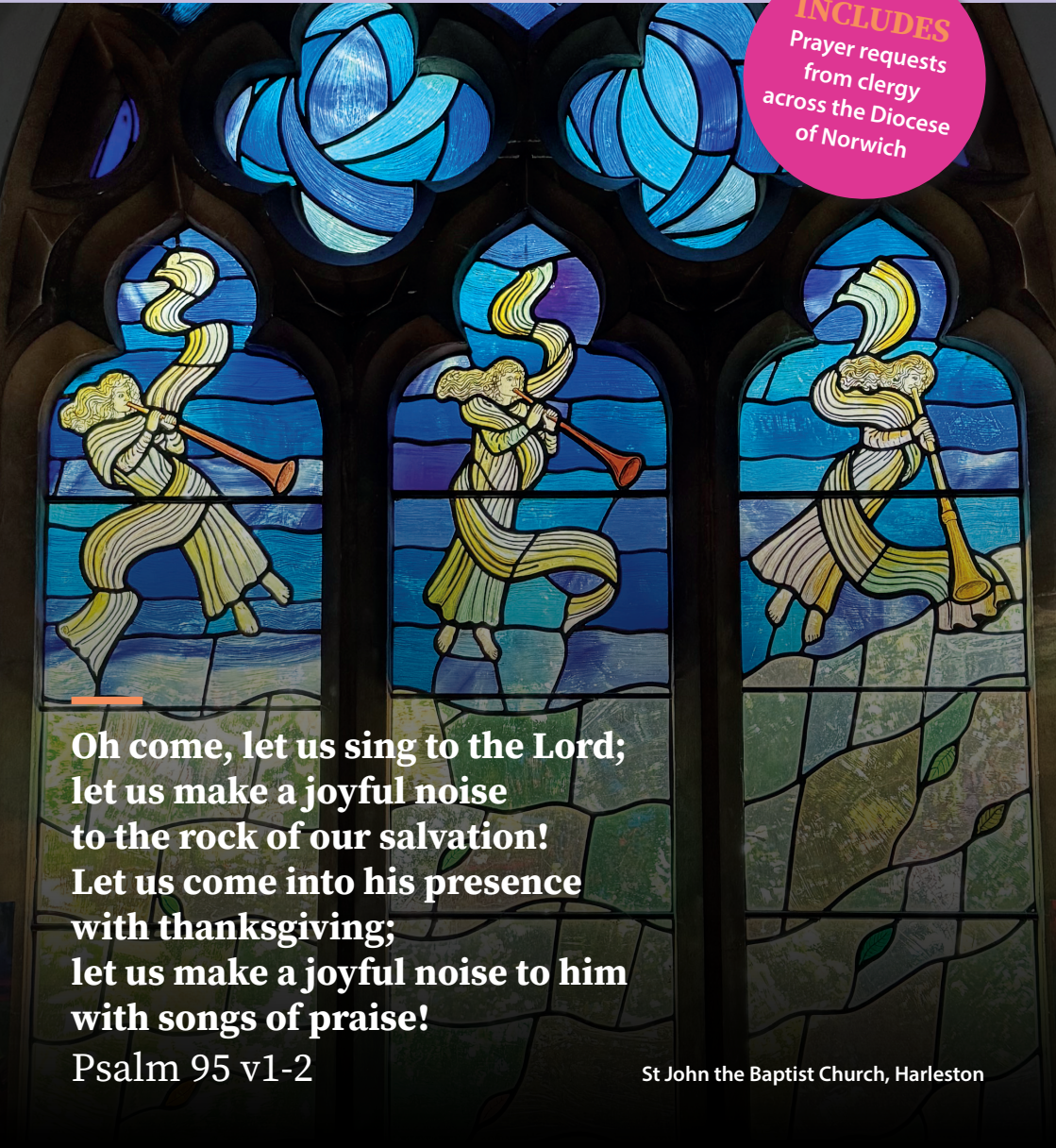


Summer 2025

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

Prayer Diary

INCLUDES
Prayer requests
from clergy
across the Diocese
of Norwich



**Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence
with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise!**

Psalm 95 v1-2

St John the Baptist Church, Harleston



Foreword from The Rt Revd Ian Bishop, the Bishop of Thetford

I love singing. There is something special in the simple act of congregational worship that often takes me into a numinous experience. Wherever it is, whatever style it is, I love to be able to sing with others and feel the presence of God. A good old Wesleyan belter as part of a big congregation and I'm transported into the presence of Christ. It isn't because I'm musical, because I'm not, I am the only person I know who failed their Grade 1 piano exam, but I still love to sing.

Music is a universal language and regardless of whether it's the crowd at Anfield ringing out 'You'll never walk alone' or the infant school choir struggling through 'Away in a manger' or 'Do you hear the people sing' sung from the barricades in Les Misérables, music has the ability to stir you emotionally in a way words never can.

That's of course why music has always been at the heart of worship from the very earliest days. That's why I'm so grateful for the music groups, choirs, organists, guitarists and triangle players who stir us

week by week with music and who give so generously of their time to prepare and deliver something that lifts us into the heavenly realms. The gift of music is something that needs to be treasured because, at its best, it takes us to the heart of God.

AW Tozer once said that 'worship means to feel in the heart'. I think that's why we sing and make music in church – so that we feel the presence of God in an emotional way deep in our inner being. As I declare each week 'send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory' it is a call to take the experience of praise into the world. To bring the music of heaven into the silent emptiness of our communities, to let the praise of our Sunday merge into the Monday commute.

As you pray with us this summer I dare you to sing as you pray. St Augustine is attributed as having said, 'he who sings prays twice', so why not double your prayers and burst into song?

+ Ian Thetford.

Please note the Prayer Diary is compiled some weeks in advance of distribution. Therefore, during the preparation and time covered by this Prayer Diary, some vacancies will have been filled, clergy may have moved and others will be announced. Please do continue to pray for each parish even if the details have changed.

Over this quarter the Sunday prayers will be the Common Worship additional Collects: Copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000.

Sunday 1 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Monday 2 Coxford Group

East Raynham, East Rudham, Helhoughton, Houghton next Harpley, South Raynham, Tatterford, Tattersett. Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Rudham Primary. Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford). Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)

Tuesday 3 Creakes

North Creake, Sculthorpe, South Creake, Syderstone. Clergy: Clive Wylie. Sculthorpe Primary. For both the North Norfolk Music Festival and the South Creake Strings programme and young players concert, to be held in August Diocese of Mpumalanga (Southern Africa)

Wednesday 4 Fakenham

Clergy: Tracy Jessop. LLMs: Elaine Burbidge, Amanda Sands. To bless our hands of friendship into the wider community. Bishop's Deliverance Team meeting today. Diocese of Mpwapwa (Tanzania)

Thursday 5 Fulmodeston with Croxton

Clergy: Tracy Jessop. For our summer events and our place at the heart of the village. Diocese of Mthatha (Southern Africa)

Friday 6 Hempton

Clergy: Harri Williams. That the Holy Spirit might enable discernment of our future. Diocese of Muhabura (Uganda)

Saturday 7 Holkham

Holkham, Warham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Wighton. Clergy: Brenda Stewart. LLM: Kay Douglas. For Godly discernment in the nomination of the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Diocese of Mukono (Uganda)

Sunday 8 – Day of Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children
with the gift of faith,
revive your Church
with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Monday 9
The Burnhams**

Burnham Market, Burnham Overy,
Burnham Sutton cum Ulph,
Burnham Thorpe.
Clergy: Malcolm Rogers.
All choir directors and members
of choirs.
Diocese of Multan (Pakistan)

**Tuesday 10
The Shrine of Our Lady of
Walsingham**

Clergy: Ben Eadon, Edward Gunn.
For increase in devotion to Our
Lady of Walsingham.
Members of the Cathedral College
of Canons.
Diocese of Mumbai (North India)

**Wednesday 11
Toftrees**

Churchwardens and PCC during
the vacancy. All organists and
those who play in bands.
Diocese of Mumias (Kenya)

**Thursday 12
Upper Wensum Village
Group**

Brisley, Colkirk with Oxwick with
Pattesley, Gateley, Great Ryburgh
with Little Ryburgh and Testerton,
Horningtoft, Shereford with
Dunton, Whissonsett.
Clergy: Robin Stapleford.
Brisley Primary, Colkirk Primary.
That the parish church remains a
sacred space.
Diocese of Mundri (South Sudan)

**Friday 13
Walsingham**

East, North and West Barsham,
Houghton, Little Walsingham.
Clergy: Harri Williams.
Walsingham Primary.
Society of St Margaret.
For Luke in his ministry as Bishop
of Richborough.
Diocese of Mundu (South Sudan)

**Saturday 14
Way-Marker Benefice**

Barney, Great Snoring,
Hindringham, Kettlestone and
Pensthorpe, Little Snoring,
Thursford.
Clergy: Robin Stapleford.
Hindringham Primary.
Diocese of Murang'a South (Kenya)

**Tune in to
Revd Debs**

**Meet Revd Deborah Walton –
who once a month swaps
hymn books and sermons for
headphones and a sound-desk.**

On most Sundays you can hear
her at one of the coastal churches
of the Flegg Parish Church Team
Ministry. But on the third Sunday
of each month you can tune into
her radio show too.

“Revd Debs’ Sunday Service”
is broadcast on Great Yarmouth
community radio station
Harbour Radio – reaching
households throughout the area
on FM radio (and across the
world via online streaming.)

Her two-hour programme is a
mix of sacred and secular music,
a Bible reading and reflection,
prayer, and conversation.

“I love it,” said Revd Debs, of
Martham, “I love the process
of putting the show together
and broadcasting. I love
communicating with others
and there is a real sense of
community with the listeners.

“I like finding new ways of
sharing faith with people and
this is lots of fun too.”



She was invited to join the
Harbour Radio team after
hearing about the station
from one of her congregation.
Although she had no presenting
experience, her hidden talent
for broadcasting was honed
when lockdown restrictions took
church services online.

Hear Revd Deborah on Harbour
Radio (3rd Sundays, 4-6pm)
and in services at the churches
of the Flegg Team Ministry.

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Sunday 15 – Trinity Sunday

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Jassica Castillo-Burley as she is licensed as Team Vicar in the Great Yarmouth Team Ministry.

**Monday 16
Deanery of Depwade**

Rural Dean: Michael Windridge.

Lay Chair: John Ash.

Julian Bryant as he becomes Vicar of Heartsease, Norwich.

Diocese of the Murray (Australia)

**Tuesday 17
Brooke**

Brooke, Kirstead, Mundham with Seething, Thwaite. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLM: John Ash. Brooke Primary. For our organists, choir and bellringers for enriching our worship. Diocese of Musinga (Burundi)

**Wednesday 18
Hempnall Group of Parishes**

Bedingham, Hempnall, Morningthorpe and Fritton, Shelton with Hardwick, Topcroft, Woodton. Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Clergy: Michael Windridge. For church events supporting charities and for their beneficiaries. Diocese of Myitkyina (Myanmar)

**Thursday 19
Mulbarton**

Bracon Ash, Flordon, Hethel, Mulbarton. Clergy: Adrian Miller. Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn). Andrew Tapsell to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Blofield and Broadside. Diocese of Mzimvubu (Southern Africa)

**Friday 20
Tas Valley Team Ministry**

Newton Flotman, Saxlingham Nethergate, Shotesham, Swainsthorpe, Tasburgh, Tharston. Clergy: Dawn Davidson, Rachel Hayden, Austin Uzoigwe. LLM: Lesley Cox, Annette Uzoigwe-Jonker. Newton Flotman Primary, Preston Primary (Tasburgh), Saxlingham Nethergate Primary. Diocese of Nagpur (North India)

**Saturday 21
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: Becki Bensusan, John Madinda. LLM: Margaret Smith. Carleton Rode Primary, St Mary's Junior (Long Stratton). For our united endeavours amidst the ongoing changes in the area. Diocese of Nairobi (Kenya)

Sunday 22 – First Sunday after Trinity

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

**Monday 23
Upper Tas Valley**

Fundenhall, Upper Tas Valley All Saints. Clergy: Dawn Davidson, Rachel Hayden. LLM: John Hooper. Fornsett St Peter Primary, Hapton Primary, Tacolneston Primary, Wreningham Primary. All bellringers and those who are learning to ring. Diocese of Nakuru (Kenya)

**Tuesday 24
Deanery of Dereham in Mitford**

Rural Dean: Paul Cubitt. Lay Chair: Philip Richardson. Diocese of Nambale (Kenya)

**Wednesday 25
Barnham Broom & Upper Yare**

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

Those staffing the diocesan marquee and serving as chaplains at the Royal Norfolk Show. Diocese of Namibia (Southern Africa)

**Thursday 26
Dereham & District Team Ministry**

Beetley with East Bilney, East Bradenham with West Bradenham, East Dereham, Hoe, Scarning, Shipdham, Swanton Morley. Clergy: Paul Cubitt, Laura Purnell. Rachael Dines as she moves to take up a new post. LLMs: Helen Jeckells, Evelyn Speed, Lydia Crick, Tom Cross, Martin Purnell. Dereham Infant & Nursery, Dereham Junior, Swanton Morley Primary, Thomas Bullock Primary (Shipdham). Diocese of Namirembe (Uganda)

**Friday 27
Easton**

Bawburgh, Colton, Easton, Marlingford. Clergy: Laura Montgomery. LLM: Peter Pease. St Peter's Primary (Easton). Diocese of Nampula (Mocambique e Angola)

**Saturday 28
Honingham**

The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. All to be ordained deacon or priest in Norwich Cathedral this weekend and their parishes. Diocese of Nandiyal (South India)

AMP up the music

Action songs are top of the pops with the children of Attleborough.

St Mary's Church in Attleborough runs a music project including a children's choir called AMP Voices. Every term-time Tuesday after school, children meet to learn new songs, sing old favourites, make friends and have fun. St Mary's also has a church choir.

Attleborough Music Project (AMP) was launched to provide a centre of musical excellence for people across the town and nearby communities. It aims to help people play, sing and listen to music, enhancing skills and boosting well-being. Plans for the future include outreach work using the church and church hall, and restoring the church organ. The project has already run workshops for schoolchildren with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and the Britten Sinfonia.

AMP Voices is free, open to all primary school-aged children, and led by music outreach worker Tom Appleton, who has worked with St Paul's Cathedral and national youth music organisations.



An AMP workshop with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

AMP Voices meets Tuesdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Mary's Church, Attleborough. New members are always welcome.

For more information email music.attleboroughchurch@outlook.com

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Sunday 29 – Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Monday 30 Launditch & The Upper Nar Team Ministry

Beeston-next-Mileham, Bittering Parva, East Lexham, Great Dunham, Great and Little Fransham, Gressenhall, Litcham w Kempston, Little Dunham, Longham, Mileham, Rougham, Stanfield, Tittleshall w Godwick, Weasenham, Wellingham, Wendling, West Lexham. Clergy: Hilary De Lyon, Kevin Blogg. Heike Prentice to be instituted as Vicar of St Stephen's Norwich. Diocese of Nasik (North India)

Tuesday 1 Mattishall & Tudd Valley

East Tuddenham, Hockering, Mattishall, North Tuddenham, Welborne, Yaxham. Clergy: Sally Thurgill as she retires from licensed ministry. LLMs: Alan Cossey, Jacqueline Crisp, Mel Stevenson. Hockering Primary, Yaxham Primary. Meeting of Diocesan Synod. Diocese of Nasir (South Sudan)

Wednesday 2 Deanery of Great Yarmouth

Rural Dean: David Wells.
Lay Chair: Pam Spychal.
Diocese of Natal (Southern Africa)

Thursday 3 Belton and Burgh Castle

Clergy: Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLM: Mary Ives. Moorlands Primary (Belton). Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford). Area Mission in Navajoland (USA)

Friday 4 Bradwell

Clergy: Steve Deall.
LLM: Wendy Bircham.
Homefield Primary School (Bradwell).
For St Nicholas Bradwell to be a blessing to our community.
Diocese of Ndokwa (Nigeria)

Saturday 5 Caister

Caister-On-Sea.
Clergy: David Wells.
Diocese of Nebbi (Uganda)

Sunday 6 – Third Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises
of peace won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Monday 7 Flegg Parish Churches

Horse, Martham, Repps cun
Bastwick, West Somerton,
Winterton on Sea. Clergy: Jo Wood,
Phil Rodd, Deborah Walton.
LLMs: Margaret Parrish,
Alison McTaggart.
The building projects across Flegg
North churches.
Diocese of Nebraska (USA)

Tuesday 8 Flegg Parish Churches

Billockby, Clippesby, Fleggburgh,
Runham, Stokesby, Thurne.
Clergy: Jo Wood, Phil Rodd,
Deborah Walton. LLMs: Margaret
Parrish, Alison McTaggart.
Fleggburgh Primary.
For our re-launched monthly Wild
Church services.
The Bishop's Teaching Morning at
the Cathedral.
Diocese of Nelson (Aotearoa,
New Zealand and Polynesia)

Wednesday 9 Flegg Parish Churches

Filby, Mautby, Ormesby St
Margaret, Ormesby St Michael,
Rollesby, Thrigby. Clergy: Jo Wood,
Phil Rodd, Deborah Walton. LLMs:
Margaret Parrish, Alison McTaggart.
To continue our focus of building
community relationships.
Diocese of Nevada (USA)

Thursday 10 Gorleston St Andrew

Gorleston St Andrew, Cliff Park
Community Church. Clergy: Shaula
Reilly, Derek McClean.
LLM: Melvyn Reid, Tracy Mayne.
Diocese of New Bussa (Nigeria)

Friday 11 Gorleston St Mary Magdalene

Clergy: Matthew Price, Karl Ross.
Peterhouse Primary (Gorleston).
Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith
(Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).
Diocese of New Guinea Islands
(Papua New Guinea)

Saturday 12 Great Yarmouth Team Ministry

Clergy: Simon Ward, Liz Dawes,
Richard Washington, Jassica
Castillo-Burley. St Nicholas Priory
Primary (Great Yarmouth).
For our Director Joe Knight as he
grows our outreach through music,
arts and culture.
Diocese of New Hampshire (USA)

Sunday 13 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, by the obedience
of Jesus you brought salvation to
our wayward world: draw us into
harmony with your will, that we
may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday 14 The Diocese of Luleå and Province of Papua New Guinea

Living God, you have called us to
journey together on a common
pilgrimage of faith and discipleship.
Strengthen us to be messengers
of the gospel and help us to work
together for the coming of your
kingdom, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Tuesday 15 Deanery of Heacham and Rising

Rural Dean: Peter Cook.
Diocese of New Westminster
(Canada)

Wednesday 16 Sandringham Group of Churches

Castle Rising, Flitcham, Hillington,
Sandringham, Wolferton. Clergy:
Paul Williams, Catherine Williams.
LLM: Sally Stanton. Flitcham
Primary, Sandringham & West
Newton Primary.
Diocese of Central New York (USA)

Thursday 17 Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe & Shernborne

Clergy: Mark Capron.
LLMs: Neil Adams, Alan Crawshaw.
Dersingham Primary & Nursery,
Ingoldisthorpe Primary.
For continuing blessing for the
youth cafe, youth group and
ministry to the schools.
Diocese of Newala (Tanzania)

Friday 18 Docking, The Birchams, Fring, Stanhoe and Sedgeford

Docking, Fring, Sedgeford, Stanhoe
with Barwick, The Birchams and
Bagthope. Clergy: Peter Cook,
Richard Collier. Docking Primary.
Diocese of Newark (USA)

Saturday 19 Heacham

Clergy: Veronica Wilson,
Simon Wilson. LLMs: Steve Cook,
Pip Lawrence, Penelope Sutton.
For mission and ministry within our
village to those who live and work
in, or visit, Heacham.
Diocese of Newcastle (Australia)

The Gospel according to Jazz



On June 1st, the Norfolk Gospel & Jazz Collective will be playing at Fakenham Church, and on June 29th, they'll be at the Fountain of Life venue in Swaffham, with more churches to come. If you'd like to host them, just invite them!

The Collective recently played to a packed house at St Margaret's Church, Stratton Strawless, and led a 'SomerSunday' family service in Somerleyton on Remembrance Day. Their sound is a vibrant mix of Gospel, Jazz, Motown, Funk, and Soul – a fusion of faith and music that stirs the heart.

Some things are better said, explored, and imagined with music. I still remember my English teacher looking me in the eye and paraphrasing Shakespeare:

"The man that hath no music cannot be trusted."

He was drawing from The Merchant of Venice:

"The man that hath no music in himself, nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, Is fit for treasons, stratagems,

and spoils;

The motions of his spirit are dull as night, and his affections dark as Erebus.

Let no such man be trusted. Mark the music."

In the Psalms, we see prayer expressed as an overflow of the soul – wrestling, praising, yearning, and burning with the things of God. Through the centuries, this cry has found voice in shofars and shawms, and later in soul, hip-hop, and horns.

Today, some of our music worship struggles to embrace depth and diversity. We know that The Gospel According to Jazz is just a drop in the ocean of what could be – a step toward a mixed ecology of worship in the church. It is, however, soul food for those who are longing for the story of God to be painted in more musical colour. Our prayer is that this drop in the ocean might be for someone, living water.

Written by Revd Dave Lloyd
Mission Development Officer

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Sunday 20 – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister
the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Monday 21 Hunstanton and Saxon Shore

Brancaster, Burnham Deepdale,
Holme-next-the-Sea, Hunstanton,
Hunstanton St Mary, Ringstead,
Thornham, Titchwell with Choseley.
Clergy: Churchwardens and PCC
during the vacancy. James Monro.
Brancaster Primary.
For a new team rector and
team vicar.
Diocese of Newcastle (England)

Tuesday 22 The ministry of Clergy and LLMs holding Permission to Officiate

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland
and Labrador (Canada)

Wednesday 23 Snettisham

Clergy: Dan Tansey, Peter Cook.
Diocese of Central Newfoundland
(Canada)

Thursday 24 Deanery of Holt

Rural Dean: David Longe.
Lay Chair: Tricia Temple-Crowe.
Diocese of Western Newfoundland
(Canada)

Friday 25 Briston and Briningham

Briningham, Brinton, Briston, Burgh
Parva, Hindolveston, Hunworth,
Melton Constable, Stody, Swanton
Novers, Thornage.
Clergy: Trudie Morris.
Carolyn Sexton to be ordained
deacon on 29 June.
Diocese of Ngbo (Nigeria)

Saturday 26 Glaven Valley

Blakeney, Cley-next-the-Sea,
Glandford, Letheringsett with
Bayfield, Wiveton. Clergy: Jonathan
Dowman to be instituted as Rector
on 28 July. Sarah De Bats.
LLM: Penelope Thewlis.
Blakeney Primary.
To thank God for all the music
initiatives that have happened in
our parishes over the last three years
and the success they have had. For
the ministry of our new rector.
Diocese of Niagara (Canada)

Sunday 27 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Creator God, you made us all in
your image: may we discern you in
all that we see, and serve you in all
that we do; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Monday 28 Holt w High Kelling

Clergy: Howard Stoker.
LLM: John Allen. Jonathan
Dowman to become Rector of the
Glaven Valley benefice. Diocese of
Niassa (Mocambique e Angola)

Tuesday 29 Matlaske

Baconsthorpe, Barningham Winter,
Edgefield, Hempstead, Matlaske,
Plumstead, Saxthorpe with
Corpusty. Clergy: David Longe,
Judy Rosser. For connections
within the communities.
Diocese of Nicaragua (Central de
America)

Wednesday 30 Stiffkey and Bale

Bale, Binham, Field Dalling,
Gunthorpe, Langham Episcopi,
Morston, Saxlingham, Sharrington,
Stiffkey. Clergy: Ian Whittle.
LLM: Roger Bland.
For the elderly in our parishes, that,
with us, they may enjoy a closer
walk with God.
Diocese on the Niger (Nigeria)

Thursday 31 Weybourne Group

Bodham, East with West Beckham,
Kelling, Salhouse, Upper
Sheringham, Weybourne. Clergy:
Ian Dyble, Patricia Wallson, Adrian
Wolton. Kelling Primary School.
David Bailey to be licensed as
Priest-in-Charge of the Hemsby
and Lound parishes.
Diocese of Niger Delta (Nigeria)

Friday 1 Deanery of Ingworth & Sparham

Rural Dean: Andrew Whitehead.
Lay Chair: Kandi Kammoun.
Diocese of Niger Delta North
(Nigeria)

Saturday 2 Aylsham & District Team Ministry

Aldborough, Aylsham, Badersfield,
Blickling, Brampton, Burgh-next-
Aylsham, Buxton with Oxnead,
Cawston, Haveringland, Heydon,
Itteringham, Lammas, Little
Barningham, Marsham, Oulton SS
Peter and Paul, Wickmere. Clergy:
Julie Boyd, Natalie Rees, Andrew
Whitehead, Sally McCubbin. LLMs:
David Martin, Kandi Kammoun,
Fiona Tibbitt. Aylsham St Michael
Nursery & Infant, Cawston Primary.
Diocese of Niger Delta West
(Nigeria)

Sunday 3 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is as small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday 4 Coltishall

Coltishall, Frettenham, Hainford, Horstead, Stratton Strawless. Clergy: Joanna Haywood. Hainford Primary. For joint initiatives and developing relationships with the Horstead Activity Centre. Diocese of Niger West (Nigeria)

Tuesday 5 Reepham & Wensum Valley Team Ministry

Alderford with Attlebridge, Bylaugh, Elsing, Great with Little Witchingham, Lyng, Reepham, Salle, Sparham, Swannington, Thurning, Weston Longville w Morton-on-the-Hill, Wood Dalling. Clergy: Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLMs: Sue Page, Helena Crockford, Jane McLarty. Richard Turk, Curate in Charge, of the newly formed group of parishes of Foulsham, Foxley, Lyng, Elsing, Bawdeswell. Bylaugh, Sparham and Themelthorpe. Great Witchingham Primary, Lyng Primary. Diocese of Nike (Nigeria)

Wednesday 6 Scarrowbeck

Alby, Calthorpe, Erpingham, Ingworth, Thwaite. Clergy: Heather Butcher. LLMs: Helen Burrell, Angela Parkes, Colin Willis. Erpingham Primary. For the young people's choir and mini melodies, both part of the church's outreach. Diocese of Nimule (South Sudan)

Thursday 7 Scottow

Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford). Diocese of Nnewi (Nigeria)

Friday 8 The Heart of Norfolk Team Ministry

Bawdeswell, Billingford, Bintree, Foulsham, Foxley, Guestwick, Guist, North Elmham, Stibbard, Themelthorpe, Twyford, Wood Norton, Worthing. Clergy: Sally Kimmis, Richard Turk and the newly formed group of parishes. LLM: Norman Johnson. North Elmham Primary, Stibbard All Saints Primary. Diocese of Northern Ison (Nigeria)

Saturday 9 Deanery of Loddon

Rural Dean: Rob Baker. Lay Chair: Genny Godber. Diocese of the Northern Territory (Australia)

Wymondham Abbey Choir

Traditional worship music has always had a place at Wymondham Abbey. The church, over 900 years old, has a long history of encouraging musical skills, from bellringing to singing.

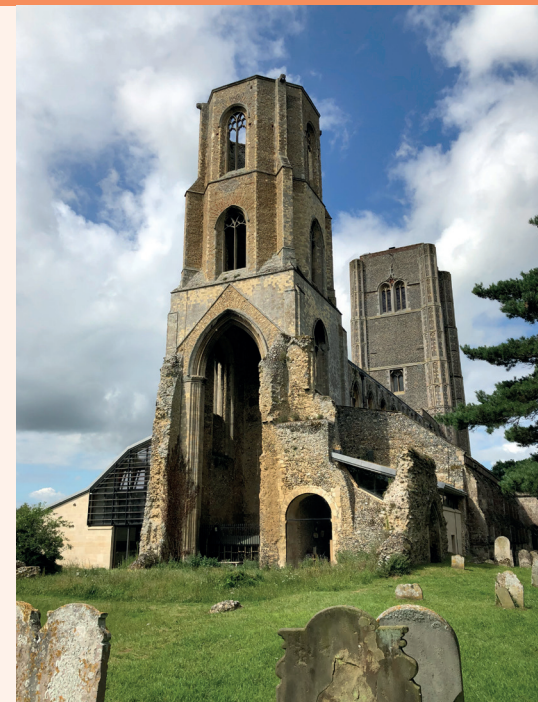
In 2024, a new vicar joined Wymondham Abbey with a strong musical background.

Revd Andrew Hammond started his career as an opera singer and worked in arts administration including a few years as the casting director of the Thursford Christmas Spectacular. Revd Andrew said:

“The experience is quite handy for what I do now, as there's plenty of singing and organising.”

With Revd Andrew at the helm, the Wymondham Abbey choir has restarted with both adult and junior choirs.

The Junior Choir is open to children aged 7 to 13 offering an opportunity to learn to read music, make friends and work through the Royal School of Church Music award scheme.



Sung Eucharist takes place every Sunday and Choral Evensong is on the first Sunday of the month. There are also special services through the year.

If you're interested in finding out more about the musical opportunities at Wymondham Abbey, do get in touch with them directly.

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Sunday 10 August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper
save us from pride,
when we are needy
save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Monday 11 Bramerton Group Ministry (Rockland)

Bramerton, Carleton Saint Peter, Claxton, Kirby Bedon and Whitlingham, Rockland St Mary, Surlingham. Clergy: Nick Garrard, Helen Garrard.
Diocese of Norwich (England)

Tuesday 12 Bramerton Group Ministry (Thurton)

Ashby, Bergh Apton, Framingham Pigot, Thurton, Yelverton.
Clergy: Chris Ellis. Alington & Bergh Apton Primary, Thurton Primary. Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn)
Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (Canada)

Wednesday 13 Chet Valley

Chedgrave, Hardley, Langley, Loddon, Sisland. Clergy: Miriam Fife, Alison Ball. LLM: Belinda Barwick.
For the new youth group Xalt!
Diocese of Nsukka (Nigeria)

Thursday 14 Poringland

Framingham Earl, Howe, Poringland. Clergy: Robert Parsonage, Rachel Foster, Kirsty Long.
For parishes and benefices to work together across our communities.
Diocese of Nyahururu (Kenya)

Friday 15 Venta Group

Arminghall, Dunston, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross. Clergy: Rob Baker, Kirsty Long, Lyn Marsh.
Please pray that our communities and lives would be transformed by Jesus.
Diocese of Nyamlel (South Sudan)

Saturday 16 Waveney Marshlands

Aldeby, Burgh St Peter, Ellingham, Geldeston, Gillingham, Haddiscoe, Kirby Cane, Norton Subcourse, Raveningham, Stockton, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, Thurlton, Toft Monks, Wheatacre. Clergy: David Smith. Ellingham Primary, Gillingham St Michael's Primary.
Diocese of Nyang (South Sudan)

Sunday 17 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy,
strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday 18 Deanery of Lothingland

Rural Dean: Helen Jary.
Lay Chair: Jane Tighe.
Give thanks for holidays and times of recreation and refreshment.
Diocese of Southern Nyanza (Kenya)

Tuesday 19 Carlton Colville

Carlton Colville, Mutford.
Samuel Lees as he becomes Vicar of Earlham.
Clergy: Andrea Woods.
LLM: Mark Ellis.

We pray for our additional summer services and events, that those who do not normally attend church would come along. And for weddings, that the love and grace of God is seen and heard as we celebrate the love of couples for one another.

Diocese of Nzara (South Sudan)

Wednesday 20 Hopton, Corton and Gunton

Clergy: Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy.
LLM: Jackie Makower.
Corton Primary, Hopton Primary.
For those preparing the parish profile and all engaged with seeking and praying for a new Rector.

Diocese of Del Occidental (Mexico)

Thursday 21 Kessingland

Gisleham, Kessingland, Rushmere. Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Kessingland Primary.
Diocese of Offa (Nigeria)

Friday 22 Kirkley

Kirkley with Lowestoft Saint John. Clergy: Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Helen Chandler as she begins retirement.
Diocese of Ogbaru (Nigeria)

Saturday 23 Lowestoft Christ Church

Clergy: Jon Carter.
LLM: Peter Williams.
For our young adults and parents to grow in their discipleship.
Diocese of Ogbia (Nigeria)

Stepping Bach

In early January 1996, David Dunnett had no inkling that his appointment as Norwich Cathedral's Master of Music and Organist was the beginning of a 29-year adventure.

Despite having “very fond memories” of a frantic first term, which included overseeing music for the Royal Maundy service, David maintains that a “cold November evensong can be equally rewarding” as a high-profile performance.

A decade into his time at the Cathedral, David successfully sought the Chapter's approval for a reorganisation that would see him relinquish the Master of Music title but continue with his professional and personal passion – playing the organ.

The ever-present challenge to “control the mighty monster” is what forged David's decades-long enjoyment of this craft. The instrument's “multi-tasking, techno side”, he adds, made for a suitable alternative to piloting aircraft – something he



thinks may well have suited him equally well.

Rather than flying at 30,000 feet, it has long been the soaring sounds of Bach which motivated David, and music will continue to form a major part of his life once he steps back from his Cathedral role upon retirement in August.

“I will always continue playing. I want to do more piano work, more jazz work and recitals. I'll always be doing musical things, and that's one of the joys as a musician – you never have to stop, even when you retire.”

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Sunday 24 August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage
never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers
before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Monday 25 Lowestoft St Andrew

Clergy: Damon Rogers.
LLM: Eileen McMurtry.
Diocese of Ogbomosho (Nigeria)

Tuesday 26 Lowestoft St Margaret

Clergy: Simon Stokes.
LLMs: Gerda Buckley, Sarah Spall.
For our outreach through the choir
and through community cafe.
Diocese of Ogoni (Nigeria)

Wednesday 27 Oulton Broad Team Ministry

Oulton, Oulton Broad.
Clergy: Helen Jary, Andy Bunter,
Jamie Wyllie. LLMs: Rob Newby,
Deborah Anne Allsop, Jill Hunting,
Fiona Usher, Harold Waterman.
For families, children and young
people to grow in discipleship.
Diocese of Ogorimagongo
(Nigeria)

Thursday 28 Pakefield

Clergy: Sharon Lord.
LLM: Trudie Jackson.
Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema
(Nigeria)

Friday 29 Somerleyton

Ashby, Blundeston, Fritton,
Herringfleet, Somerleyton.
Clergy: Andrew Avery.
Blundeston Primary.
Diocese of Ohio (USA)

Saturday 30 Deanery of Lynn

Rural Dean: Karlene Kerr.
Diocese of Southern Ohio (USA)



Music and Song in the Waterside Benefice

Did you know that the Waterside group of parishes has its very own scratch band?

The Waterside parish churches include Ludham, Catfield and Potter Heigham. The band meets for practice, fellowship, fun and a tea break every Thursday evening usually at the church room at Ludham.

As well as playing for services and supporting regular worship, the band also entertain at local events and go carol singing in pubs and care homes.

It was formed around 10 years ago to provide music when there was a shortage of organists available for the churches.


Band member Linda Shuker says: "Scratch band is a community that has at its heart, worship, prayer, encouragement,

support, fellowship, welcome, fun and a desire to honour Jesus and share his story, especially through music and song, whether in church or outside. We pray that our music and singing might point people to Jesus."

Scratch band is open to all and a warm welcome awaits, whether you sing, play an instrument or would just like to listen.

Within the benefice, there is also the choir of St Catherine's church at Ludham. The church is currently seeking to recruit a new organist.

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Archdeaconry of Norwich

- Sprowston and North Norwich
- Christ Church, New Catton
- St Mary's and St Paul's Hellesdon
- St Helen's Norwich.

Archdeaconry of Norfolk

- Hempnall
- Diss Team Ministry
- Diss Team Ministry – Team Vicar
- Brooke
- Redenhall with Scole,
- Belton and Burgh Castle
- Gunton, Hopton and Corton.

Archdeaconry of Lynn

- Gayton, Grimston, Massingham and District
- Hunstanton and Saxon Shore
- Coxford and Toftrees
- Mattishall and Tudd Valley
- Woottons
- Launditch and Upper Nar
- Middlewinch
- Reepham and Wensum Valley
- Gaywood – Associate Priest



Please pray for everyone
being ordained in
Norwich Cathedral on
June 28 and 29

Ordinations in Norwich Cathedral 2024. Bill Smith/Diocese of Norwich)

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