

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 19th February

10am Lent Course in Church Centre
11.30am Lunchtime 'Midday Prayer' – Church Lounge
12pm Food in School Holidays (FISH) – Church Centre
6pm Bellringing Practice in Church

Tuesday 20th February

NO Busy Fingers this week
10am Funeral Olive Pye – Gorleston Crematorium

Wednesday 21st February

12noon Midday Prayer for Lent – In Church
7pm Lent Course at the Rectory

Friday 23rd February

10.30am Funeral of Grenville Bloomsfield in Church,
followed by committal at Lowestoft Cemetery
12noon Holy Communion in Church
12.30pm Church is open for visitors (until 2.30pm)
6pm Choir Practice in Church

Saturday 24th February

9.30am Marriage Preparation & Lunch – Small Hall & Church

Sunday 25th February

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Sung Evensong

Are you interested in History?

We're looking for people to help research
the church record books of burials
(when we are occasionally asked)
for information about the graveyard.

No experience needed.

If you're interested, please have a chat with Pam

Lent Lunch

Monday 26th February

Lunchtime Prayer at 11.30am in the Lounge
followed by Soup & Bread in Church Centre

It would be helpful, for numbers, if you could let
Simon know if you're planning on coming along please.

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19/02/24

Welcome to

St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



Sunday 18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent

10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Sarah
Readers: Gill & Kathryn
Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 9-15
Intercessor: Revd. Pauline
Hymns: 128, 702, 121, 373 & 646
Anthem: Lamb of God (Webb)



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week's 10am
service booklet

*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
Preaching: Canon Simon
Readings: Luke 13: 31 - end
Hymns: 721, 700, 448, 661, 592 & 595

Services for Sunday 25th February 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
Romans 4: 13-25
Mark 8: 31-38

6pm Sung Evensong

Reading: Isaiah 51: 1-11
Galatians 3: 1-9, 23 - end

**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 are available.**

**If you wish to make an offering,
the gift bowl is near the back of the church,
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: Genesis 9: 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.