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 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

Prayer Diary



**“Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.”**
Psalm 66 v 16



Foreword from **Revd Richard Lamey,** **Director of Mission and Ministry**

Streams is the flowing heart of the diocesan strategy. It is both a statement and an invitation.

The statement is that God continues to work in individual lives and communities, even here, even today. God is love. God is for us and God is with us. God has not stopped acting, turning up, caring and walking with us. He calls us just as he called Mary and Simon Peter and Moses. He walks with us just as he walked with Paul and Ruth and Sarah. So when have you known that God was close and loving and real? What is your story of God's constant love?

And the invitation is to rejoice in your own story and to think about how to explain it to a trusted friend. It is your story – your insight, your encouragement to others. The invitation is to be more open in our talk of faith whether that's

over coffee, in a house group or a midweek club, in a sermon slot or over a family meal.

The invitation is also for benefices to become part of a Streams Community, learning and travelling and praying with other churches in a similar place. Please visit exploringstreams.org to register your benefice.

As you read stories in this Diary and explore them through Streams, and as you share your story, it is our hope and prayer that you are found by God in it and are freshly thankful to the God who, in Jesus, steps into the world's story and changes the world and its story by the song he sings, the stories he shares and the love he lives out.

The Revd Richard Lamey,
Director of Mission and Ministry

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.

Sunday 30

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, in the flaming bush you promised deliverance; in the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering. As we take up the cross show us the transforming power of your love. Amen

Monday 31

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, Sally McCubbin, Andrew Whitehead.

LLMs: David Martin, Kandi Kammoun.

Aylsham St Michael's Nursery & Infant, Cawston Primary Academy. Diocese of Bauchi (Nigeria)

Tuesday 1

Coltishall

Coltishall, Frettenham, Hainford, Horstead, Stratton Strawless.

Clergy: Joanna Haywood. Hainford Primary.

For our outdoor worship and outreach into our local community.

Also for Scottow: Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Diocese of Belize (West Indies)

Wednesday 2

Reepham & Wensum Valley Attlebridge with Alderford, Great with Little Witchingham, Lyng,

Reepham, Salle, Swannington, Thurning, Weston Longville w Morton-on-the-Hill, Wood Dalling. Clergy: Nigel Kinsella. LLMs: Helena Crockford, Jane McLarty. Great Witchingham Primary. Grant us wisdom and guidance in our newly-formed benefice as we learn to walk together in unity, hope, and love. Diocese of Bendigo (Australia)

Thursday 3

Scarrowbeck

Alby, Calthorpe, Erpingham, Ingworth, Thwaite.

Clergy: Heather Butcher.

LLMs: Ian Andrews, Helen Burrell, Angela Parkes, Colin Willis. Erpingham Primary.

For our Mini Melodies group and Young People's Choir as they start the new term.

Diocese of Beni (Congo)

Friday 4

Bawdeswell Group of Churches

Foulsham, Foxley, Lyng, Elsing, Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Sparham and Themelthorpe.

Clergy: Richard Turk. Lyng Primary. Diocese of Bethlehem (USA)

Saturday 5

The Heart of Norfolk

Billingford, Bintree, Guestwick, Guist, North Elmham, Stibbard, Twyford, Wood Norton, Worthing.

Clergy: Sally Kimmis. LLM: Norman Johnson. North Elmham Primary, Stibbard All Saints Primary. Diocese of Bentiu (South Sudan)

Sunday 6

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

God of unity and truth, encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful and bring back the wayward. Gather us all together in mutual love, so that our prayer may be pleasing to you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday 7

Deanery of Loddon

Pray for Rachel Foster as she becomes Rural Dean.
Lay Chair: Genny Godber.
For students, staff and teachers beginning a new school year.
Diocese of Bermuda

Tuesday 8

Bramerton Group Ministry (Rockland)

Bramerton, Carleton Saint Peter, Claxton, Kirby Bedon and Whitlingham, Rockland St Mary, Surlingham.
Clergy: Nick Garrard, Helen Garrard.
Archdeacons: Steven (Norfolk), Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).
Diocese of Benin (Nigeria)

Wednesday 9

Bramerton Group Ministry (Thurton)

Ashby, Bergh Apton, Framingham Pigot, Thurton, Yelverton.
Clergy: Chris Ellis. Alington & Bergh Apton Primary, Thurton Primary.
Diocese of Bhopal (North India)

Thursday 10

Chet Valley

Chedgrave, Hardley, Langley, Loddon, Sisland.
Clergy: Miriam Fife.
LLM: Belinda Barwick.
For blessing on all those working in our outreach ministries, and the power of the Holy Spirit to guard and to guide.
Diocese of Bida (Nigeria)

Friday 11

Poringland

Framingham Earl, Howe, Poringland.
Clergy: Robert Parsonage, Rachel Foster.
Diocese of Biharamulo (Tanzania)

Saturday 12

Venta Group

Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross.
Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy.
During the vacancy, to continue to Create Community, Deepen Discipleship and Encourage Evangelism in and through our churches.
Diocese of Birmingham (England)

Sam's Story

Shepherding nature and people towards God

New Wymondham Abbey curate Revd Sam Ruddock never expected to become a priest or an eco chaplain but says: “The environment is at the heart of my faith: in the quiet liturgy of the woods, the whisper of the wind through stone chapels, in the Godly love of animals, and the indwelling presence of God in every person.”

For 20 years he was a bookseller, festival programmer and event producer. After being called to faith, then ministry, he said: “I believe that the good news of Jesus is good news for all of the earth’s creatures and ecosystems, including humans.

“Eco chaplaincy is a response to the groaning of creation; a call to shepherd nature and people toward God’s healing and goodness.”

As Wymondham Abbey works towards becoming a gold award eco-church Sam hopes to ensure environmental concern



is integral to every area of his ministry. “The challenge is far from hopeless. We live in a time where we have to hold many truths at once: the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss are real and growing, the progress we have already taken is real and growing, and we need to push even harder in the future.”

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Sunday 13

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God of love,
you brought your people out of
slavery with a mighty hand.
Deliver us from our captivity to
self-interest and our indifference to
the gifts of others,
so that we may be ready to love as
you have loved us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Monday 14

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 Blackburn (England)

Tuesday 15

Deanery of Lothingland

Pray for Sharon Lord as she
becomes Rural Dean.
Lay Chair: Jane Tighe.
Bishops: Graham (Norwich), Jane
(Lynn) and Ian (Thetford). Diocese
of Bo (West Africa)

Wednesday 16

Carlton Colville and Mutford

Clergy: Andrea Woods.
LLM: Mark Ellis.
Pray that as we reach out more
to our communities we would
become more confident in sharing
our stories of faith and that we
would see growth.
Diocese of Boga (Congo)

Thursday 17

Hemsby and Lound

Clergy: David Bailey.
Diocese of Bolivia (South America)

Friday 18

Hopton, Corton and Gunton

Clergy: Alastair Gledhill.
LLM: Jackie Makower.
Corton Primary, Hopton Primary.
For us to be renewed in our
mission to make Jesus known in
our parishes.
Giving thanks for the ministry
of Steven Betts as we mark his
retirement.
Diocese of Bondo (Kenya)

Saturday 19

Kessingland

Gisleham, Kessingland, Rushmere.
Clergy: Natalie Rees.
Kessingland Primary.
Diocese of Bor (South Sudan)

Sunday 20

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

God of deep compassion,
you welcome the weak
and free us from the bondage of sin.
Break the cycle of judgement and
violence through Jesus
our forgiveness,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Monday 21

Kirkley

Kirkley with Lowestoft Saint John.
Churchwardens and PCC during
the vacancy.
Meeting of Bishop's Staff.
Diocese of Botswana (Central Africa)

Tuesday 22

Lowestoft Christ Church

Clergy: Jon Carter.
LLM: Peter Williams.
For God to provide the funds for a
major building project.
Diocese of Brandon (Canada)

Wednesday 23

Lowestoft St Andrew

Churchwardens and PCC during
the vacancy.
Diocese of Brechin (Scotland)

Thursday 24

Lowestoft St Margaret

Clergy: Simon Stokes.
LLM: Sarah Spall.
Meeting of Bishop's Council of
Trustees.
Diocese of Brisbane (Australia)

Friday 25

Oulton Broad Team Ministry

Oulton, Oulton Broad.
Clergy: Helen Jary.
LLMs: Rob Newby, Deborah Allsop,
Jill Hunting, Fiona Usher.
Please pray for Youth Worker and
Team Vicar appointments.
Diocese of Bristol (England)

Saturday 26

Pakefield

Clergy: Sharon Lord, Lorraine Light.
LLMs: Loretta Freeman,
Trudie Jackson.
Diocese of British Columbia
(Canada)

Ellen's story:

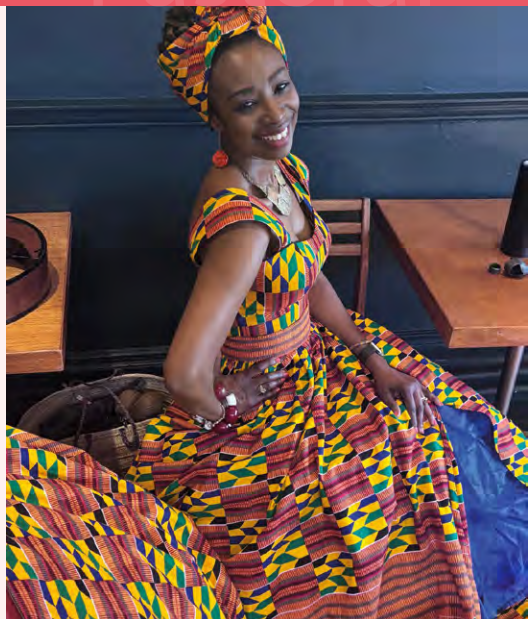
“Singing is one of the most heartfelt ways I express my faith”

When the African Choir of Norfolk sang at the installation of the Archbishop of Canterbury earlier this year, people around the world delighted in its joy and vibrancy.

“Singing alongside fellow choir members in such a historic and spiritual setting was deeply moving. It felt like our voices carried both celebration and prayer,” said primary school teacher and choir member Ellen Haizel.

“Singing is one of the most heartfelt ways I express my faith. It allows me to connect deeply with God, to worship with joy and to share His love through music. Whether I’m singing in church or with the African Choir of Norfolk or on my own at home, it feels like prayer in motion - a way to lift others and celebrate the hope and grace that faith brings.”

Ellen's faith journey began in Ghana where she grew up in a church-going family and at 18 made her personal decision to follow Jesus.



She and her husband have now lived in Norwich for more than 20 years and have three children. She joined the African Choir of Norfolk after seeing it featured on local television.

“What I enjoy most about being part of the African Choir of Norfolk is the deep sense of community and connection it brings,” she said. “Norwich has truly become home, a place where family, faith and community all come together.”

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Sunday 27 **Seventeenth Sunday** **after Trinity**

God of our salvation, we falter before the demands of your word and turn away from your call to life. As you showed mercy to your people of old, pour out your mercy on us, so that we may turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love made known in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday 28 **The Benefice of** **Somerleyton**

Ashby, Blundeston, Fritton, Herringfleet, Somerleyton.
Clergy: Andrew Avery.
Blundeston Primary.
Diocese of Central Buganda (Uganda)

Tuesday 29 **Deanery of Lynn**

Rural Dean: Karlene Kerr.
Diocese of West Buganda (Uganda)

Wednesday 30 **Gayton, Grimston,** **Massingham and District** **Team Ministry**

Ashwicken with Leziate, Bawsey and Mintlyn, Congham, East Walton, Gayton, Gayton Thorpe, Great Massingham, Grimston, Harpley, Little Massingham, Roydon.

Clergy: Josh Whitnall, Sue Martin.
LLM: Joy Smith. Ashwicken Primary, Gayton Primary, Great Massingham Primary, Harpley Primary.
Prayer for ministry within our schools to continue to grow.
Diocese of Buhiga (Burundi)

Thursday 1 **Gaywood**

Clergy: Kyla Sorensen, Fiona Munn, Eleanor Morrison.
LLM: Daphne Sampson.
For good listening and developing relationships within our local community.
Diocese of Bujumbura (Burundi)

Friday 2 **King's Lynn Saint Margaret** **with Saint Nicholas –** **King's Lynn Group**

Clergy: Mark Dimond, Jon Price.
LLMs: Andrew Ward, Vicki Price.
Diocese of Bukavu (Congo)

Saturday 3 **Middlewinch**

East Winch with West Bilney, Middleton, North Runcton, West Winch and Setchey.
Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Middleton Primary.
Diocese of Bukedi (Uganda)

Sunday 4

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

O loving God, keeper of the vineyard, support your people by your Holy Spirit, so that we may bring forth the fruits of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, the eternal vine. Amen.

Monday 5

South and West Lynn - King's Lynn Group

Clergy: Benjamin Almond.
St Michael's (King's Lynn),
Whitefriars Primary (King's Lynn).
Diocese of Bukuru (Church of
Nigeria)

Tuesday 6

St John - King's Lynn Group

Clergy: Karlene Kerr.
LLMs: Joyce Pitcher, David
Osborne.
Archdeacons: Keith (Norwich) and
Catherine (Lynn).
Diocese of Bunbury (Australia)

Wednesday 7

The Church in the Woottons

Clergy: Peter Farquhar.
LLM: Margaret Ojelade.
To feel the love of God afresh
each day.
Diocese of Bungoma (Kenya)

Thursday 8

Deanery of Norwich East

Rural Dean: Richard Stanton.
Lay Chair: Catherine Waddams.
Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara
(Uganda)

Friday 9

Colegate & Tombland (Norwich)

Clergy: Alaric Lewis, Melissa Snell.
LLMs: Helen Grogutt, Kevin
Mitchelson.
Diocese of Busan (Korea)

Saturday 10

Heartsease (Norwich)

Clergy: Julian Bryant, Gill Barker.
LLM: David Lechmere.
The Open Academy.
Please pray for us as we reflect
upon how we can make our
activities and worship more
accessible to our local community.
Diocese of Busoga (Uganda)

Fiona's Story: From lunch-break prayer to pioneer priest

Fiona Munn was a Norwich GP when she realised she was being called to serve as a priest on urban estates.

"I saw firsthand the impact of poverty on people's lives. Some of the situations I encountered really broke my heart," she said. "I used to walk around the estate in my lunch break, praying and wondering how we do church well in estates settings. I kept quizzing my church leaders about how they felt the church should respond to poverty. Eventually I understood God was calling me to ordination and that I would always maintain a focus on urban estates.

"Reading the gospels, I can't help but notice Jesus' care for the poor. My role now is as an estates pioneer priest in Gaywood on the edge of King's Lynn."

Fiona, who grew up in Wells-next-the-Sea and is married with three children, explained: "For me it starts with compassion and social action along with seeking social transformation and justice.



We need to listen deeply and not just to those who shout the loudest or are most articulate. The challenges communities face are complex. There are no quick solutions; it takes a long time to build trust."

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Sunday 11

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Faithful God, 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 12

Lakenham Group (Norwich Lakenham St Mark)

Clergy: Bruce-Julian Batstone.
LLM: Paulette Yallop.
Diocese of Central Busoga (Uganda)

Tuesday 13

Lakenham Group (St John & Tuckswood)

Clergy: Matthew Luscombe.
LLM: Gus Woodcock.
For our monthly 'Church for all the family services' with puppets, prayer and praise!
Diocese of Butare (Rwanda)

Wednesday 14

Norwich Cathedral

Clergy: Andrew Braddock, Peter Doll, Aidan Platten, Liz Leaver.
For the growth and development of the Cathedral's congregational life, especially with young people and families.
Diocese of Butere (Kenya)

Thursday 15

St Andrew (Norwich)

Clergy: Martin Young.
For each one of us to serve with our gifts to grow in Christ and make him known together.
Diocese of Buye (Burundi)

Friday 16

St Giles (Norwich)

Clergy: Alaric Lewis, Melissa Snell.
LLM: Helen Grogutt.
Bishops: Graham (Norwich), Jane (Lynn) and Ian (Thetford).
Diocese of Byumba (Rwanda)

Saturday 17

St Helen (Norwich)

Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy.
Diocese of Calabar (Nigeria)

Sunday 18

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

O God, whose image we bear and whose name we carry, yours is the world and all it contains. Recall us to our true allegiance, so that above the powers and rulers of this world you alone may claim our loyalty and love.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday 19

St Peter Mancroft (Norwich)

Clergy: Edward Carter, Fiona Haworth.

LLMs: Gill Persicke, Catherine Waddams.

For Ewan Davies, at Mancroft on the Ministry Experience Scheme, exploring his vocation.

Meeting of Bishop's Staff.

Diocese of Calcutta (North India)

Tuesday 20

St Stephen (Norwich)

Clergy: Heike Prentice, Sarah Clarke.

LLM: Dave Humphreys.

For St Stephen's Church and Cafe in Norwich city centre, to worship God wholeheartedly, to share His love and welcome strangers.

Diocese of Caledonia (Canada)

Wednesday 21

Thorpe End

Clergy: Ian Fifield.

Please pray that the church will find creative ways to serve the new housing estates in our parish.

Diocese of Calgary (Canada)

Thursday 22

Thorpe Hamlet (Norwich)

Clergy: Patrick Jordan.

For St Matthews our work with children and families, our 3C's club and our work with women through the international friendship group.

Diocese of California (USA)

Friday 23

Thorpe St Andrew (Norwich)

Clergy: James Stewart.

LLM: Linda Stone.

Diocese of Northern California (USA)

Saturday 24

Timberhill (Norwich)

Clergy: Richard Stanton.

Diocese of Cameroon (West Africa)

Liz's Story: Combining vocation and faith

**I'm Liz and I'm the
Communications Manager for
the Diocese of Norwich.**

I have always loved writing, meeting people and listening to their stories so it's a real privilege to be able to combine that with a career.

I was brought up in a Christian home and baptised as a teenager and my faith has been a constant source of hope and encouragement in my life. I became a journalist and worked in radio and television newsrooms before having a family and moving into communications.

I really enjoy meeting people in parishes. There are so many people who dedicate themselves to church communities and often at a cost; because of their faith and because they care. These are the ones who don't often like blowing their own trumpets – so it's my joy to do it for them.

Jesus was of course, a master at communications. I have many favourite stories in the bible



from different seasons over the years. In Mark 5 v 41, Jesus takes Jairus' daughter by the hand and says 'Talitha koum' which means 'get up little girl'. This was so helpful to me during the pandemic and in difficult situations since. It's full of compassion and love. She didn't have to be strong by herself, he took her by the hand. A gospel message wrapped up in two words. For me, this sums up my vocation and my faith.

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Sunday 25

Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

You know us each by name, O God, and in your sight we have found favour, yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or the vastness of your love. Grant, that as we glimpse your greatness, we may always return to you the praise that is yours alone. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday 26

Trowse (Norwich)

Clergy: Rosemary Braby.
LLM: Chris Sanham.
Church leaders of Churches Together in Norfolk and Waveney: Ms Liz Hoffbauer (Society of Friends – Quakers), Rev Helen Hollands (Methodist), Major Stephen Oliver (Salvation Army), Rev Lythan Nevard (United Reformed Church), Rev David Mayne (Baptist), Rt Rev Peter Collins (Roman Catholic), Rt Rev Graham Usher (Church of England).
Diocese of El Camino Real (USA)

Tuesday 27

Deanery of Norwich North

Rural Dean: Tim Yau.
Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn (Australia)

Wednesday 28

Drayton

Clergy: Marc Palmer.
Drayton Junior.
That our parish hall redevelopment may bless the whole community.
Diocese of Canterbury (England)

Thursday 29

Hellesdon

Clergy: Sue Mann.
LLM: Milee Brambleby.
Diocese of Cape Coast (West Africa)

Friday 30

Horsford, Felthorpe and Hevingham

Clergy: Margaret McPhee.
LLM: Richard McPhee.
Horsford Primary.
For our developing accessibility plans for each church and integrating Streams in our growth plans.
Diocese of Cape Town (Southern Africa)

Saturday 31

Horsham, Spixworth & Crosthewick

Clergy: Rosemary Maskell.
St Faiths Primary (Horsham).
Chaplaincy to Norwich Airport.
Give thanks for all who volunteer in our churches and pray that others may be inspired to share the load.
Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba (West Indies)

Sunday 1**All Saints' Day**

God of all people, from every tribe and language; you called true witnesses who sang your praise, lived your grace and worked for peace.

May we share their faith and live by their example, so that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. Amen.

Monday 2**Mile Cross**

Clergy: Martin Hartley.

LLM: Lee Marsden.

Diocese of Carlisle (England)

Tuesday 3**Old Catton**

Clergy: David Hagan-Palmer, Jessica Bannister. LLM: Jo Mash. Old Catton Junior.

Pray that people will be called to supportive roles within the church and community.

Diocese of East Carolina (USA)

Wednesday 4**Sprowston and North Norwich Team Ministry**

New Catton, New Catton St Luke, St Mary Magdalene, Sprowston.

Clergy: Carol Pritchard, Graham Kirk-Spriggs, Tim Yau.

Lay Worker: Carrie Sant.

LLMs: Margaret Gray, Andrew

Hudson, Stephanie Grand.

Diocese of North Carolina {USA}

Thursday 5**Taverham with Ringland**

Clergy: Paul Seabrook, Stella Green, Val Hooker, Gill Osborne, Phil Charlesworth.

LLMs: Ben Fiaz,

Frances Sanderson-Bates.

Taverham Junior.

Diocese of South Carolina (USA)

Friday 6**Deanery of Norwich South**

Rural Dean: Graham Wilkins.

Lay Chair: Sandra Isaac, Roger Wood.

Archdeacons Keith (Norwich) and Catherine (Lynn).

Diocese of Upper South Carolina (USA)

Saturday 7**Bowthorpe (Norwich)**

Clergy: Mark Elvin as he begins a new ministry in Yorkshire.

Cloverhill Infant & Nursery (Bowthorpe), St Michael's Junior (Bowthorpe).

Diocese of Western North Carolina (USA)



Harry's story: Finding faith as a young man working in nightclub security

My name is Harry and I'm 22 and I do security and retail in nightclubs. I used to come into a church during the day and read from the bible, before I started speaking to anyone about coming to church. Every time I came to the church, I felt that all my issues were left at the door and I was alone and at peace.

My faith started in March last year, I was introduced to Crossroads and the support and guidance I received has been

amazing. I was baptised in October and it confirmed my belief even more that this is one of the greatest things to happen to me.

Before my faith, I thought my work environment was good, but now I have my faith I've realised it's not. It's interesting to see another side of the world and it gives me compassion.

Someone did say to me once that the environment I work in is very dark and I bring light to the dark. Faith has helped shape my own life. I can see how God has worked within my life.

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Sunday 8

Third Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday

O God, you call us to choose
between you and the false gods of
this world.

In the midst of the darkness of
sin and death
wake us from our slumber
and call us forth to greet Christ,
so that with our eyes and hearts
fixed on him,
he may lead us to eternal light.
Amen.

Monday 9

Costessey

Clergy: James Pinto.

LLMs: Margaret Proudfoot,
David Thompson.

For those attending our Christianity
Explored course this term.

Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and
Ossory (Ireland)

Tuesday 10

Colney, Cringleford.

Clergy: Graham Wilkins, Charlotte
Eagles, John Wigfield.

LLMs: Shirley Wood, Tim Harle.
Cringleford Primary.

Meeting of Rural Deans from across
the diocese.

Diocese of Chandigarh (North India)

Wednesday 11

Earlham

Clergy: Sam Lees.

Diocese of Chelmsford (England)

Thursday 12

Eaton Christ Church (Norwich)

Clergy: Patrick Richmond.

LLMs: John Harrison, Alistair Bolt.

Please pray for our commitment
to grow in discipleship, as the
root of our service, invitation, and
welcome.

Diocese of Chester (England)

Friday 13

Eaton St Andrew (Norwich)

Clergy: James Cook.

For creativity and boldness in
sharing Christ over the coming
weeks.

Diocese of Chhattisgarh
(North India)

Saturday 14

Heigham Holy Trinity (Norwich)

Clergy: Richard James.

LLM: Jonathan Mason.

Pray for the next generation
of gospel workers to be given
confidence to serve Christ in our
congregation, community, city
and world through the Growing
Younger Leaders course.

Diocese of Chicago (USA)

Sunday 15

Second Sunday before Advent

God of the Covenant, even when we fall into sin, you remember that you have chosen us to be your servant people. Awaken us to the power and gifts you have bestowed upon us for the good of creation. May we be trustworthy in all things, working with purpose to increase your realm. Amen.

Monday 16

Swardeston

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

Tuesday 17

The Mitre

St Alban Lakenham, St Barnabas Heigham w St Bartholomew, St Thomas Heigham.
Clergy: Tom Eagles, Joanna Payne, Adam Poole, Lucy Stone.
LLMs: Roxanne Rouse, Diana Timms.
For the first cohorts of young people going through the Spear Centre, a charity helping young people overcome barriers to work and education and to reach their potential, that we have launched out of St Barnabas Church.
Diocese of Chotanagpur (North India)

Wednesday 18

Deanery of Redenhall

Rural Dean: Chris Hutton.
Lay Chair: Jennie Vere.
Diocese of Christ the King (Mocambique e Angola)

Thursday 19

Dickleburgh and the Pulhams

Dickleburgh, Pulham Market, Pulham St Mary, Rushall, Starston, Thelveton.
Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLM: Gale Hodgkinson.
Dickleburgh Primary, Pulham Primary.
Diocese of Christ the King (Southern Africa)

Friday 20

Earsham Group (Ditchingham)

Alburgh, Broome, Denton, Ditchingham, Earsham, Hedenham.
Clergy: Chris Hutton. Alburgh-w-Denton Primary, Ditchingham Primary, Earsham Primary.
Diocese of Christchurch (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Saturday 21

Redenhall with Scole

Billingford, Brockdish, Needham, Redenhall with Harleston and Wortwell, Scole, Thorpe Abbots.
Clergy: Jonathan Richardson.
LLMs: Lynda Mansfield, John Taylor.
Harleston Sanctroft, Harleston Primary, Scole Primary.
Thanks for the Team Chaplaincy and volunteers supporting our three schools. Pray as we launch a new worshipping community in the schools and for the ongoing restoration of St John's following the fire.
Diocese of Chubu (Nippon Sei Ko Kai)

Helen's story: Retirement leads to unexpected paths in ministry

I'm Helen, Bishop's Adviser for Licensed Lay Ministry – though I never imagined retirement would take me here. After 35 years teaching, faith was always my anchor, but ministry was something I squeezed in around school life.

Four years ago, everything shifted. I left my relationship, moved into Norwich, and felt a strong pull towards serving God more fully. Voluntary chaplaincy at the Cathedral lit a spark: the energy of the building, the peace, the conversations, the privilege of praying with strangers. At the same time, teaching was draining me. With God's nudge becoming impossible to ignore, I took early retirement.

And then life exploded with opportunity. I helped launch a community café, supported local neighbourhoods, continued chaplaincy, joined charity boards, mentored LLMs, and worked at All Hallows Guesthouse. Just when I wondered what might come next, an unexpected email arrived – and suddenly I was being



commissioned as the Bishop's Adviser for LLMs.

Since then, it's been full-on: meeting many of our LLMs across the Diocese, navigating new national regulations, organising training, presenting papers, and rediscovering the joy of being part of a team.

Retirement hasn't slowed me down – it's opened doors I didn't even know existed. You never know where God will lead you next.

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Sunday 22

Christ the King

Destitute king,
one with the hungry, the naked,
and the scorned:
may our faith be proved not in
dogma and piety
but in serving you in the last and
the least; through Jesus Christ,
the stranger's Lord. Amen.

Monday 23

Diss

Clergy: Elizabeth Burren,
Peter Burren.
Diss Junior Academy.
Please pray that we will continue
to grow in faith and numbers.
Meeting of Bishop's Staff.
Diocese on the Coast (Nigeria)

Tuesday 24

Winfarthing and Upper Waveney

Bressingham, Burston, Fersfield,
Gissing, North Lopham, Roydon,
Shelfanger, South Lopham,
Tivetshall, Winfarthing.
Clergy: Tracey Caswell.
LLM: Susan Drake.
All Saints Primary (Winfarthing),
St Andrew's Primary (Lopham).
Diocese of Clogher (Ireland)

Wednesday 25

Deanery of Repps

Rural Dean: Christian Heycocks.
Roughton – Churchwardens and
PCC during the vacancy.
St Mary's Primary (Roughton).
Diocese of Cochin (South India)

Thursday 26

Poppyland

Antingham, Northrepps,
Overstrand, Sidestrand,
Southrepps, Thorpe Market,
Trimingham. Clergy: Sian Reading.
LLMs: Tim Bennett, Janet Payne.
Overstrand The Belfry Primary.
Diocese of Coimbatore (South India)

Friday 27

Quintet

Aylmerton, Beeston Regis,
Gresham, Runton.
LLM: Pam Thompson.
Please pray for the Benefice during
the vacancy, for the Churchwardens,
LLM Pam Thompson, and retired
and visiting clergy who are taking
services. Pray that God is already
preparing the person to be our next
incumbent.
Diocese of Colombia (USA)

Saturday 28

Cromer

Clergy: Will Warren.
Meeting of Diocesan Synod.
Diocese of Colombo (Ceylon)

Sunday 29

Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom
dawns, turn us from the darkness
of sin to the light of holiness,
so that we may be ready to meet
you in our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Monday 30

Sheringham

Clergy: Christian Heycocks, Iain
Grant, Christina Rees.

For our ongoing ministry and
mission as an 'Inclusive Church'.

Diocese of Colorado (USA)

Tuesday 1

Trunch Group

Gimingham, Knapton, Mundesley,
Paston, Trunch with Bradfield
and Swafeld.

Clergy: Sally Myers.

LLM: Andrea Lee.

Diocese of Congo Brazzaville
(Congo)



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.

Archdeaconry of Norwich

- Sprowston and North Norwich
- St Helen / Great Hospital
- Earlham (Associate Vicar and UEA Chaplain)

Archdeaconry of Norfolk

- Redenhall with Scole
- Kirkley
- East Harling
- Upper Tas Valley
- Lowestoft St Andrew
- Mulbarton
- United Benefice of King's Beck
- Venta Group
- Dickleburgh
- Bradwell
- Oulton Broad (Team Vicar)
- Great Ellingham (Associate Priest)

Archdeaconry of Lynn

- Middlewinch
- Launditch & The Upper Nar
- Barnham Broom & Upper Yare
- Briston & Briningham
- Quintet
- South & West Lynn
- Dereham & District (Team Vicar)



Streams

Diocesan Mission Strategy and Prayer

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You are also very welcome to join us in prayer every Tuesday at 8.30am for 15 minutes. Join us via this link:

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or call 01603 880853 if you need help with joining.

The Streams website can be found at **exploringstreams.co.uk** where you can find stories of faith to inspire you, resources to equip you and support to encourage you.

Streams Prayer

God of our adventure,
you are the living water
Jesus offers those
who thirst:
rain your grace down
upon our church
communities.
Bless with your
overflowing Spirit
those who lead and serve.
Transform us, we pray –
make us your disciples.
Amen

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