



Welcome to
St Margaret's,
Lowestoft

Sunday 26th September 2021

Harvest Festival

Our services today

10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Evensong

Our readings this morning

Deuteronomy 28 verses 1 – 6
2 Corinthians 9 verses 6 – end
Matthew 13 verses 1 - 8

Our hymns this morning

282 284 289 287 290

Competition

Do remember our competition to guess the film whose music is 'hidden' in the voluntary at the end of the service this morning. Entry forms, if you haven't yet got one, are available at the back of church. Please hand completed forms to Jonathan today, post through the Rectory door, or hand to Michael by 09.50 next Sunday.

Coffee after our services

Do join us for a cup of coffee or tea in the church centre after our 10am service.

Our readings this evening

Exodus 24 and Matthew 9 verses 1 – 8

Our music this evening

Ps 120
Hymns 283 15 286

Our harvest celebrations:

Thank you for supporting our Harvest Festival today and for your donations of food that will, this week, be going to Lowestoft Food Bank to serve those less fortunate than ourselves in our own community. Sadly, coming out of the Coronavirus pandemic we didn't feel it was appropriate to gather for a Harvest Supper, and with our small Social and Fund-raising Committee this would have been an 'almost impossible' ask. (If you feel we should have held a Harvest Supper, please volunteer and join our Social and Fund-raising Committee and with more members they'll look to provide one next year.)

Thank you to Tina for organising our 'Post lockdown' quiz and to you if you joined us for an afternoon of fun and brain workout yesterday. Congratulations to the winners too!

The Spire

Our magazine for October is available at the back of church today – do remember your copy as you leave us.

Michael's departure

Michael's last service at St Margaret's will be on Sunday October 17th at 10am. There will be the chance to say 'goodbye' to him and Jo after the service over coffee in the church centre.

Service changes

In light of Michael's forthcoming departure, the PCC agreed:

- ❖ To suspend the monthly 8am Communion service
- ❖ Sunday 10am Sung Eucharist will continue as it is.
- ❖ Sunday evening services will continue following their current pattern.
- ❖ Friday lunchtime Communion will continue each (whenever possible)

Traidcraft

An order will be placed this week, if you would like anything please put in your request today with Jo.

If you can't get to church on Sunday ...

Do remember our services go out 'live' on St Margaret's YouTube channel, so you can still join in, wherever you are. Just follow the links from our website.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer is said in our own homes at 08.30 and Evening Prayer at 4.30pm in our own homes.

<i>Monday</i>	9am	Churchyard gardeners
	10am	Bible study group in the church centre
<i>Tuesday</i>	5.30pm	Silent Prayer group meets in church
<i>Wednesday</i>	10am	Open the Book assembly at St Margaret's Academy
<i>Thursday</i>	9am	Churchyard gardeners
	9am	Open the Book assembly at Northfield St Nicholas Academy
<i>Friday</i>	12 noon	Holy Communion in church
	12.30pm – 3.45pm	Church open for visitors
	6pm	Choir practice

Our services next Sunday

10am	Sung Eucharist Followed by extra-ordinary vestry meeting
11.15am	Meeting for the Open the Book team to plan and film our next Assembly – Moses the baby boy

Notice of emergency meeting: Sunday October 3rd.

Arthur is stepping down as churchwarden as of October 1st. Arthur thank you for all you have done for St Margaret's as churchwarden. We need to elect a new churchwarden. There will be a short (5 minutes max) meeting immediately after our 10am service next Sunday. Nomination forms are available at the back of church today and should be **returned to Michael** before next Sunday's service.

November 20th & 21st

It seems a long way off, but we need to form a group to plan this special weekend for our church. We learnt at the PCC meeting that, having had a difficult year financially last year, we are already overspent by £10,000 this year (compared to our income). We can't carry on like this. Please help our church by volunteering to be part of the group planning this weekend. Please speak with Pam Shaw after our service.

Available now (free) from the Rectory:

- ❖ 2 fireside chairs – a little worn on the arms, but very comfortable to sit in.
- ❖ Dining table with 4 chairs (one with arms)

If you are interested, or you know someone who is, please speak with Michael or Jo



Our pewsheet today is sponsored

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