



The Benefice of Dickleburgh and The Pulhams

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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, Ruth Cawcutt. Those battling cancer.

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

**Today we pray for:** Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, Iran, US.

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

Irene Nunn, Daphne Evans, Robert Stringer, Jonathan Noble

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

Anthony Perkins, Margaret James, Veda Oakes, Josephine Houghton, Barbara Debenham, Brian West

### **Banns Readings**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Alfie Manser & Emily Heldreich – Dickleburgh & Rushall

Matthew Bird & Elizabeth Gill - Dickleburgh

### **Dates for your Diary**

13<sup>th</sup> Communion, Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

13<sup>th</sup> Benefice Council Meeting, Brewhouse, 7.00pm

14<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Coffee morning, Ivy House Farm, PSM, 10.00am onwards

14<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day Communion, Rushall Church, 7.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> Funeral of Jonathan Noble, Starston Church, 2.00pm

20<sup>th</sup> Communion, Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

27<sup>th</sup> Communion, Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

30<sup>th</sup> Medieval Music Evening, PSM Church 7.30pm

31<sup>st</sup> Benefice Holy Communion, **Dickleburgh**, 10.30am, followed by bring & Share lunch at the Village Centre

# ***The Weekly Pewslip***

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**EASTER 6/WHITE**

### **Services THIS Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

09.30 Communion, Dickleburgh

09.30 Messy Church, Pulham Market

11.00 Communion, Pulham St Mary

11.00 Great & Small & Baptism, Starston

### **Services NEXT Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

09.30 Morning Prayer, Dickleburgh

09.30 Communion & Lighthouse, Pulham Market

11.00 All Age Worship, Pulham St Mary

11.00 Communion, Starston

18.00 Evening Service, 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 Bishops** – particularly Bishop Ian, Bishop of Thetford.

**For our Ministry Team** – for John and Norman, our assistant priests.

**For our Schools** – For the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and their teachers.

**For our local businesses and commerce** (pubs, shops, cafes, farms etc).

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

**For those who serve the church locally** – cleaners, flower arrangers and bell ringers.

### **Collect**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through 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 our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING

Acts 17.22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way towards him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66.7-18

+ **O be joyful in God, all the earth,  
sing the glory of his name.**

1 Bless our God, O you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,  
Who holds our souls in life  
and suffers not our feet to slip. +

2 For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of liberty. +

3 I will come into your house with burnt offerings and  
will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my  
mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer you  
fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will  
sacrifice oxen and goats. +

4 Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.  
I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was  
on my tongue.

If I had nursed evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me, +

5 But in truth God has heard me;  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my  
prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 3.13-22

A reading from the first letter of Saint Peter.

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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### GOSPEL

John 14.15-21

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.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### SAFEGUARDING

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