

# Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet



Parishes of

Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford  
Transformed by Christ:

**Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic**



10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: 24 August 2025

**Readings:** Psalm 145: 1 – 7; Acts 5: 12 – 16; Luke 22: 24 – 30

## Collect for The Day

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Collect for St Bartholomew

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word:  
grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Terry Byrne's Funeral

Terry's funeral is at St Mary and St Botolph Church, Hevingham on Tuesday 2 September, 12.30pm after which he will be laid to rest in the churchyard. All are welcome to come along.

## Horsford - All Saints Thach Repairs

Last week I announced that the cost of the repairs had gone up to £55,500 plus VAT, an increase of around £13,500 from the 2023 quote. I am waiting for the breakdown of the figures from the thatcher so a material change request for the grant application of £8,000 with Geoffrey Watling Trust can be made; They make their decision on the 5 September.

The PCC decided, if the thatcher is able, to have the prework completed ready to go in October if the funding comes in, or if not to set April dates. We're waiting for their decision.

The Standing Committee gave the go ahead for the Health and Safety assessment at a cost of £675 plus VAT.

Generous donations have been received in the past 10 days:

- £500 from the Inn Christian Ministries charity
- £1,430 from individual donations – thank you to you all
- Baptism, 16 August, £163.82

If you'd like to donate, you can do so in a number of ways:

- [www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/allsaintshorsford](http://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/allsaintshorsford) link
- Donations to Horsford Parochial Church Council by BACs, cheque or cash clearly marked "thatch repairs"

Some words from a recent donor who visited All Saints:

"I wish you lots of success in keeping the church in good repair. It is the history of the village and should not be lost. It is a place where people come when they want comfort and it needs to be there for everyone."

## Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride Saturday 13 September

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

Support our cyclists, walkers and drivers using the Parish Church sponsorship form so saving us the decision on who to sponsor! So far Kevin and Sue Elliston, Rachel Stowell and Frances Dawson are taking part for All Saints. There could be more...let me know. Thanks, Margaret

### Bibles for Reception Children

Kind donations have been received to support this; the Benefice Mission Fund will also support the purchase. Any further gifts, please place in an envelope clearly marked "Reception Bibles" or donate by BACs to Horsford Parochial Church Council 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
- For a favourable response for our grant application by Geoffrey Watling Fund for All Saints Thatch Repair and response to the appeal for the funds.
- All Age Worship planning meeting, Thursday evening

### Next Week's Services

**Tuesday:** Mid-Week Communion, Horsford, 10.30am

**Next Sunday:**

- Benefice Service, Horsford, 10.30am, Holy Communion

## Our Benefice Team

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