


Summer 2026

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Norwich

# Prayer Diary

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**“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’  
And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’”**  
Isaiah 6 v 8

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





Foreword from  
**Revd Lucy Dallas,**  
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**'Jesus said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' (Matthew 9:37-38)**

It's a privilege to write this introduction to our diocesan Prayer Diary, as your Director of Ordinands. As I listen to the stories of those who are exploring, discerning, preparing and studying for ordination, and starting out in their new ministries as deacons and priests, and as I rejoice to see the work of God's grace in those training for lay ministries, I am reminded again and again that prayer is the beating heart of vocations. It is through prayer that we discern what God is stirring within us, and it is through prayer that we see God's gifts in one

another. It is through prayer that we find the grace and courage to say 'yes' to God's call and to respond with faith. It is through prayer that those called to authorised or licensed ministries are supported and strengthened by their Christian friends. It is through prayer that we allow God's spirit to form us into a people who can say a true, hope-filled 'yes' to being sent into the harvest field where there is, indeed, plentiful work of sharing God's love to be done, whatever that means for each one of us. As you pray through this diary, please do ask the Lord of the harvest to continue what he started 2000 years ago – and here in this beautiful corner of England to send out labourers into his harvest.

*Lucy Dallas*

**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 are from CAFOD, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, the Venerable Bede, Louisa M Alcott, and Jennifer Hurd of Wales Synod Cymru.

**Sunday 31**  
**Trinity Sunday**

O God, your name is veiled in mystery, yet you have made us and call us by name; draw us more deeply into your divine life, so that we may show forth in our lives your justice, kindness and humility; for you alone are holy, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Monday 1**  
**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.  
 LLMs: Carol Bennett, Dale Southall.  
 Morley Primary.  
 Diocese of Aba (Nigeria)

**Tuesday 2**  
**Guiltcross Group**

Blo Norton, Garboldisham, Kenninghall, Riddlesworth. Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy.  
 Garboldisham Primary.  
 Diocese of Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria)

**Wednesday 3**  
**Hethersett**

Great Melton, Little Melton, Hethersett. Clergy: Damon Rogers.  
 Hethersett Primary.

For our benefice as we discern how to take forward our mission dreams and vision.

Diocese of Abakaliki (Nigeria)

**Thursday 4**  
**Team of Assistant Diocesan Directors of Ordinands**

Lucy Dallas (DDO and Initial Ministerial Education 2) and Margaret Mallett (Administrator). Assistant DDOs Margaret McPhee, Vanessa Layfield, Becki Bensusan, Sally Theakston, Graham Wilkins, Jack Branford, Richard Washington. Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney (Scotland)

**Friday 5**  
**Quidenham Group**

Banham, Eccles, New Buckenham, Old Buckenham, Quidenham, Wilby. Clergy: Sarah Walsh.  
 Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford).  
 Diocese of Abuja (Nigeria)

**Saturday 6**  
**Thetford (Team Ministry)**

Cloverfield Community Church, Croxton, Kilverstone, Thetford, Wretham w Illington. Clergy: Peter Herbert, Matt Houghton, Tony Heywood.  
 Bishop's Primary (Thetford).  
 For our Shakespeare event and Summer of Sport.

Diocese of Abyei (South Sudan)

**Sunday 7****First Sunday after Trinity**

God of the unexpected, you take what is old and make it new, and what is dead and bring it to life; you take our false expectations and transform them into your truth. Help us to accept the challenge of your call, so that, trusting in your promise, we journey by faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Monday 8****Wymondham w Silfield and Spooner Row**

Clergy: Andrew Hammond.

LLM: Margaret Hartley.

For our new curate and his wife, who will be with us from Petertide.

Diocese of Accra (West Africa)

**Tuesday 9****Deanery of Blofield**

Rural Dean: Martin Greenland.

Lay Chair: Nicholas Cowen.

Diocese of Adelaide (Australia)

**Wednesday 10****Acle and Bure to Yare**

Acle, Bighton w Moulton, Freethorpe, Halvergate w Tunstall, Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley, Reedham, Wickhampton.

Clergy: Martin Greenland.

LLM: Nicholas Cowen.

Society of the Sisters of Bethany.

The Diocese of Afikpo (Nigeria)

**Thursday 11****Licensed Lay Ministry**

Helen Grogutt (Bishop's Adviser for Licensed Lay Ministry).

For all involved in the discernment and selection of LLMs and those beginning their training this Autumn.

Diocese of North Africa (Alexandria)

**Friday 12****Blofield and Broadside**

Blofield, Burlingham Saint Andrew w Saint Peter, Hemblington, Ranworth w Panxworth, South Walsham, Upton and Fishley, Woodbastwick.

Clergy: Andrew Tapsell,

Cheryl Ramballi.

LLM: Margaret Mallett.

Fairhaven Primary (South Walsham).

For the vision, ministry and mission of this newly formed benefice.

Diocese of Agra (North India)

**Saturday 13****The Bittern Group Benefice**

Great and Little Plumstead, Rackheath, Salhouse and Witton

Clergy: Naomi Tuma.

LLM: James Watts.

Salhouse Primary, Little Plumstead Primary.

Diocese of Aguata (Nigeria)

**School chaplaincy during pandemic leads to a call to ministry**

Eleanor Morrison will be ordained in June to become Assistant Curate at St Faith's Church Gaywood in King's Lynn. This is Eleanor's story of her journey of faith and ordination.

**What did your journey to faith look like?**

I came to faith when I was still at primary school. It was a combination of girlguiding and girls brigade and Sunday school and I was baptised at my local methodist church when I was 10 years old.

**What was your route to ministry?**

I probably first felt a call to ministry as a teenager but that was in the early 90s and I dismissed it because I couldn't really see myself in it. In later years, I was working as a youth mentor in a secondary school and I sensed a call to set up a chaplaincy there, it was during the pandemic and while exploring vocations and thinking about how I might do that, it became quite clear to me that I was being called to train to become a priest.

**What are you looking forward to in your new role?**

I'm really looking forward to joining colleagues in King's Lynn and getting to know the area, getting to know the community and being part of a growing team in the town.

**What advice would you give to others exploring a vocation to ministry?**

If you feel called to a vocation in ministry, my advice first of all would be to pray about it and speak to a priest. Most importantly, give yourself to the process as yourself. Fully be yourself and see what happens.

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**Sunday 14****Second Sunday after Trinity**

Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of the universe. You transform shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving ones. May your life-giving Spirit re-create us in your image and shape us into your purposes, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Monday 15****Lingwood**

Burlingham, Hassingham, Lingwood, Strumpshaw.  
Clergy: Jane Morris.  
LLM: Lorna Clark.

For our Summer outreach events – for good conversations and opportunities to welcome others. Meeting of Bishop's Council of Trustees.  
Diocese of Ahoada (Nigeria)

**Tuesday 16****Yare Valley Churches**

Brundall, Braydeston, and Postwick.  
Clergy: David Hanson.  
LLM: Keith Gerrard.  
For a new monthly service for people in their 20/30s.  
Diocese of Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea)

**Wednesday 17****Deanery of Breckland**

Rural Dean: Stephen Thorp.  
Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).  
Diocese of Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria)

**Thursday 18****Vocations Advisers**

**Helen Garrard, Natalie Rees, James Nash, Richard Stanton**

Diocese of Akobo (South Sudan)

**Friday 19****Ashill Group**

Ashill, Carbrooke, Ovington, Saham Toney,  
Clergy: Patrick Morrow.  
LLM: Jean Rockett-Woods.  
Ashill Primary, Parker's Primary (Saham Toney), St Peter & St Paul Carbrooke Primary.  
That we grow together as a Group, in God's love.  
Diocese of Akoko (Nigeria)

**Saturday 20****Hilborough Group**

Cockley Cley, Foulden, Gooderstone, Great Cressingham, Hilborough.  
Clergy: Michael Chesher, Linda Lubbe. Gooderstone Primary.  
Diocese of Akoko Edo (Church of Nigeria)

**Sunday 21****Third Sunday after Trinity**

Saving God, enter the flood and storm of chaos and confusion and speak peace to our fearful hearts, so that we might find our faith in him whose word brings rest to all creation; through Jesus Christ, Lord of wind and wave. Amen.

**Monday 22****Mundford**

Cranwich, Ickburgh, Langford, Mundford.  
Clergy: Michael Chesher, Linda Lubbe. Mundford Primary.  
Diocese of Akot (South Sudan)

**Tuesday 23****Nar Valley**

Castleacre, Narborough w Narford, Newton-by-Castleacre, Pentney, Southacre, Westacre.  
Clergy: Angela Hammett, Richard Howells.  
LLM: Chris Hammett. Castle Acre Primary, Narborough Primary.  
Diocese of Akure (Nigeria)

**Wednesday 24****Necton**

Holme Hale, Necton, North Pickenham, South Pickenham.  
Clergy: Stephen Thorp.  
LLM: Carole Hicks, Susan March.  
Diocese of Alabama (USA)

**Thursday 25****Oxborough Group**

Bodney, Didlington, Little Cressingham, Oxborough. Clergy: Michael Chesher, Linda Lubbe. Ministry of the chaplaincy team and all involved with the Diocese of Norwich tent at the Royal Norfolk Show.  
Diocese of Alaska (USA)

**Friday 26****Swaffham and Sporle**

Sporle w Great and Little Palgrave, Swaffham. Clergy: Nigel Tuffnell. LLMs: Julia Richardson, Andy Mash. Heartwood Primary & Nursery, Sporle Primary, Swaffham Junior. Thanks for welcome, music, children's choir and new children's church.  
Those to be ordained priest on Saturday and deacon on Sunday and the parishes in which they serve.  
Diocese of Saint Albans (England)

**Saturday 27****The Fountain of Life Network Church, Ashill**

FOL Swaffham, FOL Ashill.  
Clergy: Paul Wilkinson.  
For developing leadership, vision, missional growth, outreach, and the wisdom and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in all things.  
Diocese of Albany (USA)

## There's a big difference between stalling and discernment

Jessica Baxter will be ordained in June to become Assistant Curate at St Margaret's church in Old Catton. This is Jessica's story of her journey to faith and ordination.



### What did your journey to faith look like?

My journey to faith was the scenic route, more of a wilderness path than a straightforward A road. There has been a lot of searching and seeking and God not letting go of me.

### What was your route to ministry?

As you might expect from the wilderness road, the call to ordination was also messy. I would describe it as being in the soil. The call to ordination came after a lot of deep work going on going on, whereby when Christ actually made the call – come to church and be a priest – it was really almost like the last part of a long, sometimes difficult journey towards the light. The calling has come as a moment of blossoming and bursting through the soil really – into the glorious light.

### What are you looking forward to in your new role?

I can't wait to be part of the community.

### What is your advice to anyone exploring a vocation to ministry?

My advice for anyone exploring a calling is that there's a big difference between stalling and discernment. If God's put a call on your life, God will provide, will equip, so I would say leap, leap before you can work out whether you should, trust and jump. There are so many people here to support and equip you and empower you to make that journey.

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### Sunday 28 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to your servants ordained at this time the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Monday 29 Watton

Clergy: Dave Cossey.  
LLMs: Elaine Rodgers, Weiwei Cossey.  
For the Benefice's growing links with local schools, care homes and community groups, and for the vital outreach of our newly established Messy Church.  
Meeting of Bishop's Staff.  
Diocese of Algoma (Canada)

### Tuesday 30 Wayland Group

Breckles, Caston, Great Hockham, Griston, Merton, Stow Bedon, Sturston, Thompson, Tottington.  
Clergy: Vanessa Layfield.  
Caston Primary.  
Diocese of All Saints (Kenya)

### Wednesday 1 Deanery of Burnham and Walsingham

Rural Dean: David Longe,  
Lay Chair: Anne Prentis.  
Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford).  
Diocese of Aluakluak (South Sudan)

### Thursday 2 Coxford Group and Toftrees

East Raynham, East Rudham, Helhoughton, Houghton next Harpley, South Raynham, Tatterford, Tattersett, Toftrees.  
Clergy: Edward Gunn, Clive Wylie.  
Rudham Primary.  
Help our parishes grow in faith, community and service.  
Diocese of Amazônia (Brasil)

### Friday 3 Creakes

North Creake, Sculthorpe, South Creake, Syderstone.  
Clergy: Clive Wylie.  
Sculthorpe Primary.  
Strengthen our community in worship, service and shared faith.  
Diocese of Amichi (Nigeria)

### Saturday 4 Fakenham

Clergy: Tracy Jessop.  
LLMs: Elaine Burbidge, Amanda Sands.  
For the growth and depth of relationships.  
Diocese of Amritsar (North India)

**Sunday 5****Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

O God, when pride leads us deeper into sin,  
grant us strength,  
so that we may turn from pride and know the power of your uncompromising love.  
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**Monday 6****Fulmodeston with Croxton**

Clergy: Tracy Jessop.  
For new residents and the spirit of neighbourliness.  
Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands (North India)

**Tuesday 7  
Hempton**

Andrew Bishop as he prepares to be licensed on 6 September.  
For Luke in his ministry as Bishop of Richborough.  
Diocese of Saint Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Scottish Episcopal)

**Wednesday 8  
Holkham**

Holkham, Warham,  
Wells-next-the-Sea, Wighton.  
Clergy: Sharon Plant as she begins ministry in the benefice.  
Missionary Diocese of Central and South Angola (Mocambique e Angola)

**Thursday 9****The Burnhams**

Burnham Market, Burnham Overy,  
Burnham Sutton cum Ulph,  
Burnham Thorpe.  
Clergy: Malcolm Rogers.  
Diocese of Ankole (Uganda)

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

Clergy: Ben Eadon.  
For the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage taking place in August.  
Diocese of North Ankole (Uganda)

**Saturday 11****Shared Vocations Space**

The Shared Vocations Space is for anyone with a sense of being called to do something for God, whatever that something might turn out to be. Pray for all those whose are considering being part of this and those who will be involved in planning and leading.  
Diocese of Northwest Ankole (Uganda)

**Give up your job and follow me**

Bassem Sawieres grew up in Cairo, Egypt and will be ordained in June, to be Curate at the Watton benefice. This is Bassem's story of his journey to faith and ordination.

**What was your journey to faith?**

My first encounter with God was in Egypt, a Muslim country. God blessed me with amazingly Godly parents, my father was a Methodist pastor.

**Can you explain your calling to ministry?**

God was so good to me. I was successful in business and the last job I had was as a marketing sales director in Kuwait. I was receiving an amazing package, an apartment and a car, but I was never satisfied, I had that hunger inside me.

Every day I was thinking about the decision to serve God, and then again, about the money and the house, how will I provide for myself? And in my limited mind, I thought they would fire me and that's how I would leave. Until one day, the Holy Spirit said to me, 'this will never happen, my children are successful, you are



the one who has to make this decision, to willingly give up your job'. I was afraid to do it.

In 2012 I was doing street evangelism. At 1am I woke up and could feel god's presence filling the room. I could hear God telling me, it is time.

**What are you looking forward to most in your new role?**

Lord Jesus has said, the field is plentiful, but the workers are few. I'm here to tell everyone, we can never have enough workers.

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**Sunday 12****Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

God of the prophets, whose word cuts through the webs of power and holds the tyrant to account: be with all who raise their voice against oppression and misrule, who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake; help us to stand and speak with them and witness to your kingdom now. Amen.

**Monday 13****Upper Wensum Village Group**

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

Brisley Primary, Colkirk Primary.

That people find the churches a place of accessible spirituality.

Diocese of South Ankole (Uganda)

**Tuesday 14****Walsingham**

East, North and West Barsham, Houghton, Little Walsingham.

Andrew Bishop as he prepares to be licensed on 6 September.

The Society of Saint Margaret.

Walsingham Primary.

Diocese of West Ankole (Uganda)

**Wednesday 15****Way-Marker Benefice**

Barney, Great Snoring, Hindringham, Kettlestone and Pensthorpe, Little Snoring, Thursford.

Clergy: Robin Stapleford, Rhona McEune. Hindringham Primary.

That people find the churches a place of accessible spirituality.

Meeting of Diocesan Synod.

Diocese of Antananarivo (Indian Ocean)

**Thursday 16****Deanery of Depwade**

Rural Dean: Michael Windridge.

Lay Chair: John Ash. Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).

Diocese of Antsiranana (Indian Ocean)

**Friday 17****Brooke**

Brooke, Kirstead, Mundham w Seething, Thwaite. Clergy: Susanna Gunner and Austin Uzoigwe.

LLMs: John Ash, Liam Pilgrim.

Brooke Primary.

For our benefice with its new clergy team as we continue to collaborate in our mission and ministry with the Hempnall Team Ministry.

Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

**Saturday 18****Hempnall Group of Parishes**

Bedingham, Hempnall, Morningthorpe and Fritton, Shelton w Hardwick, Topcroft, Woodton.

Clergy: Austin Uzoigwe, Susanna Gunner, Michael Windridge.

LLM: Liam Pilgrim.

For our benefice with its new clergy team as we continue to collaborate in our mission and ministry with the Brooke Benefice.

Diocese of Arauca (Chile)

**Sunday 19****Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Compassionate God, from far and near you gather your church into one, safeguard the unity of your flock through the teaching of Christ the Shepherd, so that all your scattered children may find in him the guidance and nourishment they seek. Amen.

**Monday 20****Mulbarton**

Bracon Ash, Flordon, Hethel, Mulbarton.

Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy.

Diocese of the Arctic (Canada)

**Tuesday 21****Tas Valley**

Newton Flotman, Saxlingham Nethergate, Shotesham, Swainsthorpe, Tasburgh.

Clergy: Dawn Davidson, Rachel Hayden, LLMs: Lesley Cox.

Newton Flotman Primary, Preston Primary (Tasburgh), Saxlingham

Nethergate Primary.

Diocese of Argentina (South America)

**Wednesday 22****The Long Stratton & Tharston benefice**

Great Moulton w Little Moulton, Stratton St Mary, Stratton St Michael and St Peter,

Tibenham, Tharston.

Clergy: Becki Bensusan.

St Mary's Junior (Long Stratton).

For the place of connection offered at our Let's Chat group.

Diocese of Northern Argentina (South America)

**Thursday 23****Upper Tas Valley**

Fornsett St Mary, Fornsett St Peter, Fornsett St Edmund, Tacolneston, Fundenhall, Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham.

Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Clergy: Rachel Hayden. LLM: John Hooper.

Fornsett St Peter Primary, Hapton Primary, Tacolneston Primary, Wreningham Primary.

Diocese of Argyll and The Isles (Scottish Episcopal)

**Friday 24****Pilgrim**

Carleton Rode, Bunwell, Wacton Magna w Wacton Parva., Aslacton, Tibenham and Great Moulton w Little Moulton.

Clergy: John Madinda.

Carleton Rode Primary, Bunwell Primary.

**Saturday 25****Deanery of Dereham in Mitford**

Rural Dean: Paul Cubitt.

Honingham

Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy.

Diocese of Arizona (USA)

## Be bold, be brave and keep knocking at the door

Sarah will be ordained in June and will be Assistant Curate at St Stephen Church in Norwich. This is Sarah's story about her journey to faith and ordination.

### What was your journey to faith?

Mine was a really gradual faith journey. I started investigating in my late 20s and the more I got involved in my local church in London, the more I wanted to know, the more time I wanted to spend with people, and the more I wanted to serve and that's where it all began.

### What was your route to ministry?

It basically started when I was looking at some scripture and I remember Jesus calling his first disciples and saying 'come and see' and I was doing that on a regular basis and I began to think about what I wanted to do with the rest of my life, I loved my job and I really enjoyed it, but I wanted to do more. So I looked into what it would mean to be ordained and I haven't looked back.



### What advice do you have for anyone thinking about a call to ordination?

Be brave, be bold and keep knocking on that door. Try and do different placements, speak to people in different forms of ministry and give things a go, and you will know if God is calling you for this to be a big part of your life.

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### Sunday 26 Eighth 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. Amen.

### Monday 27 Barnham Broom & Upper Yare

Barford, Barnham Broom w Bickerston, Brandon Parva, Carleton Forehoe, Cranworth w Letton and Southburgh, Garvestone, Hardingham, Kimberley, Reymerston, Runhall w Coston, Thuxton, Whinburgh w Westfield, Wramplingham. Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Barnham Broom Primary. For the speedy appointment of a fantastic new rector for our 15 churches.

Diocese of Arkansas (USA)

### Tuesday 28 Dereham & District Team Ministry

Beetley w East Bilney, East Bradenham w West Bradenham, Dereham, Hoe, Scarning, Shipdham, Swanton Morley. Clergy: Paul Cubitt, Michael Newey, Laura Purnell.

LLMs: Helen Jeckells, Evelyn Speed, Lydia Crick, Martin Purnell. Dereham Infant & Nursery, Dereham Junior, Swanton Morley Primary, Thomas Bullock Primary (Shipdham). Diocese of Armagh (Ireland)

### Wednesday 29 Easton

Bawburgh, Colton, Easton, Marlingford. Clergy: Laura Montgomery. St Peter's Primary (Easton). Diocese of Armidale (Australia) and Arochukwu / Ohafia (Nigeria)

### Thursday 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. Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Clergy: Kevin Blogg. Diocese of Aru (Congo)

### Friday 31 Mattishall & Tudd Valley

East Tuddenham, Hockering, Mattishall, North Tuddenham, Welbourne, Yaxham. Clergy: Kirsty Long. LLMs: Alan Cossey, Jacqueline Crisp, Mel Stevenson. Hockering Primary, Yaxham Primary. Diocese of Asaba (Nigeria)

### Saturday 1 Deanery of Great Yarmouth

Rural Dean: David Wells. Lay Chair: Pam Spychal. Bishops Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford). Diocese of Asante-Mampong (West Africa)

**Sunday 2****Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Divine love,  
undaunted by death and fear,  
who went to the depths to bring  
back life: in the power of the cross  
shape a people for service,  
who break bread for a hungry  
world; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Monday 3****Belton and Burgh Castle**

Churchwardens and PCC during  
the vacancy. LLM: Mary Ives.  
Moorlands Primary (Belton).  
Diocese of Saint Asaph (Wales)

**Tuesday 4  
Bradwell**

Clergy: Steve Deall.  
LLM: Wendy Bircham.  
Homefield Primary (Bradwell).  
Diocese of Athabasca (Canada)

**Wednesday 5  
Caister**

Clergy: David Wells, Gaynor Sutton.  
Diocese of Atlanta (USA)

**Thursday 6****Gorleston St Andrew**

Gorleston St Andrew, Cliff Park  
Community Church.  
Clergy: Shaula Reilly, Derek McClean.  
LLM: Melvyn Reid.  
Diocese of Attooch (South Sudan)

**Friday 7****Gorleston St Mary  
Magdalene**

Clergy: Matthew Price.  
Peterhouse Primary (Gorleston).  
Diocese of Auckland (Aotearoa,  
New Zealand and Polynesia)

**Saturday 8****Great Yarmouth Team  
Ministry**

Clergy: Simon Ward, Jassica  
Castillo-Burley, Liz Dawes, Richard  
Washington. St Nicholas Priory  
Primary (Great Yarmouth).  
For increase through our strategy  
for growth.  
Diocese of North West Australia  
(Australia)

**I had absolutely  
no expectation of  
going into ministry**

Sam Ruddock will be ordained in  
June, to be Curate at Wymondham  
Abbey. This is Sam's story about  
his route to faith and ordination.

**What was your journey to faith?**

I never expected to have faith. I  
grew up in an Atheist family in  
East London. I had no sense of the  
spiritual, until I met and married  
my wife who is a Christian. She  
spent the first 10 years of our  
marriage not trying to convert  
me, but living out her faith with  
such integrity, that when my life  
hit some rocks and I realised I  
was struggling, I became willing  
to seek answers I hadn't taken a  
look at before. I was sitting at a  
park in Ipswich on a sunny day in  
2017, reading 'Mere Christianity'  
by C.S.Lewis and there was an  
invitation to look inside yourself to  
see what you could find. I thought  
OK, I can relax into this, I don't  
need all the knowledge about  
everything. I really wanted that  
faith, so I said OK Lord, take me,  
and it's been a journey ever since.

**What was your calling to ministry?**

I had absolutely no expectation  
of going into ministry but I was



really hungry to learn more  
about my faith so I went along  
to a discernment group. Every  
time I asked a question, or talked  
to someone, a little bit of the  
invisible barrier that I didn't  
realise was there, started to fall  
away and gradually I realised that  
all my aversion to considering  
any sort of vocation was around  
my sense of lacking. Who am I to  
be called to ministry? Why would  
God want to use me?

As more people encouraged  
me, I came to realise more, that  
some of the skills that I value  
were perfect for ministry. And I  
just kept saying yes when people  
encouraged me to go along to  
another thing. It's a joy to be in  
this place, I just never planned it.

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**Sunday 9****Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

In your compassionate love, O God, you nourish us with words of life and bread of blessing. Grant that Jesus may calm our fears, and move our hearts to praise your goodness by sharing our bread with others. Amen.

**Monday 10****The Flegg Parish Churches Team Ministry: Flegg North**

Horse, Martham, Repps cum Bastwick, West Somerton and Winterton on Sea.

Clergy: Deborah Walton, Philip Rodd, Jo Wood, Hannah Morris.  
LLMs: Alison McTaggart, Margaret Parish, Celia Donald.

That holidaymakers visiting our churches are encouraged into deeper interest or faith in Jesus.  
Diocese of Aweil (South Sudan)

**Tuesday 11****The Flegg Parish Churches Team Ministry: Flegg South**

Billockby, Clippesby, Fleggburgh, Runham, Stokesby and Thurne.

Clergy: Philip Rodd, Deborah Walton, Jo Wood, Hannah Morris. LLMs: Alison McTaggart, Margaret Parish, Celia Donald. Fleggburgh Primary.

For children in local schools and for Open the Book teams as they all enjoy a well-earned break!  
Diocese of Aweril (South Sudan)

**Wednesday 12****The Flegg Parish Churches Team Ministry: Flegg East**

Filby, Mautby, Ormesby St Margaret, Ormesby St Michael, Rollesby and Thrigby.

Clergy: Jo Wood, Deborah Walton, Philip Rodd, Hannah Morris.  
LLMs: Alison McTaggart, Margaret Parish, Celia Donald.

To continue our focus of building community relationships over the summer.

**Thursday 13****Deanery of Heacham and Rising**

Rural Dean: Mark Capron.  
Diocese of Awgu / Aninri (Nigeria)

**Friday 14****Dersingham, Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe & Shernborne**

Clergy: Mark Capron, Karen Gower.  
LLMs: Neil Adams, Kathleen Terry, Alan Crawshaw.

Dersingham Primary & Nursery, Ingoldisthorpe Primary.

Thank God for his faithfulness through ministry and mission.  
Diocese of Awka (Nigeria)

**Saturday 15****Docking, The Birchams, Fring, Stanhoe & Sedgford**

Clergy: Peter Cook, Richard Collier.  
Those involved in the selection and training of clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers. Docking Primary.  
Diocese of Awori (Nigeria)

**Sunday 16****Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Gracious God, although we once were strangers, you receive us as friends and draw us home to you. Set your living bread before us, so that we may be strengthened to continue the work your Son has commissioned us to do. Amen.

**Monday 17****Heacham**

Clergy: Veronica Wilson, Simon Wilson. LLMs: Steve Cook, Pip Lawrence, Penelope Sutton, Lynda Swain.

For the newly formed eco-church group and their role within the church and village.

Diocese of Ayod (South Sudan)  
Diocese of Badagry (Nigeria)

**Tuesday 18****Hunstanton and Saxon Shore**

Brancaster, Burnham Deepdale, Holme-next-the-Sea, Hunstanton, Hunstanton St Mary, Ringstead, Thornham, Titchwell w Choseley. Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Clergy: James Monro.  
Diocese of Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands (West Indies)

**Wednesday 19****Sandringham Group of Churches**

Castle Rising, Flitcham, Hillington, Sandringham, Wolferton.

Clergy: Paul Williams, Catherine Williams. Flitcham Primary, Sandringham & West Newton Primary.  
Archdeacons Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).  
Diocese of Ballarat (Australia)

**Thursday 20****Snettisham**

Clergy: Dan Tansey, Peter Cook.  
For improving accessibility and inclusivity in the church.  
Diocese of Bangor (Wales)

**Friday 21****Deanery of Holt**

Rural Dean: David Longe.  
Diocese of Banks and Torres (Melanesia)

**Saturday 22****Briston and Briningham**

Briningham, Brinton, Briston, Burgh Parva, Hindolveston, Hunworth, Melton Constable, Stody, Swanton Novers, Thornage.  
Clergy: Carolyn Sexton.  
For our Benefice and our projects as we move into an interregnum.  
Diocese of Barbados (West Indies)

## A career in caring leads to a call to ministry

Lorraine Light lives in Oulton Broad and will be ordained in June. She will become a Curate at Pakefield Church. This is Lorraine's story about her journey to faith and ordination.

### What was your journey to faith?

I think it's got a huge amount to do with my grandmother, she introduced me to her local village church, she was a can do woman and really involved in her local community.

### What was your route to ministry?

As a foster carer, my husband and I specialised in looking after parents with newborns and our church family was very supportive.

My journey to explore ordination came from that role, and seeing how powerful it was to introduce young people from very troubled backgrounds to our wonderful faith.

### What are you looking forward to most in this role?

To being the bridge between church and my community and growing that community.



### What advice would you give to anyone exploring a vocation to ministry?

My advice would be; it isn't a one size fits all, don't think it couldn't possibly be me, it's really important to speak with Lucy or someone from the Diocese and to explore that calling from God to see what God has in mind for you. It's very exciting.

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### Sunday 23

#### Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Blessed are you, O Lord,  
source of beauty  
and depth of passion.  
Strengthen and inspire us  
to do the word we hear  
and live the faith we confess,  
through Jesus, our Saviour  
and Friend. Amen.

### Monday 24

#### Glaven Valley

Blakeney, Cley-next-the-Sea,  
Glandford, Letheringsett w  
Bayfield, Wiveton.  
Clergy: Jonathan Dowman.  
LLM: Penelope Thewlis.  
Blakeney Primary.  
Diocese of Bari (Nigeria)

### Tuesday 25

#### Holt

Clergy: Howard Stoker.  
Diocese of Baringo (Kenya)

### Wednesday 26

#### Matlaske

Baconsthorpe, Barningham Winter,  
Edgefield, Hempstead, Matlaske,  
Plumstead, Saxthorpe w Corpusty.  
Clergy: David Longe, Judy Rosser.  
With summer drawing in, for new  
beginnings and opportunities for  
all young people.  
Diocese of Barisal (Bangladesh)

### Thursday 27

#### Stiffkey and Bale

Bale, Binham, Field Dalling,  
Gunthorpe, Langham Episcopi,  
Morston, Saxlingham, Sharrington,  
Stiffkey.  
Clergy: Ian Whittle. LLM: Roger Bland.  
Diocese of Barrackpore (North India)

### Friday 28

#### Weybourne Group

Bodham, East w West Beckham,  
Kelling, Salhouse, Upper  
Sheringham, Weybourne.  
Clergy: Ian Dyble, Patricia Wallson,  
Adrian Wolton. Kelling Primary.  
Diocese of Bath and Wells (England)

### Saturday 29

#### Deanery of Ingworth & Sparham

Rural Dean: Andrew Whitehead.  
Lay Chair: Kandi Kammoun.  
Diocese of Bathurst (Australia)

**There are three further candidates for the Diaconate to be ordained in June. They are:**



**Gillian Barker**  
will serve in the  
Heartsease Benefice



**Leonard Perrott**  
will serve in the  
Weybourne Benefice



**Tom Stockwell**  
will serve in the  
Attleborough with  
Besthorpe Benefice

**Please also pray for the candidates for the Priesthood, to be ordained at Norwich Cathedral on Saturday 27 June.**

- **Karen Gower** serving in the Dersingham Benfice
- **Dan Krawczyk** serving in the North Walsham Benefice
- **Hannah Morris** serving in the Flegg Parish Churches
- **Michael Newey** serving in the Dereham and District Team Ministry
- **Carolyn Sexton** serving in the Briston and Briningham Benefice
- **Lucy Stone** serving in the Mitre Benefice
- **Gaynor Sutton** serving in the Caister Benefice

**And pray for the candidate to be ordained by the Bishop of Richborough at All Saints Church in South Lynn on Sunday 28 June at 6pm**

- **Ben Almond** serving in the South and West Lynn Benefice



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

### **Archdeaconry of Norwich**

- Sprowston and North Norwich
- Christ Church, New Catton

### **Archdeaconry of Norfolk**

- Gunton, Corton and Hopton
- Belton and Burgh Castle
- Kirkley
- East Harling (East w West Harling, Bridgham with Roudham, Larling, Brettenham and Rushford)
- Lowestoft St Andrew

### **Archdeaconry of Lynn**

- Hunstanton & Saxon Shore
- Middlewinch
- Launditch & The Upper Nar
- Dereham & District (Team Vicar)



## Discerning Vocation

Being yourself and being prayerfully open to all possibilities will help you discern God's calling whatever stage in life you are at. This could be a call to ordination or it may be one of the many lay ministries in the Diocese of Norwich.

If you are wondering about your call, speak to your Vicar or local church minister. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy:  
**lucy.dallas@dioceseofnorwich.org**

## Visit us at The Royal Norfolk Show

**Come and find us in the Chaplaincy tent, supported by the Church of England**

The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Revd Graham Usher has been appointed President of the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association (RNAA) for 2026. Bishop Graham says: "It is a huge honour and I hope that I can fulfil the role to the very best of my ability." Bishop Graham has chosen 'thriving rural communities' as his theme.



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