

# PARISH OF GREAT YARMOUTH

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER + ST PAUL'S + ST MARY'S

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Second Sunday before Lent

Services Today:

- 9.30 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at St. Paul's
- 10.30 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at The Minster
- 11.00 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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### Reflection

In our reading from St Matthew's Gospel this Sunday, Jesus encourages us not to be too concerned for our own well-being, but to rely on God. Later, at the end of the Gospel (Chapter 25), Jesus will remind us that our primary calling in life is to serve others, most notably the hungry, the naked, the stranger, the sick and those in prison. Some years ago, as a response to this command from Jesus, many among you set up Pathway. Now a thriving, independent charity, Pathway serves up to 300 hot meals and distributes about 40 food parcels per week. So, we are doing well! But we need more volunteers, especially to join the clergy team in providing pastoral support to clients as they visit for a meal or a food parcel. Could that be you? Talk to Rev Richard if you would like to know more. Rev Richard

### This Week's Diary

*Minster open daily 10am-12pm Morning Prayer is said daily Monday - Thursday in the Minster at 9am All welcome*

Date	Time	Service/Event	Church/Location
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Craft Group	St. Mary's
	14.00	Place of Welcome	St. Paul's
	14.00	Standing/Fabric Committee Meetings	Vestry
	17.00	Faith & Friends	Minster
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	Lunchtime Holy Communion	Minster
	14.30	Hand Bell Ringers Practice	Vestry
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Mid-week Holy Communion	St. Mary's
	12.30	Wednesday Club	St. Mary's
	19.00	Bible Study	Rev Liz's House
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Reflective Space	St. Mary's
	16.45	Choristers	Minster
	19.00	Bell Ringers Practice	Minster
	19.00	Choir Rehearsals	Minster
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>			
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Vestry Hour	Minster
	13.00	Bingo	St. Mary's
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Sunday before Lent</b>	
	9.30	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion	St. Paul's
	10.30	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion	Minster
	11.00	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion	St. Mary's
	18.00	Choral Evensong	Minster

### Notices

**St. Mary's Spring Sale** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 12 noon in the church hall. All welcome.

**Ash Wednesday** (18<sup>th</sup> February) will be marked in the parish with services at 10am at St Paul's and 6pm at the Minster. Please make every effort to mark the start of this holy season as we prepare for Easter

Last year's **Palm Crosses** may be returned in preparation for Ash Wednesday: they are used to prepare the ash. Please return to clergy in the coming weeks.

**Alpha Course from Saturday 28 February at 12pm @ The Minster vestry.** In Lent this year we are starting an Alpha Course! This is a course aimed at anyone wanting to learn more about Jesus, faith and the Bible. It starts on 28 February at 12pm in the vestry at the Minster. Each session will last approx. 1.5hrs. Lunch and snacks will be provided. You will watch a film about the day's topic and have the chance to discuss your ideas and questions in small groups. The course will run every Saturday lunchtime until 16 May. There will also be an away day. There is no expectation of preparation! Just come along and see. You can learn more about Alpha at <https://alpha.org.uk/what-is-alpha>

The diocesan **Chrism Eucharist** is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March in the Cathedral at 11am. This is open to all and includes the blessing of holy oils and renewal of our commitment to ministry for clergy and laity together.

**Easter Eve** we will be joined by +Ian once again, so I wonder if we can be thinking, praying and asking about people to be confirmed?

**Place of Welcome, St Paul's, Mondays 2pm - 4pm.** A Place of Welcome provides a place for people to connect with one another and find belonging. For more information please contact Pam on 01493 858332.

**Weekend Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham Shrine 3 - 5 July 2026.** This year we will be making a Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham Shrine for a weekend of worship, prayer, contemplation, study and fellowship. The Pilgrimage will run from Friday to Sunday lunchtime and we will stay two nights at the Shrine. To register your interest please contact Rev Richard at [revrichard@gtymouthminster.org](mailto:revrichard@gtymouthminster.org)

**Notice Sheet** is emailed every week: if you wish to be on the mailing list please email: [office@gtymouthminster.org](mailto:office@gtymouthminster.org)

**Parish Magazine:** The February magazine is out now, we would love to receive articles for our Parish Life magazine. If you would like to send in a poem, recipe, a report from your exciting holiday, a reflection or anything of interest, send them

to [patstringer1840@gmail.com](mailto:patstringer1840@gmail.com).

**PARISH PRAYER LIST.** Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit or in need of God's loving care: Kevin, Len, Joanne, Gillian, Mal, Bobby (Christine), Jane, Patrick. We remember before God the recently departed: Ayne Whelham, Elaine Hamilton.