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Benefice Prayer List

We pray for those sick, ill, or who need our prayers:

Herbert Websdell, Myra Payne, Paula Brewster, Kathy Leeder, Sheena Duncan, Ken Deighton, Ruth Cawcutt, Gary Took. Those battling cancer.

For all carers, particularly those caring for loved ones at home.

For the repose of the souls of those recently departed:

Dawn Stannard, Raymond Hannant, Frances Matthews

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this month:

Mavis Woods, Audrey Watchorn, Patricia Hepple, Leslie Cross, Edward Roberts, Geoffrey Bates, Audrey Corbyn, Mark Woods

Dates for your Diary

7th Funday Sunday, Pulham Market Ch grounds, 12.30pm

10th Communion at Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

10th-11th Ministry Team retreat in Norwich

11th 9/11 talk at PSM Church £15 a ticket, see Rev'd Carl, Rosetta or Ruth, 7.30pm

13th Sponsored Bike, Walk, Drive in the Norfolk Countryside
9.00am-5.00pm

17th Communion at Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

18th Meet & Mardle in DB Church Rooms, 2.00pm

22nd-24th Diocese Clergy Conference in Norwich

24th Communion at Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

27th Cleaning Starston Church, inc Bacon Butties, 10.00am

28th Back to Church Sunday

SAFEGUARDING

To report SG concerns please contact Tony Gray on 01379 676321 or tonygray@gmail.com or to Sue Brice on 01603 882345 or safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org

The Weekly Pewslip

Sunday 7th September 2025

TRINITY 12/PROPER 18/GREEN

Services THIS Sunday 7th September

08.00 Communion, Pulham St Mary

09.30 All Age Worship, Dickleburgh

09.30 Communion & Lighthouse, Pulham Market

11.00 Battle of Britain Service, Starston

11.00 Morning Prayer, Thelveton

Services NEXT Sunday 14th September

09.30 Communion, Dickleburgh

09.30 Messy Church, Pulham Market

11.00 Harvest Communion, Pulham St Mary

11.00 Communion, Rushall

11.00 Communion, Starston

Midweek Communion

Every Wednesday

10.00am

Pulham St Mary Church

Saturday Prayers

Saturday mornings

Dickleburgh Church

9.30am

From our Benefice Cycle of Prayer

For our Bishops – particularly Bishop Graham, Bishop of Norwich.

For our Ministry Team – our Rector, Carl, Gill Shaw, Ordinand, training for the priesthood

For our Benefice – that we may be faithful to our calling and vision, putting Jesus at the centre of our communities, churches and lives.

For Julie in the benefice office.

For our Schools – Dickleburgh and Pulham Market CofE Primaries.

For those in local government – Parish Councillors and village groups. For those living in our parish, particularly those living in streets (from your parish).

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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**

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

TRINITY 12/PROPER 18

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30.15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1

+ **For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.**

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. +
- 2 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. +
- 3 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. +

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have towards the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that

is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 14.25-33

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.