

Your guide to this week:

Morning & Evening Prayer are said in our own homes.

Monday 20th November

10am: Bible Study Group (Church Centre Lounge)

6pm: Bellringing Practise

Tuesday 21st November

2pm - 4pm: Busy Fingers

Friday 24th November

12noon: Holy Communion

12.30pm: Church is open for visitors (until 2.30pm)

1.15pm - 2pm: Coffee Concert

Katalin Prentice (Soprano) & Tanya Kirk (piano)

6pm: Choir Practice

Midday Prayer

St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft

Mondays & Wednesdays 12noon

From Monday 4th December

the church will be open for midday prayer

Christmas Carols & Songs Evening

Tuesday 12th December at 7pm

St. Margaret's Church Centre, Lowestoft

Please can you add your name & any guests, to the list at the back of the church, if you are intending on coming to this festive evening.

This will help with hall layout and light refreshment requirements. Thank you.

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 17th December at 6pm

Readers needed!

We are in need of 6 readers for the Carol Service. If you can help please let us know. Thank you.

Lowestoft Food Bank

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

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Welcome to

St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



Sunday 19th November 2023

2nd Sunday before Advent

10am Sung Eucharist Service

Presiding: Revd. Jim
Preaching: Gerda
Deacon: Gill
Readers: Delphine & Grace
Readings: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12 - end
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11
Matthew 25: 14 - 30
Intercessions: Jennifer D
Hymns: 676, 348, 57, 429 & 595
Anthem: Bread of the World (Bullard)

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

6pm Holy Communion with Hymns

Presiding: Canon Simon
Readings: Luke 9: 1 - 6
Reader: Sheila
Hymns: 277, 348, 489, 661, 682(i) & 648

Services for 26th November 2023

Christ the King

With visiting preacher:

Revd. Lucy Dallas

*Director of Pastoral Studies
Eastern Region Ministry Course*

10.00am Sung Eucharist (Kingdom Season)

Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1: 15 - end
Matthew 25: 31 - end

6pm Sung Evensong

Readings: 2 Samuel 23: 1 - 7
Matthew 28: 16 - end

*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

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12 - 18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1- 11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14 - 30

'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.