

Your guide to this week:

Morning & Evening Prayer are said in our own homes.

Monday 8th January

10am Bible Study
NO Midday Prayer (Resumes 15th January)
6pm Bellingring Practise

Tuesday 9th January

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 10th January

NO Midday Prayer (Resumes 15th January)
7pm: PCC Meeting (Coffee served from 6.45pm)

Friday 12th December

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

Sunday 14th January

10am: Sung Eucharist
6pm Choral Evensong

MANY THANKS

to everyone who was involved with the Christmas Services or helped in any way over the festive period.

THANK YOU

Christine and I would like to thank everyone for all their festive wishes, Christmas cards & gifts.

We wish you all a Happy New Year!

Simon & Christine

Confirmation Classes

If you're interested in being confirmed, then please speak with Simon for further information.

THE LORD'S PRAYER EVENT

WITH UNITED CHRISTIAN BROADCASTERS (UCB)

www.lordsprayer.co.uk

Friday 12th January (morning & midday)

Premier Christian Radio is uniting with UCB to call the nation to prayer. There will be various reflections & worship broadcast in the morning, culminating in a joint call to pray the Lord's Prayer together at 12 noon.

Please either tune in online for reflection & worship, or just join in saying the Lord's Prayer at 12 noon.

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Welcome to

St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



Sunday 7th January 2024

Baptism of Christ

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Gerda
Readers: Grace & Delphine
Readings: Genesis 1: 1-5
Acts 19: 1-7
Mark 1: 4-11
Intercessor: Revd. Jim
Hymns: 104, 108, 337, 263 & 507
Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood)

No Evening Service

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

Services for Sunday 14th January 2024 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Readings: Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Revelation 5:1-10
John 1: 43-51

6pm Choral Evensong

Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 6:11-end

If you are visiting us today, you are very welcome. Please ask the sidespersons at the back table for any help.

If you wish to make an offering, the gift bowl is near the back of the church, together with a card-reader. Large-print pew sheets, service sheets & hymn books are available.

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: Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

New Testament Reading: Acts 19: 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit

descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed
Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be
your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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!

Food in urgent need of:

Rice Pudding, Custard, UHT Milk, Pasta,
Tinned Fruit, Baked Beans, Tinned Meat,
Chocolate Bars & Biscuits.