

## Your guide to this coming week:

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

10am Lent Course in Church Centre  
11.30am Lunchtime 'Midday Prayer' – Church Lounge  
12pm Lent Lunch (Soup & Bread) – Church Centre  
6pm Bellringing Practice in Church

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

2pm Busy Fingers

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

12pm Midday Prayer for Lent – In Church  
1.45pm Northfield St. Nicholas school visit to Church  
NO SILENT PRAYER THIS WEEK  
7pm Lent Course at the Rectory

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

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

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

10am Sung Eucharist  
11.45am Baptism – Luca Newman  
3pm Baptism – Lexi-Marie King & Harvey King  
NO EVENING SERVICE

## Lenten Giving

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

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## World Day of Prayer

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm

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25/02/24

## Welcome to

# St. Margaret's Church

Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft



## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

### 10am Sung Eucharist

Presiding: Revd. Jim  
Preaching: Gerda  
Deacon: Gill  
Readers: Samuel & Maureen  
Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8: 31-38  
Intercessor: Prayers by Sarah – Read by Tina  
Hymns: 595, 667, 494, 247 & 612  
Anthem: A Prayer of St. Richard (Archer)



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?*

### 6pm Sung Evensong

Leading: Canon Simon  
Preaching: Canon Simon  
Reader: Caroline  
Reading: Isaiah 51: 1-11  
Reading: Galatians 3: 1-9, 23-end  
Psalm: 105: 1-6, 44 & 45  
Hymns: 826, 135 & 791

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## Services for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

### 10.00am Sung Eucharist

Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25  
John 2: 13-22

**11.45am Baptism:** Luca Newman

**3pm Baptism:** Lexi-Marie & Harvey King

### NO EVENING SERVICE

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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.

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 17: 1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### **New Testament Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned

to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 31-38**

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**This week's Pew Sheet is sponsored  
by Patricia Simmons in memory of  
John Simmons.**

*In loving memory of my husband,  
John, who died one year ago.*

*My love always, Pat*

