

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 18th March

10am Lent Course in Church Centre Lounge
11.30am Lunchtime 'Midday Prayer' – Church Lounge
12pm Lent Lunch (Soup & Bread) – Church Centre
1.30pm Northfield St. Nicholas school visit to the Church
6pm Bellringing Practice in Church

Tuesday 19th March

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 20th March

12pm Midday Prayer for Lent – In Church
1.30pm Northfield St. Nicholas school visit to the Church
7pm Lent Course at the Rectory

Friday 22nd March

12noon Holy Communion in Church
12.30pm Church is open for visitors (until 2.30pm)
1.15pm Coffee Concert – John Farmer (Piano)
6pm Choir Practice in Church

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Sung Evensong

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Sunday 14th April 2024

This will be straight after the 10am Eucharist Service in church.

A reminder, if you're not on the electoral role and you would like to be, please collect & complete a form, then hand it to a sidesperson or church warden.

Lenten Giving

If you'd like to make a donation during Lent please place your donation in the 'bell jar' at the back of church.

Supporting:

Kimbilio Children's Sanctuary
in the D.R. Congo

Thank you for your support

Coffee Concert

St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft

Friday 22nd March 2024

1.15pm - 2pm

John Farmer – Piano

Refreshments before & afterwards

We look forward to welcoming you there.

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Welcome to

St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, 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 will support our ongoing mission work & help towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.

Thank you for your kind gift.

Sunday 17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Speaker: David Bulkley

(From Good News for Everyone, formerly Gideons UK)

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: David Bulkley

Deacon: Gill

Readers: Helen & Val

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Intercessor: Revd. Jim

Hymns: 702, 451, 142, 247 & 707 (omitting * verses)

Anthem: Hide not thou thy face (Farrant)



Scan the QR Code above to view this week's 10am service booklet

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

11.45am Baptism: Rhia Pitcher

6pm Holy Communion

Presiding: Canon Simon

Preaching: Canon Simon

Reader: Pam

Gospel: Luke 22: 1-13

Hymns: 818, 628, 678, 661 (2 verses), 142 & 588

Services for Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday

10.00am Sung Eucharist
with option to start outside

6pm Sung Evensong

If you are visiting us today, you are very welcome.
Please ask the sidespersons at the back table for any help.
Large-print pew sheets, service sheets & hymn books 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: *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

New Testament Reading: *Hebrews 5: 5-10*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading: *John 12: 20-33*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us that what we do for the least of
our brothers and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week: Mon 25th, Tues 26th & Wed 27th March
7.30pm – *Compline (Church Centre)*

Maundy Thursday: Thursday 28th March
7.30pm – *Holy Communion & Stripping of Altar (Church)*

Good Friday: Friday 29th March
12pm – 3pm: *Good Friday Service (Church)*

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31st March
10am *Sung Eucharist*



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