

Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet



Parishes of

Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford
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6th Sunday after Trinity: 27 July 2025

Readings:

Psalms 85; Colossians 2: 6 – 15; Luke 11: 1 - 13

Collect for The Day

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

Mike Delph, Former Church Warden of Hevingham

It was with great sadness that we heard the news Mike had died in June. His funeral took place on Thursday; unsurprisingly Hevingham Church was packed. He had 2 stints as Church Warden, combining to over 20 years of heart service. He made a huge impact, always pottering in the church, checking the churchyard and lighting every candle possible in services! His heart was to serve “the good Lord”. He loved Crystal and his family and the community he lived in. In today’s Sunday services across the Benefice, we will sing his favourite hymn “Father I place into Your hands”. I will miss his kindness, humour, commitment and passion.

Margaret

My Time of Sabbatical is over!

I am back! I have had an amazing time over the past 12 weeks. Thank you for all your prayers and kind messages, cards and gifts I received to encourage me along.

I couldn't have taken this gift of time without support from you all and the people taking on wide responsibilities and who worked so hard behind the scenes; you know who you are, thank you. In particular, thanks to:

- Jeremy Sly, who as a new Church Warden in Horsford, has looked after so much across the Benefice. It has certainly been a steep learning opportunity for him but one he relished – I will find out next week just what happened!
- Richard McPhee, Lay Reader, who took all the funerals and burial of ashes services in addition to his Sunday and other commitments whilst I was away.
- everyone who has ensured services can take place and welcomed our visitors.

Please bear with me over the next few weeks as I catch up on what has happened, deal with a number of matters and get through over 900 emails! Anything urgent, please leave a message on my landline. I look forward to catching up with you during August, God Bless, Margaret

All Saints Thatch Repairs

Since April we have received:

- £76.88 in donations;
- £166.75 from fund raising: £111.75 from the Horsford Community garage sale and £55 from greeting card sales.

A grant application to Geoffrey Watling Fund will be considered at their September meeting; do pray for a favourable response.

A reminder the cost is £50,715 (this includes 15% contingency) plus architect fees £10,156.50. Including the 3 grants confirmed and the £7,200 used to pay for the thatch, £48,845 has been covered. Now we need to raise just over £12,000 – do pray!

Donations at Life Event Services at Hevingham Church

- Baptism, 15 June, £98.30
- Funeral, 24 July, £153 plus (currently); £163.75 on line

Electrical ECIR and PAT testing

Both St Margaret's, Felthorpe and St Mary and St Botolph's, Hevingham have substantial remedial work to ensure the ECIR Certificate can be given. This does mean limited use of electrical equipment, lighting and heating in the meantime. Grants will need to be applied for to enable these essential, legal works to go ahead.

Specific prayers for this week

- Margaret as she returns from her Sabbatical
- Samuel and Abigail whose Banns for Marriage are currently being read in Horsford
- For the baptisms taking place shortly at All Saints, Horsford:
 - Amelia and Elsie Harper, 16 August
 - Archibald Ellis, 24 August

Our Benefice Team

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