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Prayer Diary

Found by the
good shepherd





Foreword from Bishop Jane

In this Year of Living Pastorally, the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd is a good one to ponder. It makes sense in rural communities, whether first century Middle East or twenty-first century Norfolk. It can also raise questions.

Remember Jesus's words: "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me" (John 10.14). It all seems so straightforward. But he continues, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd" (John 10.16). Within Christ's flock, there is variety. There will be just the one flock, but not all will come from the same sheepfold. Will there even be mutual recognition? The text is silent; only Jesus knows. We, and others, are found by this Good Shepherd, even if neither we nor they seem quite as the other might expect. The wonder is, or should be, that we are both sought and found by the Lord.

Many of us will remember being lost as children and the inexpressible relief of being found (even if we were scolded). We learned from the experience, and this is not a bad description of what it means to be found by Christ. To be found, to be saved, includes becoming a learner, or, in the root meaning of the word, a disciple.

As sisters and brothers in Christ in this Diocese, I rejoice in learning of you and of Jesus with you. I thank you for the pastoral care exercised in parishes, benefices, schools and church communities across Norfolk and Waveney and I pray that, as members of the one flock, we will honour each other's response to the Lord even if it differs from our own.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane" followed by a stylized surname.

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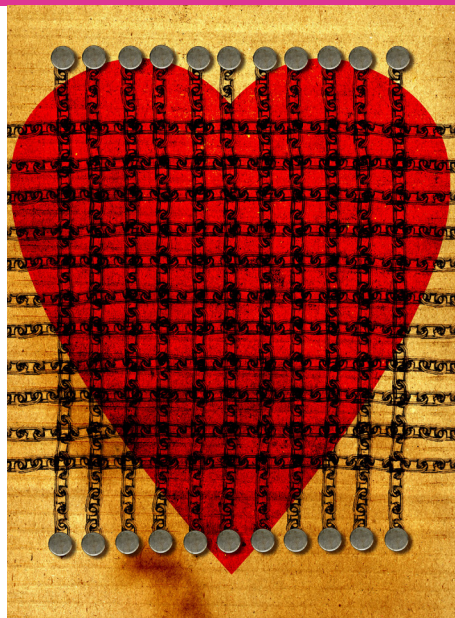
Front Cover image: Wild Confirmation, Reepham – see story on page 8.

Being found by God in prison

“Prison is often a lonely place, not least in the noise and bustle of a busy wing,” writes the Revd Patrick Morrow, Chaplain at HMP Wayland. “When all is bleak and lost, Christ the Good Shepherd comes for his own. That’s us.

“I think of one prisoner, a prolific self-harmer. I first met him when he was newly back from hospital after a bad but typical episode. He was already a spiritual seeker and picked up a Bible. Something shifted for him. Then he was a spinning wheel of energy and enthusiasm. For some weeks, he thought he was to be the saviour of our generation, a healer. But the drama dispersed. I knew something real had happened when he told me he wanted to come to chapel just to be a Christian, among others. Loneliness gave way to the connection of serving. No chaplaincy plan brought this about. The Good Shepherd revealed himself.”

www.prisonweek.org



SUN 4 SEARCH FOR GOOD

Christ our Good Shepherd, thank you for your care for all your flock. When we stray from you, from fear or coldness of heart, your love does not cool. Help us to search for good, for people who have lost their way, and for what we neglect in ourselves.

MON 5 SAINT MARGARET WITH SAINT NICHOLAS - KING'S LYNN GROUP

Clergy: Mark Dimond, Jon Price.
LLM: Andrew Ward.
Bishops Graham (Norwich) and Jane (Lynn).
Diocese of Taungoo (Church of the Province of Myanmar).

TUE 6 MIDDLEWINCH

East Winch with West Bilney, Middleton, North Runcton, West Winch and Setchey. Clergy: Riaz Mubarak. Middleton Primary
Diocese of Temotu (Anglican Church of Melanesia).

WED 7 PRISON CHAPLAINCY

Olodapo Sotonwa, Laurence Janicker, Patrick Morrow, Ian Cooper.
Praying for all who work and volunteer within our prisons.

THU 8 SOUTH AND WEST LYNN – KING'S LYNN GROUP

Clergy: Adrian Ling. St Michael's (King's Lynn), Whitefriars Primary (King's Lynn).
Dioceses of Tennessee, East Tennessee and West Tennessee (Episcopal Church, USA).

FRI 9 ST JOHN – KING'S LYNN GROUP

LLM: Joyce Pitcher, Nigel Singletery, David Osborne.
Diocese of Terekeka (Episcopal Church of South Sudan).

SAT 10 THE CHURCH IN THE WOOTTONS

Clergy: James Nash, Julie Swinton.
Diocese of Northern Territory (Anglican Church of Australia).



Praying for dads

Wisdom around internet access and how to handle the cultural issues of our time were the first things that Chris asked us to pray for. “We tend to make it up as we go along, but it matters how we handle interactions with our children, particularly regarding identity and gender. We need wisdom as to when, and what level, we guide or intervene or instruct, and to what extent too”.

Chatting with other dads Chris also finds he’s not alone in wanting to be more patient as a dad and prays the fruits of the Spirit are evident in himself, praying for gentleness and self-control. Above all he asks that we pray he can share Jesus through the week, not just Sundays. “It’s quite a big thing and hard if you are a new Christian – the Devil can make it seem a bit awkward – but sharing Jesus in everyday life is so important.”

SUN 11 LOVE & JOY IN FATHERHOOD

Lord Jesus, our great Shepherd of the sheep, we pray you equip fathers with everything good for doing your will. Please be at work in them giving them love and joy in fatherhood, and patience and self-control in times of need. May your love shine through them to their children.

MON 12 DEANERY OF NORWICH EAST

Rural Dean: Patrick Jordan, Assistant Rural Dean: Madeline Light, Lay Chair: Bridgid Everitt.
Dioceses of Texas, Northwest Texas and West Texas (Episcopal Church, USA).

TUE 13 COLEGATE & TOMBLAND NORWICH

Clergy: Alaric Lewis, Annie Blyth. LLM: Kevin Mitchelson. Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).
Diocese of Thika (Anglican Church of Kenya).

WED 14 HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Helen Garrard, Stephen Andrews, Darren Thornton, Clive Howard, Penny Warner, Jo Parker.
Praying for all who work or volunteer in our hospitals.

THU 15 HEARTSEASE (NORWICH)

Clergy: Janet Wyer, Patrick Jordan.
LLMs: Gloria Chinery, David Lechmere, Ashley Williams. The Open Academy.
Meeting of Bishop’s Staff.
Dioceses of Thoothukudi-Nazareth and Tirunelveli (Church of South India).

FRI 16 LAKENHAM GROUP (NORWICH LAKENHAM ST MARK)

Clergy: Erik West-Lindell. LLM: Paulette Yallop.
Dioceses of Tohoku and Tokyo (Nippon Sei Ko Kai).

SAT 17 LAKENHAM GROUP (ST JOHN & TUCKSWOOD)

Clergy: Paul Rider, LLM: Gus Woodcock.
Diocese of Toliara (Church of Province of the Indian Ocean).

Finding a home from home

Most people look forward to the summer holidays, but if you're here as a refugee, far from home, the school break can seem to loom large. Last summer the Bishop of Norwich's Refugee Fund enabled English+ to support over a hundred adults and children with a summer programme of activities with picnics, and trips to the beach, museums and cathedrals.

"Families normally supported during our teaching term were able to meet up again and new friendships were formed. The summer programme enabled students and families to enjoy experiences which they could otherwise not have afforded. Gressenhall Museum sparked conversations about rural life in other countries as many items around the museum are still in daily use in many countries around the world." It all enables connections to be built and God's love to be demonstrated and for those who are far away from their own homes to feel "found."
www.refugeeweek.org.uk



SUN 18 FOUND THROUGH LOVE

Lord Jesus, you yourself were a refugee, with no place to call your own. This Refugee Week, help us to love the way the Father loved you. Help us to remain in your love, so that our joy may be complete as we help others to be found by you.

MON 19 NORWICH CATHEDRAL

Clergy: Andrew Braddock, Peter Doll, Andy Bryant, Aiden Platten, Edwin Wilton-Morgan.
 LLM: Frank Paice.

Dioceses of Tonj, Torit and Twic East (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).

TUE 20 ST ANDREW (NORWICH)

Clergy: Martin Young, Michael Hayden.
Diocese of Toronto (Anglican Church of Canada).

WED 21 CHAPLAINCY TO THE CADET FORCES

Praying for all who serve as Chaplains to the Air Training Corps, the Sea Cadets Corps and the Army Cadet Force, and for the young members and adult volunteers.

THU 22 ST GILES (NORWICH)

Clergy: Alaric Lewis.
Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore (Church of South India).

FRI 23 ST HELEN (NORWICH)

Clergy: Eleanor Langan.
Diocese of Trinidad & Tobago (Church in the Province of West Indies).

SAT 24 ST PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH)

Clergy: Edward Carter, Fiona Haworth, Naomi Tuma. LLMs: Gill Persicke, Catherine Waddams.
Diocese of Truro (Church of England).



Faith through music

“He who sings prays twice,” Saint Augustine is reputed to have said. St Mary’s Attleborough has launched Attleborough Music Project to become a centre for sacred and secular music. Music has a long history of bringing people to faith, like Darius who came to St Mary’s aged seven due to an interest in singing and music.

Believing followed belonging and Darius, now a teenager says, “I found my faith through music, and faith is one of the main reasons I continue to push on every day, even when things are tough or situations are challenging, but most of all it gives me a community, a sense of safety and belonging.” Darius was confirmed at St Mary’s and as well as singing there now plays the organ at the churches nearby in Eccles and Hargham. “Music brought me to faith as it was my way of talking to the Lord.”

SUN 25 THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

God of love, we thank you for the gift of music which enriches our worship and brightens our lives. Thank you that you call each one of us to use our gifts in your service. May our music-making help us to know you better, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MON 26 ST STEPHEN (NORWICH)

Clergy: Madeline Light, Ian Fifield, Sam Luscombe.

Diocese of Tuam, Killala & Achonry (Church of Ireland).

TUE 27 THORPE END (NORWICH)

Clergy: Tim Dawson. LLMs: Jenefer Barnard, Helen Grogutt. The work of Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association.

Diocese of Northern Uganda (Church of Province of Uganda).

WED 28 ROYAL NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Praying for those who are part of the chaplaincy team and all who are visiting or working at the Royal Norfolk Show.

THU 29 THORPE HAMLET (NORWICH)

Clergy: Patrick Jordan, Janet Wyer.

Dioceses of Udi, Ughelli, Ukwu and Umuahia (Church of Nigeria).

FRI 30 THORPE ST ANDREW (NORWICH)

Clergy: James Stewart.

The Revd Canon Julian Pursehouse (Chair of East Anglia Methodist District).

Diocese of Umzimvubu (Anglican Church of Southern Africa).

SAT 1 TIMBERHILL (NORWICH)

Clergy: Richard Stanton, Edwin Wilton-Morgan. All those to be ordained deacon and priest and the parishes in which they serve.

Te Pihopatanga o Upoko o Te Ika (Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia).

Transformed
by Christ
to become
more prayerful

Transform us
O Christ,
that, deeply rooted
in prayer,
we may be fully
alive to you
and your purposes for
us and for all people.

Amen



Photo: One of our clergy invites prayer requests on Facebook and offers them in her prayer shed.



Wild Confirmation

When the Reepham and Wensum Valley Team arranged to hold a Confirmation service towards the end of last year, there was a wide range of ages interested. But what to do with the only person under 18? Revd Helen and Revd Richard decided to trial something that they called ‘Wild Confirmation’, to tie in with the Wild Messy Church that the local children were already involved in. 10-year-old Jacob was the willing guinea pig.

“I like being outdoors,” Jacob said, “and it was easier for me to hear God speaking to me in the things I love. Spending time in God’s creation helped me to think about how God is always with us.” The sessions were designed with plenty of space to pause and ponder, and there was always time for a snack. Each one took Jacob on a personal journey with a God who is always by our side.

SUN 2 READY TO BE FOUND

Creator God, help us to journey with you throughout our lives. Open our eyes to see, in your wonderful creation, your constant presence with us. Make us ready to be found by you in unexpected places, and to follow you with joy.

MON 3 TROWSE (NORWICH)

Clergy: Rosemary Braby. LLM: Chris Sanham. Bishops Graham (Norwich) and Jane (Lynn). Diocese of Uruguay (Anglican Church of South America).

TUE 4 DEANERY OF NORWICH NORTH

Rural Dean: Margaret McPhee. Diocese of Utah (Episcopal Church, USA).

WED 5 CHAPLAINCY TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chaplains Keith Rengert, Riaz Mubarak and all who work in the Police, Fire, Ambulance and Coastguard services.

THU 6 DRAYTON

Clergy: Marc Palmer. Drayton Junior. Diocese of Uyo (Church of Nigeria).

FRI 7 HELLEDON

Clergy: Louise Alder. LLM: Milee Brambleby. Diocese of Valparaiso (Iglesia Anglicana de Chile).

SAT 8 HORSFORD, FELTHORPE AND HEVINGHAM

Clergy: Margaret McPhee, LLM: Richard McPhee, Horsford Primary. Diocese of Vanuatu & New Caledonia (Anglican Church of Melanesia).

Come and see

“My journey began with a casual gift and comment from a loved one,” explains Sarah. “I saw this and thought of you’, accompanied by a booklet about ministry and discernment. Something shifted in my soul and a call began to inch its way to the surface. As a Christian, I understand that everyone has a share in the ministry of Jesus and a responsibility to live as his disciples. But was my increasing desire to delve deeper into the Bible, to serve and to share my faith with others, pointing to a more commissioned vocation?”

“Fear, excitement, and trepidation are just a few of the emotions which constantly inhabited my heart as I began to push these doors. Advised by some wise and faithful guides, through prayer, reading and with the support of my church and family, I am now in the ordination discernment process; following Jesus’ invitation to his disciples to ‘come and see’.”



SUN 9 THE GREATEST LOVE STORY

Abba Father, as our pastoral good Shepherd, lead us and teach us. Thank you that through your Living Word, your Holy Spirit and our fellow Christian brothers and sisters, you have equipped us to undertake the Great Commission and share the greatest love story with the world.

MON 10 HORSHAM, SPIXWORTH & CROSTWICK

Clergy: Rosemary Maskell, St Faiths Primary (Horsham).

Diocese of Vellore (Church of South India).

TUE 11 MILE CROSS

Clergy: Martin Hartley. LLM: Margaret Proudfoot. Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).

Diocese of Venezuela (Episcopal Church).

WED 12 DIOCESE OF LULEÅ

Bishop Åsa, the clergy and people and for the strengthening of the bonds between our dioceses.

THU 13 OLD CATTON

Clergy: David Hagan-Palmer, Sally McCubbin. LLM: Jo Mash. Old Catton Junior.

Dioceses of Vermont and Virgin Islands (Episcopal Church, USA).

FRI 14 CHURCHWARDENS

All who serve as Churchwardens.

Diocese of Victoria Nyanza (Anglican Church of Tanzania).

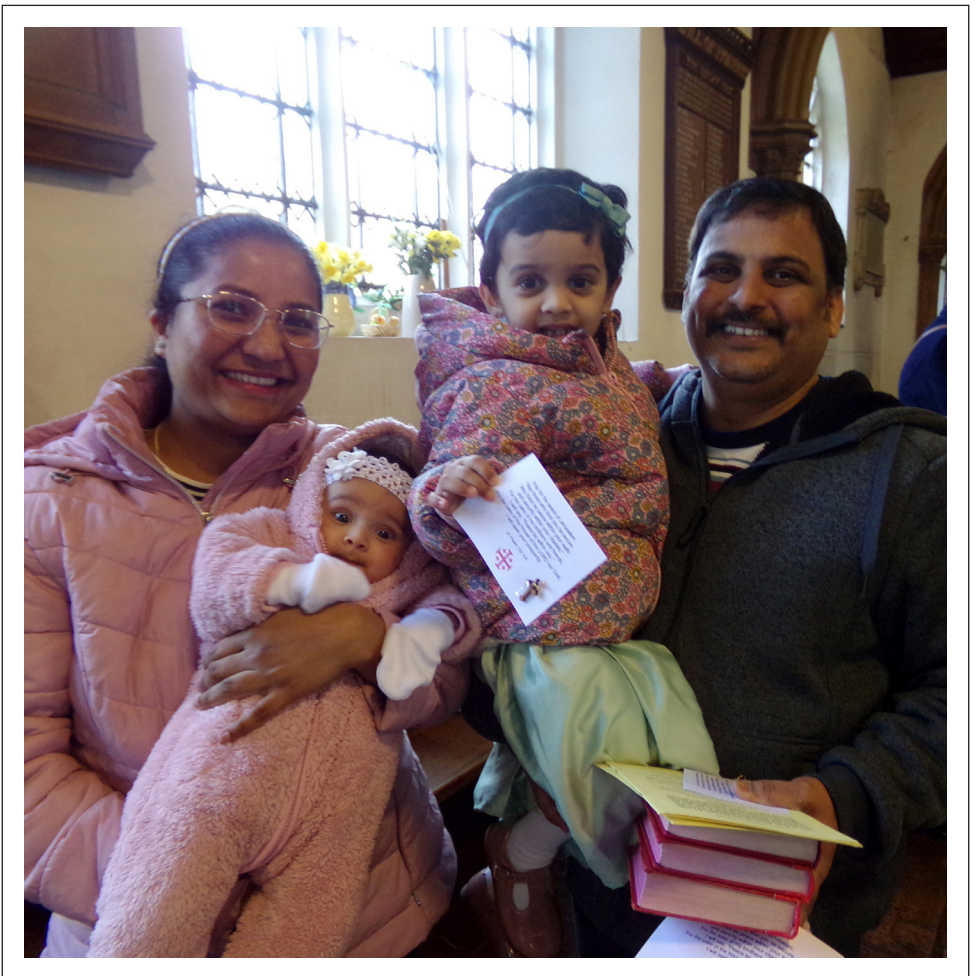
SAT 15 SPROWSTON AND NORTH NORWICH TEAM MINISTRY

Norwich New Catton St Luke, Norwich St Mary Magdalene, Sprowston. Clergy: Dean Akrill, Danny Doran-Smith, Graham Kirk-Spriggs, Selwyn Tillett, Tim Yau. LLMs: Andrew Hudson, Stephanie Grand, Margaret Gray.

How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

The Revd Karlene Kerr

Bishop's Adviser for UK Minority Ethnic Affairs



“ Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ”

Galatians 6.2

There is no doubt that God calls some individuals to take the hard road. They find themselves in unfamiliar and foreign territory, whether due to the culture, geography, language or simply because their difference is negatively highlighted or received. Such experience can seem and feel exilic – ‘how can the Lord’s song be sung in a strange land?’ Is home only to be defined as the place they left behind? As a host community, how do we enable people from other lands, cultures, or ethnicities, sent by God to a new place for his purpose, to feel included rather than excluded from the family of God?

We may begin by challenging our own prejudices around the notion of home and belonging. What attitudes do we hold about who rightfully and naturally belongs in our worship and social spaces? Do we have assumptions, conscious or otherwise, about what they should look and sound like, about their social status and so forth?

Most of us probably remember that wonderfully cheery song ‘Consider Yourself’ from the musical ‘Oliver.’ It would be odd indeed to greet newcomers different to us with an all singing all dancing rendition of ‘consider yourself at home, consider yourself one of us...’, but surely the song’s sentiments can fuel our attitude.

As human beings, we have an emotional need for acceptance and support from a group we are associated with, to find a place where we belong and to connect with others. And that which we expect from others, we must also give. Our model is Jesus himself who always reached out to others, no matter their status; the lame and diseased, a woman caught in adultery, the man born blind, a Samaritan woman.

Paul in Romans 12.15 instructs us to weep with those who weep. Our task therefore is not to justify why we are not weeping or correct or chastise those who are. To weep with others, we need to empathise, and to empathise we need to understand, to understand we need to be informed and to be informed we need to listen, to be open to change within ourselves, and to learn.

In other words, we keep in mind our Awareness, Attitude and Action; being aware of the issues others are facing and being prepared to engage with a different narrative than the one we are perhaps accustomed to, being prepared to challenge ourselves by considering what it is to be our sister’s or brother’s keeper, and lastly to take action to embody the gospel through acts of welcome, hospitality and acceptance.

God may not immediately provide answers or reasons for those who find themselves in hard places, but he always gives himself in abundance. We can learn to have the grace not to define one another solely by our differences, but primarily by our belonging to the glorious body of Christ, in which all are included.

Find more resources in the Diocese of
Norwich Mission Hub:
www.DofN.org/race-ethnicity



Inclusive church

The Revd Heather Wright has been involved with the Deafblind Community for over 40 years, firstly within secular employment, and since ordination, alongside serving as a parish priest, for 27 years. She received the British Empire Medal in 2016 for services to Deafblind people in Norwich and Norfolk.

“Ministry with people who are Deafblind is very much on a one-to-one basis as signing is given and received on hands,” explains Heather. “The joy of this ministry is that Deafblind people and families can receive visits and Holy Communion. It’s a personal and pastoral ministry which is deeply appreciated. My prayer is for an inclusive church that can readily receive all people whatever the need and language. A first step towards this hope is for the church to learn basic sign language, so that more can speak with those within our parishes who may be deaf or deafblind.”

www.facebook.com/norwichdeafchurch
www.deafblind.org.uk

SUN 16 INCLUDED IN LOVE

Lord, we pray that the Deaf and Deafblind in our communities may feel loved and included by your Church. Help us to take seriously the challenges which they face and to look for practical and meaningful ways to serve and support them, to be all that Christ has called them to be.

MON 17 TAVERHAM WITH RINGLAND

Clergy: Paul Seabrook, Stella Green, Valerie Hooker, Gill Osborne, Phil Charlesworth.
 LLM: Jane Dryden. Taverham Junior.
Diocese of Virginia and Southern Virginia (Episcopal Church, USA).

TUE 18 DEANERY OF NORWICH SOUTH

Rural Dean: Patrick Richmond.
 Lay Chair: Sandra Isaac.
Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and Western Virginia (Episcopal Church, USA).

WED 19 HIGHER EDUCATION CHAPLAINCY

Martin Young (NUA), Dave Hendra (City College) and all who work and who study at our universities and colleges.

THU 20 BOWTHORPE (NORWICH)

Clergy: Mark Elvin. Cloverhill Infant & Nursery (Bowthorpe), St Michael’s Junior (Bowthorpe).
Dioceses of Waiapu and Walkato & Taranaki (Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia).

FRI 21 COSTESSEY

Clergy: James Pinto.
Dioceses of Wandí and Wang Lei (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).

SAT 22 EARLHAM

Clergy: Di Rowlandson, Julian Bryant, Carol Pritchard.

Funerals matter

Penny became a Christian through a funeral, and this is her story. "I found the funeral of my mum very difficult; I was upset, miserable and confused. I was angry with the talk about God: we didn't know him; he wasn't part of our lives. No one I knew had answers to my questions.

"I later went to the Christian funeral of a work colleague's wife, same age as my mum. But her funeral was completely different. There was certainly grief and sadness, but also thankfulness, celebration, peace, and hope in a future that sounded wonderful, but I just didn't understand how it could be true. My husband and I needed to find out more, so we started going to church, listening and asking a lot of questions. Eventually we went on a course, similar to Hope Explored. For sure life is still messy but I trust in Jesus."

<https://hope.explo.red>



SUN 23 HOPE THROUGH LOVE

Loving Father, how deep is your love for us that you would give your son Jesus to die in our place. Thank you for his promise of resurrection, life to all who believe. May this powerful message of hope bring life to your people, now and always.

MON 24 EATON CHRIST CHURCH (NORWICH)

Clergy: Patrick Richmond. LLMs: John Harrison, Alistair Bolt.

Diocese of Wangaratta (Anglican Church of Australia).

TUE 25 EATON ST ANDREW (NORWICH)

Clergy: Phil Rodd, James Cook. LLM: Neil Rout.
Diocese of Wanyjok (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).

WED 26 PROVINCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The bishops, clergy and people and for the strengthening of our bonds with the province.

THU 27 HEIGHAM HOLY TRINITY (NORWICH)

Clergy: Richard James. LLMs: Jonathan Mason, Elizabeth Scott, Nigel Parfitt.
Meeting of Bishop's Staff.
Diocese of Warri (Church of Nigeria).

FRI 28 THE MITRE

St Alban Lakenham, St Barnabas Heigham w St Bartholomew, St Thomas Heigham.
Clergy: Tom Eagles, Blessing Chishanu, Dave Hendra, David Lloyd, Joanna Payne, Di Rowlandson. LLM: Diana Timms.
Major Howard Russell (Divisional Commander of the Anglia Division of the Salvation Army)

SAT 29 DEANERY OF REDENHALL

Rural Dean: Nigel Tuffnell. Lay Chair: Jennifer Vere.
Church buildings – parish support team; Nicholas Cannon, Eliza Greenwell, Margaret Mallett, Frances Jackson.
Diocese of Washington (Episcopal Church, USA).

Found in the Garden

“I have always felt drawn to the Church of England,” says Charlotte Bayes. “I grew up attending a rural church and although it was small, with no toilet or running water, it had a mighty vision. I felt called to mission but working part-time as a teacher and finding it difficult taking my toddler to traditional morning services, I wasn’t sure how I could serve.



“Then I discovered ‘Garden Church’ and shared this vision for a mixed ecology church. I had a very supportive Vicar who allowed me to develop a Garden Church in our parish. With this and the support of Garden’s Lead Pastor, Revd Dave Lloyd, I was able to learn how to nurture and develop a lay-led discipleship community. At Great Melton Garden, we meet wherever we can come together to eat, pray, worship, learn, and listen. I’m excited for what God is doing through the Garden Network.”

www.garden-church.org

SUN 30 BOLDNESS OF FAITH

Father God, we pray for lay leaders and all those that feel called to serve you. May they step out in boldness of faith to bring heaven to earth. Lord, prepare and equip us with new wineskins, so that we are ready for new wine.

MON 31 DICKLEBURGH & THE PULHAMS

Dickleburgh, Pulham Market, Pulham St Mary, Rushall, Starston, Thelveton. Clergy: Sarah Walsh, Paul Schwier. LLM: Gale Hodgkinson. Dickleburgh Primary, Pulham Primary.

Dioceses of Wau and Wernyol (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).

TUE 1 EARSHAM GROUP (DITCHINGHAM)

Alburgh, Broome, Denton, Ditchingham, Earsham, Hedenham. Clergy: Chris Hutton, James Shelton, Sue Cramp. LLMs: Christine Edwards, Phil Edwards, Christopher Whipps. Alburgh-w-Denton Primary, Ditchingham Primary, Earsham.

Diocese of Wellington (Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia).

WED 2 SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY

Ian Jones, Corin Child, Keith Rengert, Helen Rengert, Mark Pimlott, Catherine Adams, Geoff

Lawton, James Stewart, Kevin Billson, Steph Richardson, Christina Rees, Katey Mills, Jack Branford, Paul Roast, Clive Howard, Laura Purnell and all who serve as chaplains within our schools.

THU 3 REDENHALL WITH SCOLE

Billingford, Brockdish, Needham, Redenhall with Harleston and Wortwell, Scole, Thorpe Abbots. Clergy: Nigel Tuffnell, James Shelton. LLMs: Lynda Mansfield, John Taylor, Jamie Worthington. Archbishop Sancroft (Harleston), Harleston Primary, Scole.

FRI 4 THE DISS TEAM MINISTRY

Bressingham, Burston, Diss, Fersfield, Gissing, North Lopham, Roydon, Shelfanger, South Lopham, Tivetshall, Winfarthing. Clergy: John Cruse. LLMs: Janice Cruse, Sue Drake. All Saints Primary (Winfarthing), Diss Junior, St Andrew’s Primary School (Lopham).

SAT 5 DEANERY OF REPPS

Rural Dean: Richard Lawry. Lay Chair: Mary Howard. Communications – Parish support team; Elizabeth Humphries, Katherine Limbach, Bethany Grimshaw.

Community through bellringing

Joy hadn't been to church for a while. But when her daughter took an interest in bellringing, she found her way back and tried ringing for herself. "I felt like I'd come home. The community of the church and bellringing feel like family. They are so welcoming and helpful, and even when going through tough times in my life they have been a great help lifting me."

What Joy has experienced isn't unusual: bellringing, like many church activities, creates a community. In that community, it is possible to experience something of the community God calls us to be part of. Joy found God when she wasn't looking for him and has come to realise that he was always there to be found and was willing to be found. Now, with more people learning to ring because of the recent coronation, it is hoped more people will find God in the tower.



SUN 6 LOVING COMMUNITY

Gracious God, grant our bellringers, and all who come together in community in the church, the knowledge of your love for them and the opportunity to seek you through the things they enjoy and do in your service.

MON 7 CROMER

Roughton, Felbrigg. St Mary's Primary (Roughton)
Clergy: Will Warren, Jennie Hodgkinson, Ben Rogers. LLMs: John Graveling, Evelyn Smith, Susan Wells, David Masters.
Bishops Graham (Norwich) and Jane (Lynn).
Diocese of Wiaowo (Church of Province of West Africa).

TUE 8 POPPYLAND

Antingham, Northrepps, Overstrand, Sidestrand, Southrepps, Thorpe Market, Trimmingham.
Clergy: Sian Reading. LLMs: Tim Bennett, Janet Payne, John Scott. Overstrand The Belfry Primary.
Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).
Diocese of Willochra (Anglican Church of Australia).

WED 9 CHAPLAINCY TO VETERANS' GROUPS

All who serve as chaplains to branches of the Royal British Legion, the Royal Air Forces Association, the Royal Naval Association and other veterans' organisations.

THU 10 QUINTET

Aylmerton, Beeston Regis, Gresham, Runton.
Clergy: Jeremy Sykes. LLM: Pamela Thompson.
Diocese of Winchester (Church of England).

FRI 11 SLOW SUMMER

Loving God, let us revel in summer. Let us soak up the long days and warm sun. May our breathing slow and our hearts open. Help us to be present to all that is, so that we can best see all that might be.
Diocese of Windward Islands (Church in the Province of West Indies).

SAT 12 SHERINGHAM

Clergy: Christian Heycocks, Christina Rees. LLM: Julie Rubidge, Angela Stewart.
Dioceses of Wonduruba and Wulu (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).



Transformed
by Christ to
become more
pastoral

Transform us
O Christ,
that, like Peter,
we may hear you
charging us
to shepherd
your sheep:
may we too respond
for love of you
by feeding
the hungry
and tending the
vulnerable.

Amen

Volunteers serving breakfast
at the King's Lynn Night Shelter

A sense of belonging in Gaywood

The Gaywood Minority Anglican Group has members from India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Uganda, Namibia, Kenya, Belarus, China, Lebanon, and Ukraine, including Revd Karlene, from Jamaica. “We usually have a Bible study, pray and praise together or have an informal discussion around a particular theme”, explains Letitia Louw. “Ultimately, it’s about fostering solidarity through Christ, whilst identifying as Christian, and embracing our multiple cultures. During our meetings, we also share personal experiences or struggles of adjusting to a new culture and community. We encourage and support one another, whilst building friendships around refreshments and meals.



“Some of us have had to adapt to a different way of doing church. Others had to struggle whilst seeking God’s love. My faith is greatly encouraged by spending time with other believers, listening to their stories and sharing what I learned from God. I build strong friendships and feel a sense of belonging in this group.”

SUN 13 MAKING SPACE AT THE TABLE

Thank you, Jesus, for making a space for everyone at the table. Thank you for being our rock, our fortress, in whom we can take refuge. We are grateful for opportunities to unite in your name, at your place and by your grace. Merciful Father, strengthen us to be more like you.

MON 14 TRUNCH GROUP

Gimingham, Knapton, Mundesley, Paston, Trunch with Bradfield and Swafield. Clergy: Joanna Haywood, Jenny Lodge. LLMs: Peter Clough, Andrea Lee.
Diocese of Worcester (Church of England).

TUE 15 DEANERY OF ST BENET AT WAXHAM & TUNSTEAD

David Chamberlin, Lay Chair: Sonia Coupe.
Dioceses of Forth Worth and Wyoming (Episcopal Church, USA).

WED 16 CHAPLAINCY TO THE WATERWAYS AND TO HOLIDAYMAKERS

For all who are taking holidays that this might be a time of rest and recreation.
For churches running holiday activities and clubs.

THU 17 COASTAL GROUP OF PARISHES

Bacton, Happisburgh, Hempstead with Lessingham and Eccles, Ridlington, Sea Palling with Waxham, Walcott, Witton. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLMs: Pam Millsted, John Prince. Happisburgh Primary.
Dioceses of Wusasa and Yewa (Church of Nigeria).

FRI 18 NORTH WALSHAM, EDINGTHORPE, WORSTEAD AND WESTWICK

Clergy: David Warner, Nigel Paterson.
Worstead Primary.
Diocese of Wyoming (Episcopal Church, USA).

SAT 19 SMALLBURGH

Dilham, Honing, Smallburgh. Clergy: Helen Lynch, Andrew Bevan. LLM: Betty Lacey.
Dioceses of Yambio, Yei and Yeri (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).



Art Cafe – look, understand, feel

Spring 2020 was a grey and uncertain time for many of us: our personal struggles were exacerbated by being alone, unable to gather in church, or even for a coffee. Kevin was facing personal trials but was encouraged to join an art cafe, meeting on Zoom. He gave his first talk on Rubens' Adoration of the Magi. "The phenomenal visualisation of our faith made it more real: it helped me understand, to feel it. So good to stop, stand and stare, and to think, noticing God in the presence of his people, truly Emmanuel, God with us". It still gives him joy as he remembers.

The Art Cafe Online became and still is a building block for wellbeing and faith. Kevin's more recent studies have been on photography, noticing light in the simplest situation. The light reminds him of Jesus, light of the world and how this light now shines within him.

Art Cafe in the Barn: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7440

SUN 20 FAITH ALIVE

Holy Spirit, we thank you for your work bringing faith alive through visual art, both now and through the ages. Please help us pause and reflect, and so grow in our understanding of God and his love for us through Jesus, and delight in this love more and more.

MON 21 STALHAM

Ingham, Stalham, Sutton. Clergy: Helen Lynch, Andrew Bevan. LLMs: Mary Shepherd, Jeanette Boardman, Martyn Egerton. Sutton Infant.

Diocese of Yangon (Church of Province of Myanmar).

TUE 22 THE UNITED BENEFICE OF KING'S BECK

Felmingham, Skeyton, Colby, Banningham, Tuttington, Suffield, Sloley and Swanton Abbot. Clergy: David Chamberlin.

Diocese of Yokohama (Nippon Sei Ko Kai).

WED 23 ANNA CHAPLAINCY

Those commissioned as Anna Chaplains and all offering support to older people.

THU 24 UNITED BENEFICE OF ST BENEDICT

Ashmanhaugh, Barton Turf, Beeston St Lawrence, Horning, Irstead, Neatishead. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLMs: Barbara McGoun, Pauline Simpson. Neatishead Primary. **Dioceses of Yola and Zaki-Biam (Church of Nigeria).**

FRI 25 WATERSIDE GROUP

Catfield, Hickling, Ludham, Potter Heigham. Clergy: Gary Noyes. LLM: Ian Watton. Catfield Primary, Hickling Infant. The Revd Lythan Nevard (Moderator for the Eastern Synod URC). **Diocese of York (Church of England).**

SAT 26 WROXHAM WITH HOVETON SAINT JOHN WITH HOVETON SAINT PETER, BELAUGH AND TUNSTEAD WITH SCO' RUSTON

Clergy: Liz Jump **Diocese of Ysabel (Anglican Church of Melanesia).**

An encounter with God

“Encounter” regional youth worship events are run in Norwich, King’s Lynn, and South Norfolk on a termly basis. Each year there is a five-day Encounter Summer Camp at Sizewell Hall, where youth from the regional events can come together. They are aimed at 11 to 18-year-olds and are an opportunity for young people to both encounter God and encounter other young people like them, in worship, games, talk and café. Recently, a young person was overheard to say to someone they knew from school “I didn’t know you were a Christian.”



Beth Grimshaw, who spoke on ‘Who does God say I am?’ at a recent Encounter, said “Young people’s conversations afterwards in the café area were inspiring and encouraging. It was great to see them respond creatively to accepting who God says they are.” Encounter events continue to offer a place where young people can find each other, find God, and be found by him.

SUN 27 BLESSING ENCOUNTERS

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who are in perfect community and relationship, we pray that you will enable young people to find a place in your kingdom, in the church and with each other. We pray for those leading events and ask your blessing as young people encounter you.

MON 28 DEANERY OF THETFORD AND ROCKLAND

Rural Dean: Matthew Jackson.
Lay Chair: Peter Lotarius.
Diocese of Yukon (Anglican Church of Canada).

TUE 29 ATTLEBOROUGH WITH BESTHORPE

Clergy: Matthew Jackson, Andrew Slater, Richard Washington. LLMs: Bob Andrews, Brenda Greig.

WED 30 COMMUNITY AND WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY

Rosemary Maskell, Norwich International Airport, and Chris Copsey, Norfolk Coroner’s Service. Praying for all those who experience especial challenge or stress in their daily lives.

THU 31 EAST WITH WEST HARLING, BRIDGHAM WITH ROUDHAM, LARLING, BRETENHAM AND RUSHFORD

Clergy: Simon Richardson, Caryll Brown.
Finance – Parish support team; Susan Bunting, Michael Hibbin, James South, Ben Tooke, Fiona Jeffs, Samuel Witton (schools).

FRI 1 GREAT ELLINGHAM (SHELLROCK)

Great Ellingham, Little Ellingham, Rockland All Saints, Rockland St Peter, Shropham w Snetterton. Clergy: Sue Strutt. LLMs: Carol Bennett, Colin Thomas.
Dioceses of Central Zambia, Eastern Zambia and Northern Zambia (Church of Province of Central Africa).

SAT 2 FOR THE FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

Loving God, let me be strong today as I meet new people in new places. Make me brave when I am worried, show me how to learn from everyone around me, and help me to do my very best. Amen.



Transformed by Christ to become more prophetic

Transform us, O Christ,
that, inspired by your example,
we may find our voice
to challenge injustice
and stand up for the oppressed.
Amen

(Above) Norfolk Christians at The Big One climate protest outside parliament

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