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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:

James Woods, Gillian Smith

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this month:

Brian Sprague, Patricia Gilby, Terence Turner, Jeanne Minns, John Greengrass, Martin French

Dates for your Diary

23rd Carols around Dickleburgh, meet at Church, 7.00pm

24th – 4th January – Benefice Office Closed

24th Crib Service, Pulham St Mary Church, 3.00pm

24th Crib Service, Dickleburgh Church, 5.00pm

24th Midnight Mass, Starston Church, 11.00pm

24th Midnight Mass, Pulham Market Church, 11.30pm

25th Family Communion, Dickleburgh Church, 10.00am

25th Family Communion, Starston Church, 10.00am

28th Benefice Communion, Thelveton Church, 10.00am

JANUARY

5th-12th Rev'd Carl on annual leave

24th Burns Night, PMKT Memorial Hall, £20.00, 7.00pm, ring 07753 689843 for details

SAFEGUARDING

To report SG concerns please contact Tony Gray on 01379 676321 or tonyigray59@gmail.com or to Sue Brice on 01603 882345 or safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org

The Weekly Pewslip

Sunday 21st December 2025

ADVENT 4/PURPLE

Services THIS Sunday 21st December

09.30 Communion, Dickleburgh

09.30 Communion & Lighthouse, Pulham Market

15.00 Carol Service, Thelveton

16.00 Christingle, Pulham Market

17.00 Carol Service, Pulham St Mary

18.30 Carol Service, Starston

Services NEXT Sunday 28th December

10.00 Benefice Communion, Thelveton

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 Archdeacon, Steven, and for his PA Graham Cossey and all who provide support to him.

For our Ministry Team – for all who lead our worship and benefice. For Gale, our Reader Emiritus and Maggie our AWA

For our Schools – For the children in Key Stage 2 and their teachers.

For Culrose Care Home – its residents and staff.

For those living in our parish, particularly those living in streets (from your parish).

For those who serve the church locally – musicians, those who serve refreshments, those who care for our churchyards and buildings.

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

O Key of David

Isaiah 7:10-16

The Sign of Immanuel

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

Matthew 11:2-11

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

