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Dear all,

This update is covering 2 weeks; my next email will be on Saturday 29th November.

Sunday 16th November. This Sunday we are meeting at 10am for a service of Morning Worship. I will be leading and preaching on 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 and Luke 21: 5-19. We will also have an update on the results of our recent focus on gratitude and giving (Stewardship).

Sunday 23rd November. Next Sunday Sue is leading and Andrew is preaching on Colossians 1: 11-20 and Luke 23: 33-43 at our service of Morning Worship at 10am.

On both Sundays we continue to meet for prayer in the vestry at 9.45. Anyone is welcome to join us, particularly those who are taking any part in the service.

Church Activities: All our church activities are listed on our website at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19185/service-and-events/calendar/2025/11/>.

The only change from usual is that Salad Bowl is not meeting on Friday 28th November (or 26th December) – restarts 23rd January:

You can also find the Worship Rota on our website, listing the passages for each Sunday, as well as who is on the rota for the day
- <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19185/news/notice-sheet/grid/>

Cinderella. Saltmine is returning to St Barnabas Church on **Friday, 28th November 2025**, at 7pm, to present "Cinderella". **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW** from the Church Office, or by calling 01482 632941 or emailing: admin@stbchurch.org.uk. Adults £10, Under 16's £5, Family (2+2) £25

Road Closure. Main Street will be closed from Priory Close to Dower Rise from 17th to 24th November to enable a new electrical connection.. The Church remains accessible and open, although you will have to come the long way round from the other side of the village.

Church Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday 24th and 25th November. Phone messages and emails will be checked periodically.

PCC: The PCC shares the leadership of the church with the vicar. Last Monday we had our PCC meeting. It was a full agenda where much was discussed and agreed. We reviewed various topics related to financial administration, safeguarding, and the building's current state. Some items of interest to share:

- After Christmas, the priority is our Alpha Course. Beyond this, we are investigating how we can start a mid-week coffee morning, a new regular meeting for women and relaunch our housegroups.
- I shared my intention to develop the Sunday services to better reflect the modern and informal nature of the church so that our worship becomes more contemporary. We will have a more consistent name for our service – 'Morning Worship', which will still follow the Church of England pattern, but will use fewer words on the screen and look to incorporate more times for reflection and response. We will still celebrate communion twice a month, using the less formal pattern on both occasions which we have used on the 4th Sunday since the summer. Musically, we will be resting the organ while we continue to be supported by Ruth on the keyboard, Nigel and his team and the Singing at St. B's group. We will be introducing music videos on the first Sunday in the month. This will be 'evolution', rather than 'revolution', and we will review how this works, making any changes necessary.
- Andrew and Sue will have their "Permission to Officiate" licences extended, and the Bishop has agreed that Richard will be able to preach more regularly. This will give me the time to start a new monthly afternoon service with younger children in mind from January.
- I have agreed to a request from the Archdeacon to assist with IT for churches in the Deanery and to a request from Bishop Eleanor to be involved in 'Discipleship Huddles'.
- We agreed a new hiring policy for letting our buildings, with simplified costs to be agreed shortly. This will enable us to meet our desire to be more available to the local community.

- At the beginning of December, Shirley will be providing and decorating a Christmas tree in the foyer (the unused TV monitor will be removed) and John will be putting the nativity stable into the Chapel.

Alpha Course. Have you ever wondered if there is more to life? For those who know the new life that comes from following Jesus, do you find it hard to share this with friends, neighbours and family? The Alpha course is here for you. Starting on Tuesday, 13th January 2026 at 7pm at St Barnabas, the course will run weekly on Tuesdays up to Easter.

Emergency Contacts

When I am not available, please contact the Church Office in the first instance.

For the times when the Church Office is closed, in emergency, please contact one of our wardens:

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I hope to see as many of you as possible on Sunday; have a great couple of weeks, whatever you do.

Kevin

Revd Kevin Barnard, Vicar of Swanland

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