

## Your guide to this coming week:

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

10am Bible Study – Church Centre (Lounge)  
12pm Midday Prayer – In Church  
6pm Bellringing Practice - In Church

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

2pm Busy Fingers

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

12pm Midday Prayer – In Church  
2pm Mothers' Union – Church Centre (Small Hall)  
6.30pm PCC Meeting starting with Holy Communion  
Church Centre (Small Hall)

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

10am Sung Eucharist Service

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PCC Meeting - Starting with Holy Communion  
**1<sup>st</sup> May at 6.30pm**  
In the Church Centre - Small Hall

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### Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

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### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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28/04/24

## 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.*

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## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon  
Preaching: Gerda  
Deacon: Gill  
Reader: Gill & Samuel  
Reading: Genesis 22: 1-18  
1 John 4: 7-end

Gospel: John 15: 1-8  
Intercessor: Charles  
Hymns: 721, 348, 494, 471 & 453  
Anthem: Now the green blade rises (Bullard)



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

### 11.45am Baptism of Tallulah-Blu Belle Fox

### 6pm Sung Evensong

Leading: Canon Simon & Sarah  
Preaching: Canon Simon  
Reader: Ruth  
Readings: Daniel 3: 16-28  
Hebrews 11: 32-12: 2  
Hymns: 772, 255 & 546  
Psalm: 44 verses 16-end  
Anthem: O taste & see (Vaughan Williams)

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## Services for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 10.00am Sung Eucharist

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*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.*

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

### **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22: 1-18**

God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.' Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

### **New Testament Reading: 1 John 4: 7-end**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

### **Gospel Reading: John 15: 1-8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.