

## Your guide to this week:

Morning & Evening Prayer are said in our own homes.

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

10am: Bible Study Group (Church Centre Lounge)

6pm: Bellringing Practise

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

2pm - 4pm: Busy Fingers (at Sheila's)

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

5.30pm: Silent Prayer – Church Centre

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

12noon: Holy Communion

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

6pm: Choir Practice

### Midday Prayer for Advent

St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft

### Mondays & Wednesdays 12noon

From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
the church will be open for midday prayer

### Weekly Pew Sheets

If you would like to receive the Pew Sheet each week by email, please let Kathryn in the office know, *along with your email address*, so she can add you to the mailing list.

### Christmas Carols & Songs Evening

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

St. Margaret's Church Centre, Lowestoft

Don't forget to sign the sheet at the back of church or church centre if you'd like to come along.

*This week's pew sheet is sponsored in memory of*

*Audrey May & Frederick John Sterry*

*Married at St. Margaret's Church  
26<sup>th</sup> November 1938*

*Now both at rest in the Churchyard*

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## Welcome to

# St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Christ the King

### 10am Sung Eucharist Service (Kingdom Season)

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Revd. Lucy Dallas

*Director of Pastoral Studies - Eastern Region Ministry Course*

Deacon: Sarah

Readers: Charles & Amelia

Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1: 15 - end

Matthew 25: 31 - end

Intercessions: Christine

Hymns: 223, 547, 575, 794 & 612

Anthem: King of all Ages (Isom)

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

### 6pm Sung Evensong

Leading & preaching: Canon Simon

Readings: 2 Samuel 23: 1 – 7

Matthew 28: 16 – end

Psalms 93

Reader: Ruth

Hymns: 704, 838 & 357

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## Services for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 Advent Sunday

### 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Advent Hymns

Readings: Isaiah 64: 1 - 9

1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9

Mark 13: 24 - end

### 6pm NO EVENING SERVICE

*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.*

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### Lowestoft Food Bank

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

## **Lectionary Readings & Prayers for this Sunday**

### **Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

### **New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1: 15 - end**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for

the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31 - end**

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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### **Collect (Prayer of the Week)**

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.