

Your guide to this week:

Monday 22nd January

10am Bible Study
12pm Midday Prayer
6pm Bellringing Practise

Tuesday 23rd January

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 24th January

12pm Midday Prayer

Friday 26th January

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

Saturday 27th January

12 noon: Wedding of Ben Read & Keeley Beresford

Sunday 28th January

10am: Sung Eucharist
6pm Sung Evensong – Candlemas

Christians Together

In Lowestoft & District

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

United Service of Prayer & Praise

Sunday 21st January at 3pm

(Fellowship & Refreshments afterwards)

London Road South Methodist Church

Carlton Road Corner, Lowestoft

For further details of services: www.ctbi.org.uk
and poster in church centre on community notice board

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.

With grateful thanks!

Food in urgent need of:

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

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Welcome to

St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



Sunday 21st January 2024 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Revd. Jim
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Sarah
Readers: Charles & Amelia
Readings: Genesis 14:17-20
Revelation 19:6-10
John 2: 1-11
Intercessor: Christine
Hymns: 486, 769, 99, 812 & 98 (tune 1)
Anthem: O taste & see (Vaughan Williams)

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

6pm Holy Communion with Hymns

Leading: Canon Simon
Preaching: Sarah
Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23

Services for Sunday 28th January 2024 Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

6pm Sung Evensong

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 14:17-20*

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

New Testament Reading: *Revelation 19:6-10*

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gospel Reading: *John 2: 1-11*



On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'

And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is

that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So, they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
