

Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet



Parishes of Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford Transformed by Christ: **Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic**

9th Sunday after Trinity: 17 August 2025

Welcome to
the Venerable Keith James, Archdeacon of Norwich
Benefice Visitation

Reading: Luke 6: 46 - 49

Collect for The Day

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

Terry Burns

Terry was a much-loved resident of The Old Rectory, Hevingham. He sadly died on Friday. I had the privilege of visiting him Wednesday evening where I was able to anoint and pray for him. Terry always took the collection at Hevingham church services. He loved singing at The Old Rectory monthly services and we always had to include He's Got the Whole World in His Hands and Give Me Joy. All Things Bright and Beautiful and O Come All Ye Faithful were 2 of his other favourites. His funeral will take place in Hevingham Church and he'll be laid to rest in the churchyard; details will follow soon.

Horsford Churchyard Extension

I've been working with Tom Williams, Diocesan Director of Property Services, concerning the boundary of the churchyard with the landowners, the Day family. They have expressed concern about the gaps in the hedge which the PCC, under the extension purchase Deed of 2006, were asked to install and maintain a continuous hedge. We have until mid-October to undertake this work. As a result, the gravedigger and the volunteer from the community who cuts the expanse of unused grass won't be able to access the churchyard from this field. The gravedigger's equipment just about fits through the pedestrian entrance from Church Street but this use will have consequences for the pathway and grass verges. The PCC will be seeking help from the Diocese on how we might future proof access to the churchyard other than the 2 pedestrian entrances.

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride Saturday 13 September

Coordinator's: Gill Marchand, Felthorpe and Rachel Stowell, Horsford

There's a sponsorship form in each church to sponsor all who are taking part so saving us the decision on who to sponsor! If you're taking part, please do let me know, we'd like to make sure everyone knows!

Autumn Small Groups: The Nicene Creed

This 5 week course is in October and November on a Thursday afternoon. If you can't make this time, please let Margaret know and we'll see if there are enough people to set up a second group at a different time.

Bibles for Reception Children

...have arrived for the 42 children are starting at Horsford C of E VA Primary School in September. Thank you for the donations so far. There's still time to sponsor; they're £6.45 each. Place your gift in an envelope clearly marked "Reception Bibles" or donate by BACs to Horsford PCC with the reference "Reception Bibles".

Specific prayers for this week

- For the baptism of Archibald Ellis, 24 August, All Saints, Horsford
- The couples whose Banns for Marriage are currently being read:
 - Alex and Lauren
 - Chris and Lorna
 - Sam and Abi
- For the family and friends of Mavis Manley whose funeral takes place on the 19 August, St Faith's Crematorium and whose ashes are being interred in Horsford churchyard, Thursday 21 August
- Horsford Church Room Committee meeting, Monday 18 August
- For a favourable response for our grant application by Geoffrey Watling Fund for All Saints Thatch Repair being considered on the 5th September and response to the appeal for the funds.
- The Lay Assistants at Holy Communion and Home Communion teams

Next Week's Services

Tuesday: Mid-Week Communion, Horsford, 10.30am

Next Sunday:

- Horsford, 10.30am, Morning Worship
- Felthorpe, 5pm, BCP Holy Communion

Our Benefice Team

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