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# Prayer Diary



## Following the good shepherd

Transformed by Christ: **Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic**

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## Foreword from Dean Andrew

**I was lost in Romania. Arriving by train in the north of the country, and with only a guidebook to help me, I wasn't quite sure where to go next. As I headed out of the station a stranger approached me. Somehow, we found a way to communicate. I told her where I was trying to get to. "Follow me" she said, and then quickly went ahead, navigating me safely through unfamiliar streets to the place I was to stay. It was a wonderful kindness. In an unknown country I was not alone.**

"Follow me" is the characteristic invitation of Jesus. Like the shepherds of his day who would lead, not drive, their sheep, Jesus leads out those who follow him. He is always the one who goes before, preparing and pioneering the path we are to take. As I was reminded in Romania, the invitation "follow me" is a call to trust, to look up and look out, and to move beyond simply relying on ourselves. Not least, it is an invitation to listen to the shepherd's voice. And it is such listening that is at the heart of prayer.

To be a pastoral diocese is to enable one another to both hear and respond to the call of Jesus. We won't always know where the journey will take us. We may find ourselves in situations that are challenging and unknown. It may require us to be bold and prophetic as we look up and look out. But in that simple invitation "follow me" we have the assurance that Jesus is with us and goes ahead of us. We are not alone.

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Thanks for your understanding.**

**Front Cover image:** Prayer installation at Gresham's School Chapel – see caption on page 7

## The Season of Creation

This annual Christian celebration is an opportunity to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The Season “Celebration” begins on 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. The theme for this year is “Let Justice and Peace Flow”, with the symbol of A Mighty River.

As we follow the good shepherd, we are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just like tributaries come together to form a mighty river. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

<https://seasonofcreation.org>



A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

### SUN 3 LIVING WATERS OF JUSTICE & PEACE

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God’s justice and peace, and to share it with all creation. Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God’s justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

### MON 4 QUIDENHAM GROUP

Banham, Eccles, New Buckenham, Old Buckenham, Quidenham, Wilby.

Clergy: Sarah Walsh as she prepares to move.  
Bishops Graham (Norwich) and Jane (Lynn).

### TUE 5 THETFORD TEAM MINISTRY

Cloverfield Community Church, Croxton, Kilverstone, Thetford, Wretham w Illington. Clergy: Peter Herbert, Matt Houghton, Tony Heywood.

LLM: Jean Rolph. The Bishop’s Primary (Thetford).  
**Diocese of Zanzibar (Anglican Church of Tanzania).**

### WED 6 NORFOLK AND WAVENEY

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER

#### Pilgrim Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for calling us into the company of those who trust in Christ and seek to obey his will.

May your Spirit guide and strengthen us in mission and service to your world; for we are strangers no longer but pilgrims together on the way to your Kingdom. Amen.

### THU 7 DEANERY OF BLOFIELD

Rural Dean: Martin Greenland.

Lay Chair: Nicholas Cowen

**Diocese of Zaria (Church of Nigeria).**

### FRI 8 ACLE AND BURE TO YARE

Acle, Beighton w Moulton, Freethorpe, Halvergate w Tunstall, Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley, Reedham, Wickhampton. Clergy: Martin Greenland. LLM: Nicholas Cowen. Acle Primary.

### SAT 9 BLOFIELD

Blofield, Burlingham Saint Andrew w Saint Peter, Hemblington. Clergy: Kevin Billson, Sue Shillam

**Diocese of Central Zimbabwe (Church of the Province of Central Africa).**



## An intentional presence

“Being chaplain to Newton Flotman Church of England Primary Academy is a rich and varied role which brings me much joy,” says the Revd Coryn Stanforth. “I am available to both children and staff and can sometimes be found at lunchtimes surrounded by a group of children all eager to answer the question of the week. On other occasions I am approached by an individual child who wants to tell me about a particular joy they have experienced or something which is making them sad.

“I also spend time in the staff room. Sometimes I provide cake for the staff, but I am also there to listen. As a former teacher, I understand that there are many challenges for the staff and teaching can be an all-consuming job. I enjoy leading collective worship and services for the main Christian festivals. However, I see my main role as chaplain focusing on intentional hanging around and being ready to listen.”

### SUN 10 NURTURE AND FLOURISH

This Education Sunday, we pray for all learners: children, young people and students. May schools and other places of learning be somewhere where growth is nurtured and learners flourish. Grant creativity, energy and resilience to teachers and support staff who work in schools and other educational settings.

### MON 11 BROADSIDE

Ranworth with Panxworth, South Walsham, Upton & Fishley, Woodbastwick. Clergy: Kevin Billson. LLM: Margaret Mallett. Fairhaven Primary (South Walsham).

**Diocese of Zonkwa (Church of Nigeria).**

### TUE 12 GREAT AND LITTLE PLUMSTEAD, RACKHEATH WITH SALHOUSE AND WITTON

Clergy: Darleen Plattin. LLM: Linda Stone. Salhouse Primary.

**Diocese of Zululand (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa).**

### WED 14 NORFOLK AND WAVENEY CHURCHES TOGETHER

Society of Friends and United Reformed Church Liz Hoffbauer (Society of Friends representative) Revd Lythan Nevard (Moderator Eastern Synod of the United Reformed Church).

### THU 15 LINGWOOD

Burlingham, Hasingham (Unofficial), Lingwood, Strumpshaw. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLM: Lorna Clark. Meeting of Bishop’s Staff.

### FRI 15 YARE VALLEY CHURCHES

Brundall, Braydeston and Postwick. Clergy: Matthew Luscombe. LLM: Keith Gerrard. **Dioceses of Aba, Abakaliki and Abuja (Church of Nigeria).**

### SAT 16 DEANERY OF BRECKLAND

Rural Dean: Stephen Thorp. Lay Chair: Jackie Cook. **Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney (Scottish Episcopal Church).**

## Following Jesus through the roof

The Roofbreaker project aims to break down barriers faced by disabled people in Christian life. The gospels tell of friends bringing a paralysed man to Jesus – when they could not get into the house, they broke down the roof and lowered him, right in front of Jesus. Likewise, Mary, Judith and a small team at St Bartholomew's, Brisley, are doing their best to make changes so disabilities do not prevent people coming to Christ. After an audit they started with small things such as improved church lighting for lip readers. They are adapting as each situation arises, with later developments being a loop system for the hard of hearing and a ramp to the chancel for wheelchair users. The current project is a disabled toilet.

The St Bartholomew's congregation is small, but right at the heart of community life, inviting musicians, conservationists, and artists to use the beautiful church building.

<https://throughtheroof.org>



### SUN 17 NO BARRIERS

Lord Jesus, as we picture the roof being broken, bringing the disabled friend to you, so we give thanks for the practical actions at St Bartholomew's, Brisley, and elsewhere. May we notice your active heart towards us, that there is no barrier in finding forgiveness, rest, wholeness and flourishing in you.

### MON 18 ASHILL

Ashill, Carbrooke, Ovington, Saham Toney. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLMs: Jean Rockett-Woods, Anne Leighton. Ashill, Parker's Primary (Saham Toney), St Peter & St Paul Carbrooke Primary. Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Catherine (Lynn) and Keith (Norwich).  
**Diocese of Abyei (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).**

### TUE 19 HILBOROUGH GROUP

Cockley Cley, Foulden, Gooderstone, Great Cressingham, Hilborough. Clergy: Linda Lubbe. Gooderstone Primary.  
**Diocese of Accra (The Church of the Province of West Africa).**

### WED 20 NORFOLK AND WAVENEY CHURCHES TOGETHER

Roman Catholic Church and Methodist Church Bishop Peter Collins (Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia). Canon Julian Pursehouse (Chair in East Anglia Methodist District).

### THU 21 MUNDFORD

Cranwich, Ickburgh, Langford, Mundford. Clergy: Linda Lubbe. Mundford Primary. **Diocese of Adelaide (Anglican Church of Australia).**

### FRI 22 NAR VALLEY

Castleacre, Narborough with Narford, Newton-by-Castleacre, Pentney, Southacre, Westacre. Clergy: Richard Howells. Castle Acre Primary, Narborough Primary.  
**Diocese of Afikpo (Church of Nigeria).**

### SAT 23 NECTON

Holme Hale, Necton, North Pickenham, South Pickenham. Clergy: Stephen Thorp. LLMs: Carole Hicks, Susan March. Necton Primary. Bishop's Council of Trustees. Education Celebration  
**Diocese of North Africa (Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria).**



## Leaving home

“Being in hospital gives us lots of time to think, which can be very difficult when the future is uncertain and we don’t know where our next home will be,” says the Revd Julia Chamberlin, volunteer chaplain at the North Walsham Community Hospital. “A frequent question asked by patients is, ‘When can I go home?’ But for many patients the stark reality is that they are no longer well enough to return to the home and life they have held so dear – the home they have raised their family in, the gardens they have loved and tended for years and the neighbours and friends they have shared their lives with.

“I know it in my head,” said one patient, “but I can’t accept it in my heart, I just feel so sad.” It is in times such as these that care and understanding, love and prayerfulness are so important.”

### SUN 24 GOOD SHEPHERD GUIDANCE

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are struggling with leaving the homes they have loved. Good shepherd may you guide their heart and minds, their families and all those who care for them, that they may know your peace and presence wherever they may be.

### MON 25 OXBOROUGH GROUP

Bodney, Diddlington, Little Cressingham, Oxborough. Clergy: Linda Lubbe. LLM: George Lynne. MU Service. **The Diocese of Agra (Church of North India).**

### TUE 26 SWAFFHAM AND SPORLE

Sporle with Great and Little Palgrave, Swaffham. Clergy: The Churchwardens and PCC during the Vacancy. LLM: Andy Mash. Sporle Primary, Swaffham Junior, Swaffham Infant. **Dioceses of Aguata and Ahoada (Church of Nigeria).**

### WED 27 NORFOLK AND WAVENEY CHURCHES TOGETHER

Salvation Army and Baptist Association. Major Howard Russell (Divisional Commander of the Anglia Division of the Salvation Army). Team Leader in Vacancy. The Revds Gale Richards, Graeme Ross and Claire Blatchford (Regional Ministers for the Eastern Baptist Association).

### THU 28 THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

Clergy: Paul Wilkinson, Adam Poole. **Diocese of Aipo Rongo (Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea).**

### FRI 29 THREXTON

Clergy: Dave Cossey. Ian Bishop as he is consecrated bishop at Westminster Abbey. **The Diocese of Ajayi Crowther and Akoko (Church of Nigeria).**

### SAT 30 WATTON

Clergy: Dave Cossey. LLMs: Jackie Cook, Elaine Rodgers. Welcome to Bishop Ian and his family as they are welcomed in Norwich Cathedral. **Diocese of Akobo (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).**

# 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: 1,000 metres of ribbons cascade from the rafters at Gresham's School Chapel, like streams of light connecting heaven and earth. Inspired by former pupil, the poet W H Auden, students wrote words from his 'Whitsunday in Kirchstetten' poem on each piece of ribbon.

Grace dances. I would pipe. Dance ye all the while.



## God at work

Michael works at an outdoor water activity centre, but it wasn't always that way. "I always feel God remains good to me," says Michael. "He continues to guide my footsteps. The best example might be when I was whisked off for a holiday on the Isle of Wight and had no idea that a change of career was incoming."

Michael has always tried to follow God's call as shepherd in his life and doing so has led to what he calls minor miracles and his mum calls God-incidences. This has led him to working in Norfolk, with children and young adults, where he always keeps the example of Jesus before him and is ready to hear his shepherd's voice.

### SUN 1 ALWAYS READY

Good shepherd, we pray that you would guide us on our paths. Help us to be prepared to be whisked away and caught up in the journey you have for us, always ready to set sail and go where you call, to serve you in all that we do.

### MON 2 WAYLAND GROUP

Breckles, Caston, Great Hockham, Griston, Merton, Stow Bedon, Sturston, Thompson, Tottington. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Caston Primary. Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford). **Dioceses of Akoko, Akoko Edo and Akure (Church of Nigeria).**

### TUE 3 DEANERY OF BURNHAM AND WALSINGHAM

Rural Dean: Clive Wylie. Lay Chair: Anne Prentis **Diocese of Akot (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).**

### WED 4 NORFOLK AND WAVENEY CHURCHES TOGETHER

For the flourishing of relationships with those denominations and churches not in membership of Churches Together in England.

### THU 5 BARNEY, HINDRINGHAM, THURSFORD, GREAT SNORING, LITTLE SNORING, KETTLESTONE AND PENSTHORPE

Clergy: Robin Stapleford. Hindringham Primary. **Diocese of Alabama and Alaska (Episcopal Church, USA).**

### FRI 6 COXFORD GROUP

East Raynham, East Rudham, Helhoughton, Houghton next Harpley, South Raynham, Tatterford, Tattersett. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLM: Rhona McEune. Rudham Primary.

### SAT 7 CREAKES

North Creake, Sculthorpe, South Creake, Syderstone. Clergy: Clive Wylie. Sculthorpe Primary. **Diocese of Saint Albans (Church of England).**



## Hope Into Action

“I was just a loser all the time, didn’t know what I was doing, always angry” exclaims Sophie, but then she was offered tenancy in a Hope Into Action home associated with St Catherine’s Church, Norwich: she is now on her feet, secure.

This charity enables churches to house the homeless, aiming to have one home, per church, per community. Sophie has the help of Empowerment Officer, Rach Hartley, and the support of church member, Ruth (pictured with Sophie), and has learned how to structure her life, deal with stuff; she’s now doing alright. Both Rach and Ruth offer tough love, saying it straight, so Sophie feels confident in their care. In fact she is doing so well she will be moving out of the tenancy after just one year, instead of the normal two years. Now integrated into the church family, Sophie is most definitely not on her own anymore.

Watch Sophie’s story here:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX6d8R964oY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX6d8R964oY)



### SUN 8 HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY

Father of mercies, the one who multiplies compassionate mercies to his needful, wayward, messy, fallen and wandering people, have mercy on us, have mercy on the homeless. Lord Jesus, please help us reflect your heart to those who are side-lined; may they find refuge in your church, and ultimately in you.

### MON 9 FAKENHAM

Clergy: Tracy Jessop. LLMs: Elaine Burbidge, Linda Frost, Amanda Sands.  
Diocese of Albany (Episcopal Church, USA).

### TUE 10 FULMODESTON WITH CROXTON

Clergy: Tracy Jessop.  
Diocese of Algoma (The Anglican Church of Canada).

### WED 11 DIOCESE OF LULEÅ

Bishop Åsa Nyström. For the continued strengthening of our partnership in the gospel expressed in the founding document, “To create and develop an enduring and fruitful friendship between our two dioceses, as an expression of the Body of Christ, by exploring what we can give to each other; what we can receive from each other; and how we can work together.”

### THU 12 HEMPTON

Clergy: Harri Williams  
Diocese of All Saints (Anglican Church of Kenya).

### FRI 13 HOLKHAM

Holkham, Warham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Wighton.  
Clergy: Brenda Stewart.  
Diocese of Aluakluak (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).

### SAT 14 THE BURNHAMS

Burnham Market, Burnham Overy, Burnham Sutton cum Ulph, Burnham Thorpe. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy.  
Diocese of Amazonia (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil).

# The One I see in the world around me – an overflow of wonder

**The Revd Ian Dyle**  
Interim Priest in Charge, Weybourne Group



**A** few years ago, my two Rural Dean colleagues in Norwich and I were asked to lead some short reflections at a service in the cathedral. The subject was to be 'Where I find God'. My friend, who was rural Dean of Norwich East, offered to speak on finding God in the sacraments and then, knowing me quite well, added, "And I suppose you will speak on finding God in His Word?"

Whilst I love the scriptures and certainly find him there, I think my friend was surprised by my response. "No, actually I am going to speak on finding God in his creation." The apostle Paul tells us that "what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made..." (Romans 1.19, 20)

Adam and Eve met with God in a garden and Moses met with him in a desert and up a mountain and so I am not surprised when I meet with him on a beach or walking in the open fields, or when I see him in a sunset, or hear him in bird song.

Nor am I surprised when I feel the need to give voice to my wonder and amazement at God's creation and the beauty of seeing behind it the One who, through the expression of his creativity, brought it all into being.

I love the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins, a 19th-century Jesuit priest whose verse speaks so evocatively of the presence of God in creation. In 'Pied Beauty', for example, he writes:

Glory be to God for dappled things –  
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings...  
...He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise him.

Stirred by our God of love, and a bit by Hopkins, I find myself with this overflow of wonder at what I see, and the One I see, in the world around me and sometimes this melds into verse, too. I see something and stop and stare. I meditate and give thanks. Sometimes then, or perhaps later, a poem will come to accompany the picture, and occasionally the picture becomes a painting. For within each of us there is creativity. So often it lies dormant, waiting for a 'kairos moment' to stir it into life, and for others it is already alive and just waiting until we slow down enough to give it space to manifest.

So as we stop and look, we will see him. And praise. As I did recently as I walked out on the saltmarshes:

This Coast  
Creation's boast  
This land of sand  
And sea  
And creek –  
Seek  
But you won't find  
A place  
A space  
Like this  
This bliss  
That He who made the stars  
Gave  
For free  
For you, for me  
So look  
And see  
This beauty beckons all  
It draws  
A heart that's full  
Of grateful thanks.  
It soars.



## Reaching out to those in modern day slavery

The Revd Corin Child is keen to help us notice, respond, and care for our sisters and brothers who are hidden in plain sight, and suffering deeply. He is the Diocesan coordinator for the Clewer Initiative, a group mobilising a whole network of churches to identify and care for victims of modern slavery. There are resources to help in spotting the signs, how to notice forced begging, slavery in car wash and farm work, and how to protect young people caught up in county lines drug trading.

Corin points out “Jesus noticed the lepers and touched them, likewise, we can notice the unnoticed, the modern-day slaves and reach out to them”. He is “rattled by what human beings can do to each other” and longs for churches to know a little more to be effective. He is a point of contact for our churches to begin to do so.

<https://theclewerinitiative.org>

Corin Child: [cchild@norwich-school.org.uk](mailto:cchild@norwich-school.org.uk)

### SUN 15 FREEDOM FOR THE CAPTIVES

Lord Jesus, you walked the earth rehumanising the dehumanised and cleansing the unclean, help us follow you, noticing how to reach out with your life affirming love. This Anti-Slavery Day, we pray for those who are being trafficked and callously put to work in our region. Help us work together to end this misery.

### MON 16 THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Clergy: Ben Bradshaw, Kevin Smith Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Catherine (Lynn). and Keith (Norwich).

Diocese of Amichi (Church of Nigeria).

### TUE 17 TOFTREES

The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Meeting of Bishop's Staff.

Diocese of Amritsar (Church of North India).

### WED 18 DIOCESE OF LULEÅ

Deanery of Piteå [ˈpee-tea-o],

Dean Anna Piirainen Andersson.

Deanery of Skellefteå [shell-ˈeff-tea-o],

Dean Robert Koss.

### THU 19 UPPER WENSUNG VILLAGE GROUP

Brisley, Colkirk w Oxwick w Pattesley, Gateley, Great Ryburgh w Little Ryburgh and Testerton, Horningtoft, Shereford w Dunton, Whissonsett. Clergy: Robin Stapleford. Brisley Primary, Colkirk Primary.

Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands (The Church of North India).

### FRI 20 WALSINGHAM

East Barsham, Houghton, Little Walsingham.

Clergy: Harri Williams. Walsingham Primary.

Diocese of Saint Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane (Scottish Episcopal Church).

### SAT 21 DEANERY OF DEPWADE

Rural Dean: Lynn Chapman.

Lay Chair: Janet Watson.

Missionary Diocese of Central & South Angolo (Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angolo).

## Following Jesus at university

“University is such an exciting time to follow Jesus, students are often so open to hearing the gospel,” says Emma Pilgrim of the University of East Anglia Christian Union (CU). “For students following the good shepherd, there can be exciting and challenging moments as they live and study in this crazy mission field.”



The CU supports evangelism on campus by giving every student the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel and is made up of students from a wide range of local churches. “Following Jesus at university for me was so pivotal as I have grown in understanding what that means, and how to share the good news. Being in a community with other Christians in the CU, where students are equipped and encouraged not only in their personal evangelism but also as a group to reach their campus, is such a unique and special opportunity.”

### SUN 22 OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

Jesus the good shepherd, we pray that you will be close to and lead Christians both studying and working in universities and colleges. We ask that you give them opportunities to share your good news with those around them and enable them to be a witness to your shepherding.

### MON 23 BROOKE

Brooke, Kirstead, Mundham w Seething, Thwaite. Clergy: Lynn Chapman. LLM: John Ash. Brooke Primary.

**Dioceses of Ankole, North Ankole and Northwest Ankole (Church of the Province of Uganda).**

### TUE 24 HEMPSTALL TEAM MINISTRY

Bedingham, Hempnall, Morningthorpe and Fritton, Shelton with Hardwick, Topcroft, Woodton. Clergy: Lynn Chapman.

**Dioceses of South Ankole and West Ankole (Church of the Province of Uganda).**

### WED 25 DIOCESE OF LULEÅ

Deanery of Södra (South) Lappland, Dean Fredrik Juul. Deanery of Södra (South) Västerbotten [‘vest-er-bot-n], Dean Lena Fagéus.

### THU 26 TAS VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

Newton Flotman, Saxlingham Nethergate, Shotesham, Swainsthorpe, Tasburgh, Tharston. Clergy: Dawn Davidson, Coryn Stanforth, Austin Uzoigwe. LLM: Lesley Cox, Annette Uzoigwe-Jonker. Newton Flotman Primary, Preston Primary (Tasburgh), Saxlingham Nethergate Primary **Dioceses of Antananarivo and Antsiranana (The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean).**

### FRI 27 THE LONG STRATTON & PILGRIM TEAM MINISTRY

Aslacton, Bunwell, Carleton Rode, Great Moulton with Little Moulton, Stratton St Mary, Stratton St Michael and St Peter, Tibenham, Wacton Magna with Wacton Parva. Clergy: John Madinda. LLM: Margaret Smith. Carleton Rode Primary, St Mary’s Junior (Long Stratton).

**Diocese of Araucania (Iglesia Anglicana de Chile).**

### SAT 28 DEANERY OF DEREHAM IN MITFORD

Rural Dean: Tim Weatherstone. Lay Chair: Timothy Farnham. **Diocese of the Arctic (Anglican Church of Canada).**

## Caring for the flock

“Following Jesus in a secular setting can be hard,” says Laura. “My school is not a church school but we do have Christian values. Jesus says ‘the good shepherd gives his life for his sheep’ – as a teacher you make huge sacrifices for your job: working long days at school; working evenings and weekends to plan and prepare; often working at the expense of family life or energy levels.

“I think Jesus wants us to give our all, to be dedicated to others as he is dedicated to us, and this is what I try to do for all our families. Jesus also says, ‘I know my sheep and my sheep know me’. Jesus took time to know people, so I try to get to know my class and colleagues, to show them kindness and care and to be there when they need me.”



### SUN 29 HELP US TO FOLLOW

Heavenly Father, we pray that you would give us the strength to follow your example in places where that isn't always easy. We ask that, through us, your love for all people will be known so that others might hear your voice and follow you.

### MON 30 BARNHAM BROOM & UPPER YARE

Barford, Barnham Broom w Bickerston, Brandon Parva, Carleton Forehoe, Cranworth in Letton and Southburgh, Garvestone, Hardingham, Kimberley, Reyermerston, Runhall with Coston, Thuxton, Whinburgh w Westfield, Wramplingham. Clergy: Tim Weatherstone, Rachel Hayden. LLM: Mary Weatherstone. Barnham Broom Primary.

### TUE 31 DEREHAM & DISTRICT TEAM MINISTRY

Beetley w East Bilney, East Bradenham w West Bradenham, East Dereham, Hoe, Scarning, Shipdham, Swanton Morley. Clergy: Paul Cubitt, Rachael Dines, Laura Purnell. LLMs: Helen Jeckells, Evelyn Speed, Lydia Crick, Tom Cross. Dereham Junior, Dereham Infant & Nursery, Swanton Morley Primary, Thomas Bullock Primary (Shipdham).

### WED 1 DIOCESE OF LULEÅ

Deanery of Norra (North) Norrbotten [ˈnor-bot-n], Dean Lena Tjernberg. Deanery of Luleå [ˈlu-lee-o], Dean Hans Johansson.

### THU 2 EASTON

Bawburgh, Colton, Easton, Marlingford. Clergy: Laura Montgomery. LLM: Peter Pease. St Peter's Primary (Easton).

**Dioceses of Argentina and Northern Argentina (Anglican Church of South America).**

### FRI 3 HONINGHAM

The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. **Diocese of Argyll and the Isles (The Scottish Episcopal Church).**

### SAT 4 LAUNDITCH & THE UPPER NAR TEAM MINISTRY

Beeston-next-Mileham, Bittering Parva, East Lexham, Great Dunham, Great & Little Fransham, Gressenhall, Litcham w Kempston, Little Dunham, Longham, Mileham, Rougham, Stanfield, Tittleshall w Godwick, Weasenham, Wellingham, Wendling, West Lexham. Clergy: Miriam Fife, Hilary De Lyon, Kevin Blogg, Andrea Woods. Weasenham Primary. **Dioceses of Arizona and Arkansas (Episcopal Church, USA).**

## Caring for our armed forces people

Becoming the oldest female the British Army has recruited has brought immense satisfaction and a deep sense of achievement to the Revd (Capt.) Ailsa Whorton, as has following her two children into the army. She is currently serving as chaplain to 1st The Queen's Dragoons Guards and this Cavalry Regiment, founded in 1685, has been home to Ailsa for the last year.

"As their chaplain I am called to love them," says Ailsa. "We ask so much of them – they are prepared to sacrifice their lives for their country." As chaplain, being a trusted member of the regiment, Ailsa is often asked to pray for specific needs. One such request came as they prepared for the King's Coronation, "Please pray for our feet!" This may seem rather an unusual request, but as Ailsa explained, they drilled for 12-15 hours a day in preparation, and often, their feet would literally bleed.



### SUN 5 WE SHALL REMEMBER

As Remembrance Day approaches we pray for all those who serve in our armed forces and the sacrifice they make for peace. We pray for "A" Squadron of 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards as they serve overseas for six months and for their loved ones as they celebrate Christmas apart.

### MON 6 MATTISHALL & TUDD VALLEY

East Tuddenham, Hockering, Mattishall, North Tuddenham, Welborne, Yaxham.  
Clergy: Mark McCaghrey, Sally Thurgill, Tori Venmore-Rowland. LLMs: Jackie Clay, Alan Cossey, Jackie Crisp, Mel Stevenson.  
Hockering Primary, Yaxham Primary.  
Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford).

**Diocese of Armagh (Church of Ireland).**

### TUE 7 DEANERY OF GREAT YARMOUTH

Rural Dean: Simon Ward. Lay Chair: Pam Spychal  
**Diocese of Armidale (The Anglican Church of Australia).**

### WED 8 PROVINCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

For the link group which works to support, friendship, projects, and mission to bring together the country of Papua New Guinea and the county of Norfolk.

### THU 9 BELTON AND BURGH CASTLE

Clergy: Rosie Bunn, Viv Ridpath. Moorlands Primary (Belton). Rural Deans' meeting.

**Dioceses of Arochukwu and Asaba (Church of Nigeria).**

### FRI 10 BRADWELL

Clergy: Steve Deall, Sue Upton, Martin Upton. Homefield Primary (Bradwell).

**Diocese of Aru (Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo).**

### SAT 11 CAISTER

Caister-On-Sea. Clergy: David Wells.  
LLM: Mary Taylor.

**Diocese of Asante-Mampong (Church of the Province of West Africa).**

## 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

Over 1,500 people were welcomed and thanked for their servant-heartedness by Bishop Graham and his wife, Rachel, during "Marquee Week" at Bishop's House: our Churchwardens, clergy, school staff and students, and people from local charities and organisations were invited to 11 events over six days in the beautiful garden.





## Inter-faith Week creation care

This time last year, a group of people from different faith groups met together at Bishop Graham's invitation, prompted by a request from a local Muslim cleric, to discuss what their teachings said about creation care. Gradually, an ongoing plan for working together is being formed.



“We are discovering the strength of our collective voice in addressing the issues that confront us about the environment. We wish to explore, share and publicise beliefs and values which all human beings have in common about our response to and responsibility for living successfully and sustainably in one world. We are concerned that faith communities are perceived positively in the wider community and included in their policies, plans, and campaigns.”

There is increasing awareness in the environmental movement that a spiritual transformation as well as practical change is needed, and it is hoped that this group can begin to help that to happen in Norfolk and Waveney.

### SUN 12 UNITED WITH EVERY CREATURE

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with your purpose for every creature. We thank you for being with us each step of the way. Encourage us in our struggle, for justice, love and peace for the earth.

### MON 13 FLEGG GROUP (COASTAL)

Hemsby, Horsey, West Somerton, Winterton.  
Clergy: Jo Wood.  
Diocese of Saint Asaph (Church in Wales).

### TUE 14 FLEGG GROUP (MARTHAM)

Clippesby, Martham, Repps, Thurne.  
Clergy: Jo Wood. LLMs: Alison McTaggart, Emma Sivyver.  
Diocese of Athabasca (Anglican Church of Canada).

### WED 15 PROVINCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Dioceses of Aipo Rongo and Dogura.

### THU 16 FLEGG GROUP (ORMESBY)

Ormesby St Margaret, Ormesby St Michael, Rollesby. Clergy: Jo Wood. LLM: Margaret Parish.  
Diocese of Atlanta (Episcopal Church, USA).

### FRI 17 GORLESTON ST ANDREW

Gorleston St Andrew, Cliff Park Community Church. Clergy: Sue Upton.  
Diocese of Attooch (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).

### SAT 18 GORLESTON ST MARY MAGDALENE

Gorleston St Mary. Clergy: Matthew Price, Karl Ross. LLMs: Melvyn Reid, Mary Ives.  
Peterhouse Primary (Gorleston).  
Diocese of Auckland (Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia).



## Young people following the good shepherd

“Establish was an exciting and fun opportunity where I was able to progress in my faith and talk to other young Christians,” says Rosie Hutton, 2022/23 graduate of Establish. This is a yearlong series of teaching, reflection and mentoring to help young people grow as Christian leaders in their school, church and community.

“Having explored what a good Christian leader looks like and the different ways we can spend time with God in prayer, we turned to the importance of telling others about our faith and how to invite friends to church with us. We were given time to write down why we follow Jesus and turned these notes into 60 second video testimonies to share and encourage. Establish was great fun and has improved my confidence in talking about my faith. I would encourage anyone aged 14-18 to go!”

Watch Rosie’s testimony here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=GghqJQijJKg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GghqJQijJKg)

### SUN 19 SHINE BRIGHTLY

Heavenly Father, we pray for Christian young leaders, that you empower them to shine brightly in their schools, churches, and communities. Establish them in their faith and discipleship, inspiring others with their love, compassion, and devotion to you. Guide and bless them as they grow.

### MON 20 GREAT YARMOUTH TEAM MINISTRY

Clergy: Simon Ward, Liz Dawes, Ashley Hines, Tracy Williams. LLM: Pat Stringer. St Nicholas Priory Primary (Great Yarmouth). Meeting of Bishop’s Staff.  
**Diocese of Northwest Australia (Anglican Church of Australia).**

### TUE 21 THE SOUTH TRINITY BROADS

Clergy: Jo Wood. LLMinister: Judy Pritchard. Fleggburgh Primary.  
**Dioceses of Awell and Awerial (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).**

### WED 22 PROVINCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

**Dioceses of The New Guinea Islands, Popondota and Port Moresby.**

### THU 23 DEANERY OF HEACHAM & RISING

Rural Dean: Peter Cook.  
 Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Catherine (Lynn) and Keith (Norwich).  
**Dioceses of Agwu and Awka (Church of Nigeria).**

### FRI 24 CASTLE RISING, HILLINGTON & SANDRINGHAM

Castle Rising, Fritcham, Hillington, Sandringham, Wolferton. Clergy: Paul Williams.  
 LLM: Sally Stanton. Fritcham Primary, Sandringham & West Newton Primary.  
**Diocese of Ayod (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan).**

### SAT 25 DERSINGHAM, ANMER, INGOLDISTHORPE & SHERNBORNE

Clergy: Mark Capron, Adrian Aubrey-Jones.  
 LLMs: Neil Adams, Alan Crawshaw. Dersingham Primary & Nursery, Ingoldisthorpe Primary.  
**Dioceses of Awori and Badagry (Church of Nigeria).**

## Transformed by Christ – Prophetic

As we look ahead to the third of the “3 Ps” relating to the vision for the Church of England in Norfolk and Waveney, we can reflect as to how being prayerful has led to pastoral service which can move us to prophetic action. In Bishop Graham’s vision for the Diocese of Norwich, he explains that: “We will be prophetic in speaking out and acting, with the fire of the Holy Spirit, challenging injustice, confronting violence and working for peace and reconciliation. We will seek to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”



So what does this mean to you in your church, parish, or home setting? You may already be actively prophetic; may God bless your work. Or perhaps you could consider supporting Christian organisations who are active in this way.

### SUN 26 FILL US WITH YOUR FIRE

Lord, spur our hearts and minds to action in our short time on this earth, to become wise and careful stewards of creation. Fill us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, to see injustice and have the strength to challenge it. May others hear your voice through us.

### MON 27 DOCKING, THE BIRCHAMS, FRING, STANHOE AND SEDGEFORD

Docking, Fring, Sedgeford, Stanhoe w Barwick, The Birchams & Bagthope. Clergy: Peter Cook, Richard Collier. LLM: George Eve. Docking Primary.

### TUE 28 HEACHAM

Clergy: Veronica Wilson, Simon Wilson. LLMs: Pip Lawrence, Penelope Sutton  
**Diocese of Bahamas & The Turks and Caicos Islands (Church in the Province of the West Indies).**

### WED 29 PROVINCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Newton Theological College and its staff and students. The work of Anglicare, an agency of the Diocese of Port Moresby, in contributing to AIDS education in the nation’s capital and in the country as a whole.

### THU 30 HUNSTANTON AND SAXON SHORE

Brancaster, Burnham Deepdale, Holme-next-the-Sea, Hunstanton, Hunstanton St Mary, Ringstead, Thornham, Titchwell w Choseley. Clergy: James Monro. Brancaster Primary. Meeting of the Bishop’s Council of Trustees.  
**Diocese of Ballarat (Anglican Church of Australia).**

### FRI 1 SNETTISHAM

Clergy: Dan Tansey, Peter Cook.  
**Diocese of Bangor (Church in Wales).**

### SAT 2 DEANERY OF HOLT

Rural Dean: Richard Lawry. Lay Chair: Tricia Temple-Crowe.  
**Diocese of Banks and Torres (Anglican Church of Melanesia).**



**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) Creating curiosity about God's great creation for all ages in the Churches Count on Nature burial ground safari at St Bart's, Brisley.

This is my last edition of the Prayer Diary, which it has been my joy to edit. If you have a story to feature in a future diary, do please get in touch by emailing [news@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:news@dioceseofnorwich.org)

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