



The Benefice of Dickleburgh and The Pulhams

# The Weekly Pewslip

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT/PURPLE

## The heartbeat of the community

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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, Ruth Cawcutt. Those battling cancer.

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

**For the repose of the souls of those recently departed:**

Gary Took, Lynda Mitchell, Baby Grace, Edward Fielding

**For those whose anniversary of death falls at this month:**

Julie Websdell, Pauline Crisp, Derek Chenery, Martin Croft, Raymond Hubbard, Sylvia Allen, Sylvia Duckett

### Dates for your Diary

4<sup>th</sup> Communion in PSM Church, 10.00am

4<sup>th</sup> Lent course in DB Church Rooms, 6.30pm for food,

7.30pm course – also 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March

5<sup>th</sup> Funeral of Lynda Mitchell, Dickleburgh Church, noon

9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Mirfield trip

11<sup>th</sup> Communion in PSM Church, 10.00am

11<sup>th</sup> Lent course in DB Church Rooms, 6.30pm for food,

7.30pm course – 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> Funeral of Edward Fielding, 11.30am DB Church

18<sup>th</sup> Communion in PSM Church, 10.00am

18<sup>th</sup> Lent course in DB Church Rooms, 6.30pm for food,

7.30pm course & 25<sup>th</sup>

21<sup>st</sup> Traitor Evening, PMKT Mem Hall, £20pp, see Laura for details 07767 838208

### SAFEGUARDING

To report SG concerns please contact Tony Gray on 01379 676321 or [tonygray59@gmail.com](mailto:tonygray59@gmail.com) or to Sue Brice on 01603 882345 or [safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org)

### Services THIS Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

08.00 Communion, Pulham St Mary

09.30 All Age Worship, Dickleburgh

09.30 Communion & Lighthouse, Pulham Market

11.00 Communion, Starston

11.00 Morning Prayer, Thelveton

### Services NEXT Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

09.30 Communion, Dickleburgh

09.30 Messy Church, Pulham Market

11.00 Communion, Pulham St Mary

11.00 Communion, Starston

11.00 Communion, Rushall

### 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 God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

### FIRST READING

**Genesis 12.1-4a**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 121**

+ **My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and  
earth.**

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to  
come? My help comes from  
the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth. +
- 2 He will not suffer your foot to stumble;  
he who watches over you will not sleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep. +
- 3 The Lord himself watches over you; the  
Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
neither the moon by night. +
- 4 The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep your soul.  
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore. +

### SECOND READING

**Romans 4.1-15, 13-17**

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul  
to the Romans.

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness. For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his

offspring not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

**John 3.1-17**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**