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Diocese of Norwich

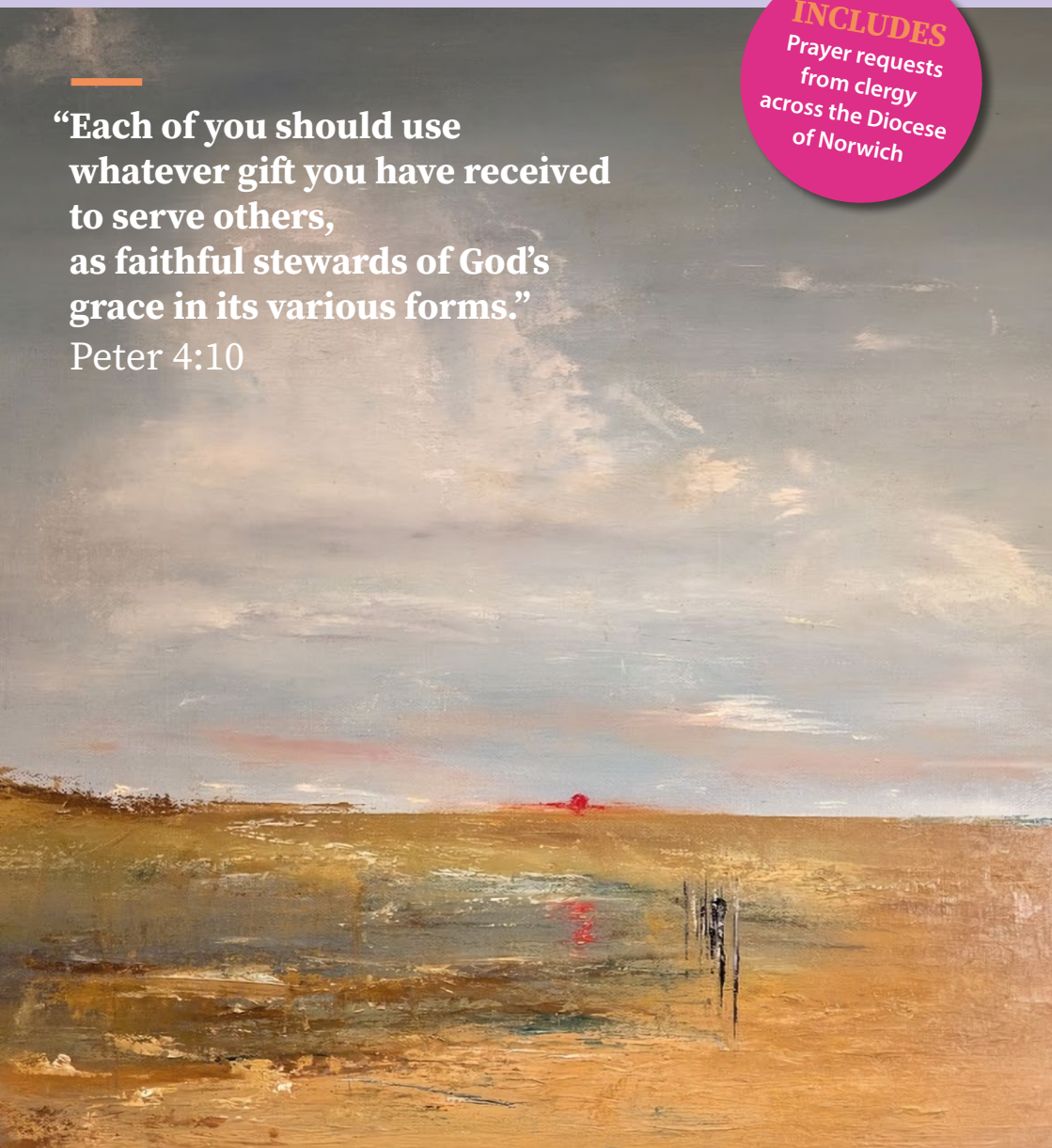
# Prayer Diary

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**“Each of you should use  
whatever gift you have received  
to serve others,  
as faithful stewards of God’s  
grace in its various forms.”**

Peter 4:10

**INCLUDES**  
Prayer requests  
from clergy  
across the Diocese  
of Norwich





Foreword from  
**Revd Lucy Dallas,**  
**Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO)**  
**and Initial Ministerial Education (IME2)**

**The ‘faith which the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation...’**

These words are very special to me. They caught my eye – and my heart – just under twenty years ago, when the crazy idea struck me that I should consider offering myself for ordained ministry. Since then, I have heard them often, in cathedrals and parish churches, as part of the glorious, nerve-wracking service in which people are ordained priests and deacons, and as I and others have taken new steps in ministry. Proclaiming the Gospel afresh in each generation means speaking, with our words and lives, of God’s unchanging love for an ever-changing world.

So it’s an honour for me to walk alongside those who are prayerfully pondering how God might be

calling them to ‘proclaim afresh’ the story of God’s great love. Since I started as DDO&IME2 Officer in April, I have listened to many stories of Christian faith nurtured, talents identified, hard times overcome, churches who have loved, listened to and given opportunities to those with a nagging sense that maybe, just maybe, God might be calling them to be ordained. ‘Proclaiming afresh in each generation’ the good news of Christ is the call to all the Church. I encourage you to think and pray about how God might be inviting you to be part of this Gospel work: by supporting someone considering taking steps into ministry, praying for them, or asking if you might be called to take a step of faith.

*LDallas*

**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:  
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## **Sunday 31 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Monday 1 Gaywood**

Clergy: Kyla Sorensen.

LLM: Daphne Sampson.

For growing our community links and developing our inclusivity and diversity.

Parish Support Team – Children, Youth and Families: Jonathan Richardson, Anna Main, Matt Beckett.

Diocese of Oji River (Nigeria)

## **Tuesday 2 King's Lynn Saint Margaret w Saint Nicholas - King's Lynn Group**

Clergy: Mark Dimond, Fiona Munn, Jon Price.

LLM: Vicki Price, Andrew Ward.

Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford).

For our companion link with the Province of Papua New Guinea and those on pilgrimage with Bishop Graham.

Diocese of Okene (Nigeria)

## **Wednesday 3 Middlewich**

East Winch with West Bilney, Middleton, North Runcton, West Winch and Setchey. Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Middleton Primary. Diocese of Oke-Ogun (Nigeria)

## **Thursday 4 South and West Lynn - King's Lynn Group**

Clergy: Adrian Ling, Benjamin Almond. St Michael's (King's Lynn), Whitefriars (King's Lynn).

Diocese of Oke-Osun (Nigeria)

## **Friday 5 St John - King's Lynn Group**

Clergy: Karlene Kerr, Julie Swinton.

LLM: David Osborne.

With major refurbishments we pray that we will continue to be united as a church in our worship, ministry and care for each other and our community; and remember that God is in our midst, wherever we meet.

Diocese of Okigwe (Nigeria)

## **Saturday 6 The Church in the Woottons**

Clergy: Peter Farquhar.

LLM: Margaret Ojelade.

Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).

Diocese of Okigwe South (Nigeria)

## **Sunday 7 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## **Monday 8 Deanery of Norwich East**

Rural Dean: Patrick Jordan.  
Lay Chair: Catherine Waddams.  
Diocese of Okinawa (The Nippon  
Sei Ko Kai)

## **Tuesday 9 Colegate & Tombland Norwich**

Clergy: Alaric Lewis, Annie Blyth,  
Melissa Snell.  
LLMs: Helen Grogutt, Kevin  
Mitchelson.  
Diocese of Oklahoma (USA)

## **Wednesday 10 Heartsease (Norwich)**

Clergy: Julian Bryant.  
LLM: David Lechmere.  
The Open Academy.  
Diocese of Okrika (Nigeria)

## **Thursday 11 Lakenham Group (Norwich Lakenham St Mark)**

Bruce Batstone and the people  
of St Mark's as they prepare for  
his institution as Vicar on 21  
September.  
LLM: Paulette Yallop.  
Diocese of Oleh (Nigeria)

## **Friday 12 Lakenham Group (St John & Tuckswood)**

Clergy: Matthew Luscombe.  
LLM: Gus Woodcock.  
Diocese of Olo (South Sudan)

## **Saturday 13 Norwich Cathedral**

Norwich Cathedral. Clergy: Andrew  
Braddock, Peter Doll, Aidan Platten.  
LLM Frank Paice.  
For the appointment of a Canon  
Pastor and the Cathedral's pastoral  
work.  
Diocese of Olympia (USA)

# Creation vocation

**This summer 24-year-old James Lee became an Eco Chaplain.**

He is one of the Diocese of Norwich's first four Eco Chaplains, commissioned to help parishes embed creation care in their work.

James, who worships at East Church in Norwich and has just completed a masters degree in environmental science at the University of East Anglia, said: "I have been very passionate about the environment since I was about 18. Since then God has taken me on a profound journey of discovering the importance of all creation in God's plans for renewal.

"I was instantly interested in becoming an Eco Chaplain, particularly as at the time I was praying to find a way to really get involved and help lead change in the church, so this opportunity came up as a real answer to prayer."

He is planning a career in conservation, land management or the energy sector, serving as an Eco Chaplain in his spare



time to support churches in the Norwich area as they act on climate and ecological crises. "Creation provides all we need and Christians are called to protect it," said James.

The other Eco Chaplains are Richard Beach from Depwade Deanery, Licensed Lay Minister Norman Johnson from Heart of Norfolk benefice, and Sam Ruddock of St Matthew's, Thorpe Hamlet, who is training for ordination.

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## **Sunday 14 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Monday 15 St Andrew (Norwich)**

Clergy: Martin Young.  
For our autumn outreach to city  
workers, parents and students.  
Diocese of Omu-Aran (Nigeria)

## **Tuesday 16 St Helen (Norwich)**

Churchwardens and PCC during  
the vacancy.  
Meeting of Bishop's Staff.  
Diocese of Ontario (Canada)

## **Wednesday 17 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 Mytikyina (Myanmar)

## **Thursday 18 St Peter Mancroft (Norwich)**

Clergy: Edward Carter, Fiona  
Haworth, Naomi Tuma.  
LLMs: Gill Persicke, Catherine  
Waddams.  
For those participating in this  
year's Ministry Experience Scheme.  
Diocese of Oregon (USA)

## **Friday 19 St Stephen (Norwich)**

Clergy: Heike Prentice.  
LLM: Dave Humphreys, Princess  
Olufunnke Abidemi Olugboji.  
Diocese of Eastern Oregon (USA)

## **Saturday 20 Thorpe End**

Clergy: Ian Fifield as he begins the  
ministry entrusted to him as Vicar  
at St David's.  
LLM: Jenefer Barnard.  
Diocese of Orlu (Nigeria)



## **Sunday 21 – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Monday 22 Thorpe Hamlet (Norwich)**

Clergy: Patrick Jordan.  
For our work with refugees  
through the International  
Friendship group.  
The Clergy Conference running  
from Monday to Wednesday; that it  
may be a time of refreshment and  
renewal.  
Diocese of Oru (Nigeria)

## **Tuesday 23 Thorpe St Andrew (Norwich)**

Thorpe Episcopi.  
Clergy: James Stewart.  
LLM: Linda Stone.  
Giving thanks for our work with all  
our parish schools and our work in  
local nursing homes.  
Diocese of Osaka (The Nippon Sei  
Ko Kai)

## **Wednesday 24 Timberhill (Norwich)**

Clergy: Richard Stanton.  
Parish Support Team - Property  
and Glebe: Tom Williams, Charles  
Thurston, Yvette Sullivan, Alan  
Cole, Sally Finn, Laurence Gage,  
Emily Crisp, Edmund Cotterill.  
Diocese of Osun (Nigeria)

## **Thursday 25 Trowse (Norwich)**

Clergy: Rosemary Braby.  
LLM: Chris Sanham.  
Diocese of Osun North (Nigeria)

## **Friday 26 Deanery of Norwich North**

Rural Dean: Tim Yau.  
Lay Chair: Nicky Burr.  
Diocese of Osun North East  
(Nigeria)

## **Saturday 27 Drayton**

Clergy: Marc Palmer.  
Drayton Junior.  
For work with schools to bear fruit.  
Diocese of Ottawa (Canada)

## “The challenge to consider the priesthood came as a bit of a surprise.”

Born in Norwich, the Revd Karen Gower was ordained in the city in June.

However, her journey to becoming a deacon in her home cathedral took her via New Zealand (and elsewhere in Australasia, plus Europe, the Middle East and North America.)

Karen was just seven when she left Norfolk for New Zealand. Now she is back in Norfolk, and serving as a curate in Dersingham

“The challenge to consider the priesthood came as a bit of a surprise, but as I began to explore that idea and that potential call, and began the discernment process, it became very clear that, yes, that was what God was asking me to do and I realised that this was how God was directing me to serve his church here,” said Karen.

After jobs in insurance and church admin, and then overseas mission, she returned to Britain and bought a house in Norfolk in 2012. “Norfolk is where God



opened a door and led us to,” said Karen.

“I feel very humbled and honoured to be part of the diocese where my faith journey started and I’m very excited to be starting my curacy in the Dersingham benefice.

“I’ve been so blessed by the warm welcome I’ve received, in the church and the community. I’m looking forward to seeing how God is already working here and participate in seeing his Kingdom flourish.”

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## **Sunday 28 – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Lord God,  
defend your Church  
from all false teaching  
and give to your people  
knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Monday 29 Hellesdon**

Clergy: Sue Mann to be instituted  
today as Vicar.  
LLM: Milee Brambleby.  
Diocese of Otukpo (Nigeria)

## **Tuesday 30 Horsford, Felthorpe and Hevingham**

Clergy: Margaret McPhee.  
LLM: Richard McPhee.  
Horsford Primary.  
Give thanks for those who are  
using and discovering their gifts.  
Diocese of Owerri (Nigeria)

## **Wednesday 1 Horsham, Spixworth & Croswick**

Chaplaincy to Norwich Airport.  
Clergy: Rosemary Maskell.  
St Faiths Primary (Horsham).  
Give thanks for God's good gifts at  
this Harvest time.  
Diocese of Owo (Nigeria)

## **Thursday 2 Mile Cross**

Clergy: Martin Hartley.  
LLM: Lee Marsden.  
Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane  
(Lynn) and Ian (Thetford).  
Diocese of Oxford (England)

## **Friday 3 Old Catton**

Clergy: David Hagan-Palmer.  
LLM: Jo Mash.  
Old Catton Junior.  
For volunteers called to the many  
roles supporting the church.  
Diocese of Oyo (Nigeria)

## **Saturday 4 Sprowston and North Norwich Team Ministry**

Norwich New Catton, Norwich  
New Catton St Luke, Norwich  
St Mary Magdalene, Sprowston.  
Clergy: Dean Akrill,  
Graham Kirk-Spriggs, Tim Yau.  
LLMs: Andrew Hudson,  
Stephanie Grand, Margaret Gray.  
Diocese of Pacong (South Sudan)

## **Sunday 5 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around  
and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with  
reverence and know your peace  
at our lives' end  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Monday 6 Taverham with Ringland**

Clergy: Paul Seabrook, Stella Green,  
Val Hooker, Gill Osborne,  
Phil Charlesworth.  
LLM: Ben Fiaz. Taverham Junior.  
PAs to the bishops and  
archdeacons: Sophie Bell,  
Graham Cossey, Ann Whittet.  
Diocese of Panama (Central de  
America)

## **Tuesday 7 Deanery of Norwich South**

Lay Chair: Roger Wood.  
Meeting of the College of Canons.  
Diocese of Pankshin (Nigeria)

## **Wednesday 8 Bowthorpe (Norwich)**

Clergy: Mark Elvin.  
Cloverhill Infant & Nursery  
(Bowthorpe), St Michael's Junior  
(Bowthorpe).  
Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk),  
Keith (Norwich) and  
Catherine (Lynn).  
Diocese of Panrieng (South Sudan)

## **Thursday 9 Costessey**

Clergy: James Pinto.  
LLM: Margaret Proudfoot,  
David Thompson.  
For our weekly after school club  
– Explore the Bible – today at  
Costessey Primary School.  
Diocese of Panyana (South Sudan)

## **Friday 10 Cringelford**

Colney, Cringelford.  
Clergy: Graham Wilkins,  
Charlotte Eagles, John Wigfield.  
LLMs: Shirley Wood, Tim Harle.  
Cringelford Primary.  
Diocese of Paraguay (South  
America)

## **Saturday 11 Earlham**

Clergy: Sam Lees and Ben Rogers.  
For our new Vicar, the Revd  
Sam Lees, and for our shared new  
beginnings.  
Diocese of Paraná (Brasil)

## **Sunday 12 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Monday 13 Eaton Christ Church (Norwich)**

Clergy: Patrick Richmond.  
LLM: Alistair Bolt.  
For our growth in discipleship,  
service, invitation and welcome,  
especially for our Autumn children  
and all age activities.  
Diocese of Pathein (Myanmar)

## **Tuesday 14 Eaton St Andrew (Norwich)**

Clergy: James Cook.  
For our outreach to families,  
especially our children's workshop,  
with Christ Church Eaton, on  
1 November.  
Diocese of Patna (North India)

## **Wednesday 15 Heigham Holy Trinity (Norwich)**

Clergy: Richard James,  
Alastair Gledhill.  
LLMs: Jonathan Mason,  
Elizabeth Scott, Nigel Parfitt.  
Parish Support Team – Generous  
Giving: Robert Culyer, Colin Tomlin,  
Naomi Rizk.  
Diocese of Pelotas (Brasil)

## **Thursday 16 Swardeston**

East Carleton, Intwood,  
Ketteringham, Swardeston.  
Clergy: Paul Burr.  
LLM: Peter Worby.  
Diocese of Pennsylvania (USA)

## **Friday 17 The Mitre**

St Alban Lakenham, St Barnabas  
Heigham w St Bartholomew,  
St Thomas Heigham.  
Clergy: Tom Eagles, Joanna Payne,  
Adam Poole, Lucy Stone.  
LLM: Diana Timms.  
Diocese of Central Pennsylvania  
(USA)

## **Saturday 18 Deanery of Redenhall**

Rural Dean: Chris Hutton.  
Lay Chair: Jennie Vere.  
Diocese of Northwestern  
Pennsylvania (USA)

# Drawn to God in North Norfolk

Priest, painter, poet and photographer  
the Revd Ian Dyble loves north Norfolk.

For the past five years he has been Rector of the  
Weybourne Group and walking in his coastal parishes  
meets God in the wind-and-water landscapes and  
seascapes of creek, saltmarsh, strand and sky.



“As I walk out along this beautiful coast, in this corner of creation that is home for me, it really does feel like time has slowed down. It gives me the space to breathe and to simply be. And in this moment of grace a Voice speaks,” says Ian, in a book of his pictures and poems.

Ian and his wife Jo arrived in north Norfolk as newlyweds, with a new job each, in 1986. Ian trained and worked as a solicitor in and around Cromer, and then as a barrister, but alongside his legal career there was another strong sense of vocation.

“I came to faith in Jesus in 1990 and very soon after that felt a call to full time ministry, but I also knew I had to be patient, that it wasn’t to be immediate,” said Ian.

He got involved in church leadership, planting and growth. Twenty years later he was ordained.

He served as a curate in London and then knew he was being called back to Norfolk, where he became Vicar of the Mitre benefice in Norwich, before he and Jo, who are now grandparents, returned to north Norfolk.

He began responding to the wonder of the scenery and wildlife all around him in paintings, photographs and



poems – which were this year collected in his book *A Moment Held*.

In the introduction he says: “I often stop to take it all in, to be really present in the ‘now.’ I might take a photo and write down some lines of poetry and this seems to hold these precious moments for longer. I find that there is something very special, almost a sense of touching the eternal, in pausing like this and I realise that in these moments I have more by simple gift than I could ever possess by effort. How easy it would be to miss out on all of this in the busyness of life.”

Our cover picture is by Ian Dyble, from his book, *A Moment Held*, which is available from him ([ian@weybourne.church](mailto:ian@weybourne.church)) See more of his poetry and pictures on Instagram [@idyble](https://www.instagram.com/idyble)

## **Sunday 19 – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation  
which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Monday 20 Dickleburgh and the Pulhams**

Dickleburgh, Pulham Market,  
Pulham St Mary, Rushall, Starston,  
Thelveton. Clergy: Carl Melville.

LLM: Gale Hodgkinson.

Dickleburgh Primary,  
Pulham Primary.

For our vision to be the heartbeat  
of our rural communities.

Diocese of Perth (Australia)

## **Tuesday 21 Earsham Group (Ditchingham)**

Alburgh, Broome, Denton,  
Ditchingham, Earsham, Hedenham.

Clergy: Chris Hutton.

LLMs: Philip Edwards, Christine  
Edwards, Christopher Whipps.

Alburgh-w-Denton Primary,  
Ditchingham Primary, Earsham  
Primary.

Diocese of Peru (South America)

## **Wednesday 22 Redenhall with Scole**

Billingford, Brockdish, Needham,  
Redenhall with Harleston and  
Wortwell, Scole, Thorpe Abbots.  
Churchwardens and PCC during the  
vacancy. LLMs: Lynda Mansfield,  
John Taylor, Jamie Worthington.  
Archbishop Sancroft (Harleston),  
Harleston Primary, Scole Primary.  
Diocese of Peshawar (Pakistan)

## **Thursday 23 The Diss Team Ministry**

Bressingham, Burston, Diss,  
Fersfield, Gissing, North Lopham,  
Roydon, Shelfanger, South  
Lopham, Tivetshall, Winfarthing.  
Churchwardens and PCC during the  
vacancy. LLM: Susan Drake. All Saints  
Primary (Winfarthing), Diss Junior,  
St Andrew's Primary (Lopham).  
Meeting of the Bishop's staff.  
Diocese of Peterborough (England)

## **Friday 24 Deanery of Repps**

Rural Dean: Will Warren.

Diocese of Central Philippines  
(Philippines)

## **Saturday 25 Cromer**

Clergy: Will Warren.

LLMs: Susan Wells, David Masters.

For unity of purpose in deepening  
our prayer life and mission.

Diocese of North Central Philippines



## **Sunday 26 – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to  
an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Monday 27 Poppyland**

Antingham, Northrepps,  
Overstrand, Sidestrand,  
Southrepps, Thorpe Market,  
Trimingham. Clergy: Sian Reading.  
LLMs: Tim Bennett, Janet Payne,  
John Scott.  
Overstrand The Belfry Primary.  
Diocese of Northern Philippines  
(Philippines)

## **Tuesday 28 Quintet**

Aylmerton, Beeston Regis,  
Gresham, Runton.  
Clergy: Jeremy Sykes.  
LLM: Pamela Thompson.  
Parish Support Team: Human  
Resources: Claire Stone,  
Gemma Waldie.  
Diocese of Southern Philippines

## **Wednesday 29 Roughton**

Bessingham, Felbrigg, Gunton  
w Hanworth, Metton, Roughton,  
Sustead. Churchwardens and PCC  
during the vacancy.  
St Mary's Primary (Roughton).  
Diocese of Phulbani (North India)

## **Thursday 30 Sheringham**

Clergy: Christian Heycocks,  
Iain Grant, Christina Rees.  
LLMs: Julie Rubidge, Angela Stewart.  
Angela our Anna Chaplain, Richard  
our Pastoral Assistant, and Toby  
our LLM in training. For everything  
on our new Action Plan for 2025/6,  
and our ongoing work for inclusion  
and justice.  
Diocese of Pittsburgh (USA)

## **Friday 31 Trunch Group**

Gimingham, Knapton, Mundesley,  
Paston, Trunch with Bradfield and  
Swafeld. Clergy: Sally Myers,  
Jenny Lodge.  
LLMs: Peter Clough, Andrea Lee.  
Diocese of Polynesia (Aotearoa,  
New Zealand and Polynesia)

## **Saturday 1 Deanery of St Benet at Waxham & Tunstead**

All Saints' Day.  
Rural Dean: David Chamberlin.  
Lay Chair: Heather McEwen.  
Diocese of Popondota  
(Papua New Guinea)

## Sunday 2 – Fourth Sunday before Advent

God of glory, touch our lips  
with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we with all creation  
may rejoice to sing your praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Monday 3 Coastal Group of Parishes

Coastal Group of Parishes  
Bacton, Happisburgh, Hempstead  
with Lessingham and Eccles,  
Hickling, Ridlington, Sea Palling  
with Waxham, Walcott, Witton.  
Clergy: Coryn Stanforth.  
LLMs: Pam Millsted, John Prince.  
Happisburgh Primary,  
Hickling Infant.

For the Sea Palling Hub and for  
outreach to the local community.  
Diocese of Portsmouth (England)

## Tuesday 4 North Walsham, Edingthorpe, Worstead and Westwick

Clergy: David Warner, Dan Krawczyk.  
Worstead Primary.

For our churches to serve faithfully,  
in their own ways, and for wisdom  
of discernment.

Diocese of Pretoria (Southern Africa)

## Wednesday 5 Smallburgh

Dilham, Honing, Smallburgh.  
Clergy: Darleen Plattin, Andrew  
Bevan. LLM: Betty Lacey.  
Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane  
(Lynn) and Ian (Thetford).  
Diocese of Puerto Rico (USA)

## Thursday 6 Stalham

Ingham, Stalham, Sutton.  
Clergy: Darleen Plattin,  
Andrew Bevan. LLMs: Mary  
Shepherd, Jeanette Boardman,  
Martyn Egerton. Sutton Infant.  
Diocese of Pune (North India)

## Friday 7 The United Benefice of King's Beck

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

For schools outreach through our  
Open the Book team.

Diocese of Pungue  
(Mocambique e Angola)

## Saturday 8 United Benefice of St Benedict

Ashmanhaugh, Barton Turf,  
Beeston St Lawrence, Horning,  
Irstead, Neatishead. Clergy: Ben  
Bradshaw. LLM: Pauline Simpson.  
Neatishead Primary.

For our Sunday Club and young  
people as they grow in faith.

Diocese of Pyay (Myanmar)



# The Bishop of Norwich's Certificate in Christian Learning

## Deepening your faith journey through learning together

**This year, 25 people took part in a new course encouraging a deeper learning and understanding of the Christian faith. The Bishop's Certificate in Christian Learning includes five units and everyone who completes the course receives a certificate from the Bishop of Norwich.**

It is led by Dr Jane McClarty, a Licensed Lay Minister, Richard Lamey, Director of Mission and Ministry, and the Dean of Norwich, the Very Revd Dr Andrew Braddock.

The pilot course started in January, and the reviews are in!

"If you have an inquisitive mind, enjoy learning and want to broaden your knowledge of Christianity in the widest sense, then this is an enjoyable, informative and reflective course to take part in."

"A unique opportunity to expand

your understanding of the Christian faith with the support of friendly, knowledgeable presenters in the company of motivated fellow learners."

"Fun, fellowship and fantastic teaching."

"No matter where you are on your faith walk this course will enhance your journey."

The course is made up of five subject areas, each consisting of an initial in-person session followed by four delivered online.

**The next course starts on  
Saturday 27 September**

Find out how to join by visiting  
**[www.dioceseofnorwich.org](http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org)**  
and searching 'bishop's certificate'.

## **Sunday 9 – Third Sunday before Advent / Remembrance Sunday**

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall  
cease and poverty and pain shall  
end, that earth may know the  
peace of heaven through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Monday 10 Waterside Group**

Catfield, Ludham, Potter Heigham.  
Clergy: Gary Noyes.  
LLM: Judith Gardiner, Ros Bingham.  
Catfield Primary.  
For us in our vocation to be an  
outward-facing community of God's  
people, taking the love of Christ to  
the people in our parishes.  
Diocese of Qu'Appelle (Canada)

### **Tuesday 11 Wroxham w Hoveton St John w Hoveton St Peter, Belaugh and Tunstead w Sco' Ruston**

Belaugh, Hoveton St John, Hoveton  
St Peter, Tunstead, Wroxham.  
Clergy: Liz Jump. Archdeacons  
Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich)  
and Catherine (Lynn).  
Diocese of Quebec (Canada)

### **Wednesday 12 Deanery of Thetford and Rockland**

Rural Dean: Matthew Jackson.  
Lay Chair: Peter Lotarius.  
Diocese of North Queensland  
(Australia)

### **Thursday 13 Attleborough with Besthorpe**

Clergy: Matthew Jackson,  
Andrew Slater. LLMs: Brenda Greig,  
Jane Minchin.  
For our outreach through music and  
the joy music brings.  
Diocese of Raiwind (Pakistan)

### **Friday 14 East with West Harling, Bridgham with Roudham, Larling, Brettenham and Rushford**

Clergy: Josh Whitnall.  
For the churchwardens, retired clergy  
and parishes during the vacancy.  
Diocese of Rajasthan (North India)

### **Saturday 15 Great Ellingham (Shellrock) – High Oak, Hingham, Scoulton w Wood Rising**

Great Ellingham, Little Ellingham,  
Rockland All Saints, Rockland St Peter,  
Shropham w Snetterton. High Oak,  
Hingham, Scoulton w Wood Rising.  
Clergy: Tori Venmore-Rowland.  
LLM: Carol Bennett, Dale Southall.  
Morley Primary.  
For the benefices of Shellrock and  
of High Oak, Hingham, Scoulton w  
Wood Rising as we join together and  
grow closer in our walk with Christ  
and with each other.  
Diocese of Rayalaseema (South India)

## Sunday 16 – Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Monday 17 Guiltcross Group

Blo Norton, Garboldisham, Kenninghall, Riddlesworth.  
Clergy: Josh Whitnall.  
Garboldisham Primary.  
For the churchwardens, retired clergy and parishes during the vacancy.  
Diocese of Recife (Brasil)

## Tuesday 18 Hethersett

Great Melton, Hethersett, Little Melton.  
Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLM: Mollie Herron.  
Hethersett Primary.  
Diocese of Rejaf (South Sudan)

## Wednesday 19 For the ministry of all Christian people

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen  
Diocese of Remo (Nigeria)

## Thursday 20 Quidenham Group

Banham, Eccles, New Buckenham, Old Buckenham, Quidenham, Wilby.  
Clergy: Sarah Walsh.  
Meeting of Bishop's Staff.  
Diocese of Renk (South Sudan)

## Friday 21 Thetford (Team Ministry)

Cloverfield Community Church, Croxton, Kilverstone, Thetford, Wretham w Illington.  
Clergy: Peter Herbert, Matt Houghton, Jonathan Richardson, Tony Heywood. LLM: Jean Rolph.  
The Bishop's Primary (Thetford).  
For all our Christmas services and outreach events.  
Diocese of Rhode Island (USA)

## Saturday 22 Wymondham w Silfield and Spooner Row

Clergy: Andrew Hammond.  
For SoulSpace, our new monthly service for young people.  
Diocese of Rift Valley (Tanzania)

# Time to grow

**The first GROW course led by our Diocesan Mission Team and the Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication (CCX) has been praised by participating clergy for offering a well-timed exploration of what successful growth can mean for parishes.**

Aimed at supporting church leaders and their teams in pursuing and maintaining growth in all its forms, the learning pathway is divided into four modules focussed on the key topics of Vocation, Formation, Mission and Multiplication.

“Church growth isn’t just about numbers, it’s about deepening our relationship with God and loving those in our communities,” according to Revd David Lloyd, Mission Development Officer for the Diocese of Norwich, who has played an active role in shaping the GROW programme.

“Every church begins with this vision, but sustaining it in a rapidly changing world can be challenging.

“Through course materials, learning communities, and coaching for church leaders, we help churches navigate growth in a way that stays true to their mission.”

Revd Matthew Price, Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Gorleston, was one of those to take part.



“GROW came along at just the right time for us as parish! After a period of sustained growth, we were beginning to think about how we make sure we are putting down deep roots and creating the right structures to enable, under God, that growth to continue,” he explained.

“We’ve found the input helpful, and easy to access, and its stimulated excellent conversations amongst our team.”

More information on the next GROW course will be made available on the Diocese of Norwich website.

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## Sunday 23 November Christ the King

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ  
the King and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.  
Churches Together in Norfolk and  
Waveney ecumenical service at  
St John's RC Cathedral.

## Monday 24 Deanery of Blofield

Rural Dean: Martin Greenland.  
Lay Chair: Nicholas Cowen,  
David Pilch.  
The Diocese of Riverina (Australia)

## Tuesday 25 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.  
Diocese of Rochester (England)

## Wednesday 26 Blofield

Blofield, Burlingham Saint Andrew w  
Saint Peter, Hemblington.  
Clergy: Andrew Tapsell,  
Cheryl Ramballi.  
For unity and working well together as  
we seek God's guidance for this new  
beginning of ministry and mission in  
our parishes and communities.  
Diocese of Rochester (USA)

## Thursday 27 Broadside

Ranworth with Panxworth,  
South Walsham, Upton & Fishley,  
Woodbastwick.  
Clergy: Andrew Tapsell, Cheryl  
Ramballi. LLM: Margaret Mallett.  
Fairhaven Primary (South Walsham).  
For unity and working well together  
as we seek God's guidance for  
this new beginning of ministry  
and mission in our parishes and  
communities.  
Diocese of Rockhampton (Australia)

## Friday 28 The Bittern Group Benefice

Great and Little Plumstead,  
Rackheath, Salhouse and Witton.  
Churchwardens and PCC during the  
vacancy. Salhouse Primary,  
Little Plumstead Primary.  
Diocese of Rokon (South Sudan)

## Saturday 29 Lingwood

Burlingham, Hasingham, Lingwood,  
Strumpshaw.  
Clergy: Jane Morris. LLM: Lorna Clark.  
For continued good interaction  
with the community groups in our  
villages, especially the schools, in  
this festive season.  
Diocese of Rorya (Tanzania)

# Bold in belief



**As unconventional routes to ministry in Great Yarmouth go, giving up a successful career in pharmaceutical chemistry is certainly up there. While no journeys to priesthood are ever identical, the path of Revd Jassica Castillo-Burley surely represents a road less travelled.**

Born and raised in Nottingham, during which time she was an active member of a local Pentecostal church, Jassica's life took her to London for university before Hampshire became home for more than a decade. Throughout, she took great strides as an analytical chemist while husband Roy enjoyed similar progress in the field of aeronautical engineering.

Then came a life-altering juncture. "It was a little bit random, but we decided to take some time out; we spent two weeks just reading the bible, sleeping, eating," Jassica recalls.

The pair never looked back. "At the end of that fortnight we decided to totally change our lives; we quit our really good jobs, sold our house, sold our car, everything."

A week later, Jassica discovered

she was pregnant. With steadfast belief that this was part of God's plan, rather than a reason to rethink their calling, Jassica and Roy forged ahead.

Having grown up in a Pentecostal church, Jassica's pull toward ministry in the Church of England was seldom straightforward; regularly prompting dilemmas regarding which denomination would lead to her rightful place.

It was a conversation with a Diocesan Director of Ordinands during training, in which she was told not to concern herself with being an Anglican but rather being herself, that meant she felt her true vocation.

After heading eastwards following her previous roles within the Diocese of Lichfield, Jassica was licensed by the Bishop of Norwich in June 2025 as she joined the ministry team in Great Yarmouth.

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Please pray for the following benefices in vacancy at the time of writing the Autumn Prayer Diary. Pray that the Lord will send ministers of the Gospel to serve in these places.

## Archdeacons of Norwich

- Sprowston and North Norwich
- Christ Church, New Catton

## Archdeacons of Norfolk

- Hempnall
- Brooke
- Diss
- Diss villages
- Redenhall with Scole
- Hethersett
- Belton and Burgh Castle
- Gunton, Hopton and Corton
- Kirkley
- East Harling (East with West Harling, Bridgham with Roudham, Larling, Brettenham and Rushford)
- Great Plumstead (Great and Little Plumstead, Rackheath with Salhouse and Witton)

## Archdeacons of Lynn

- Gayton, Grimston, Massingham and District
- Coxford and Toftrees
- Hunstanton and Saxon Shore
- Mattishall and Tudd Valley
- Middlewinch
- Launditch & The Upper Nar
- Reepham & Wensum Valley
- Dereham and District Team Ministry – Team Vicar
- Gaywood – Associate Priest

# JOY

## The Joy of Christmas

Resources this year will be designed to help all ages to be drawn into the joy of the first Christmas. Have a look at the Church of England website to find resources for your church.

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