church

Thursday 9th May

12pm Ascension Day Service – In Church

Friday 10th May

12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm Open Church (until 4pm)
5.30pm Confirmation Class - Rectory
6pm Choir Practice – In Church

Sunday 12th May

10am Sung Eucharist Service
6pm Choral Evensong



Ascension Day Service
Thursday 9th May at 12 noon
St. Margaret's Church
We look forward to welcoming you there

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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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 back of church.

Your gift supports our ongoing mission work & helps towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.

Thank you for your kind gift.

Sunday 5th May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

10am

Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Revd. Jim
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Gerda
Readers: Kathryn & Maureen
Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-11
1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Intercessor: Sarah

Hymns: 736, 238, 454, Hymn on sheet & 748

Anthem: I give you a new commandment (Aston)



Scan the QR Code above to view this week's 10am service booklet

Tea & coffee are served in the Church Centre following the service. Please stay and join us.

Services for Sunday 12th May 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

10.00am

Sung Eucharist

6pm

Choral Evensong

If you are visiting us today, you are very welcome. Large-print pew sheets, service sheets & hymn books are available (please do ask). Toilets & Baby Changing Area are in the Church Centre. If you need them during the service, the key is available from the back table.

Thank you.



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Lectionary Readings & Prayers for this Sunday

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose & succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

New Testament Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of

God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Reading: John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Communion Hymn - Above All Powers

*Above all powers, above all kings
above all nature and all created things;
above all wisdom and all the ways of
man, you were here before the world
began.*

*Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
above all wonders the world has ever
known;
above all wealth and treasures of the
earth, there's no way to measure what
you're worth.*

*Crucified, laid behind a stone;
you lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
you took the fall, and thought of me,
above all.*

REPEAT

Lenny LeBlanc (b. 1951)
& Paul Baloché (b. 1962)