

The North Lafford Benefice Newsletter

September 2026



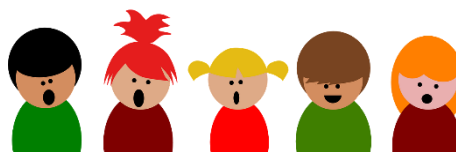
Reflection from the Rectory – What did you do in August?

There is a tradition that August is a time to do a little bit less in church often as recuperation from a busy time of baptisms, services, weddings etc. And also in preparation for Creationtide, Harvest time and looking forward to a season of remembering. How have you done? I know the ministry have continued to work hard in the provision of all things ministry, from home visits, visits to care homes, pastoral visits to the bereaved, baptism visits, wedding meetings and of course the large number of church services. I always thank them for the work they do and, as

I do, try to take some time for our own rest. I have tried my very best to practice what I preach and did lay down a few things, managing to read a novel or two, listen to music and spend more time with people rather than being stuck at the desk. I have also managed to rebuild some Lego models that I had been given that were slightly worse for wear. I know that summer can be exhausting too. For young families finding things to do can be difficult and parents finding some time for rest (and grandparents (do I need to add great grandparents?)). We set up a Lego Club at the Winchelsea Centre for a day a week during the Summer Holidays and that has been well supported. As was the funday and recent community events. All too soon the Summer holidays are nearly over, and children will be returning to school for some it will be the same school, for others it will be their first time either at primary school or secondary school. I am sure along with me you will pray for a calm start to term for the children, and the nervousness of a new school year can mean. Pray too for their families and the school staff. Harvest and Creationtide will soon be celebrated in our churches. It is important as Christians that we give thanks for all that our God has provided for us. You will have seen most of the harvest has been brought in already so please pray for the farmers, workers and producers who work so hard that we might be fed. This year for Creationtide we will be thinking about Water and all that it is needed for to create and sustain life. With every blessing. Reverend Al.

Taking Part in the Holy Communion Services

We are always overjoyed to see everybody at our church services. We would like to encourage you to sing a little more if that is okay. During the distribution of Holy Communion the organists and choir, if we have one, often play and sing hymns as we do so. So after you have received, and if the number is on the board, usually the 4th one, please join in.



Baptisms



It was wonderful to welcome two sets of families to our Church family at Leasingham on the 23rd of August. Charlie Howard with Mum and Dad Shelly and Edd and Olivia and Matilda Doughty (twins) and their Mum and Dad Emily and Calvin.. We will also (probably as you read this) baptise Maria, Kyle and Jimmy at All Saints during the Benefice

service. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers

Wedding



On Tuesday the 18th of August Stacey and Daniel were married at St Andrew's Leasingham. It was a beautiful occasion full of love. Eden, their daughter, read from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians and Ezra, their Son, kept everyone entertained! Please pray for this wonderful family as they begin this new chapter in their lives

Lego Club

Lego Club has been running each Thursday during August. It has proved to be a real hit with the children, and their parents. It is a time to forget modern technology and have a go at doing something really creative with our hands and minds. There have been some wonderful designs as the children, and their parents, have used their imagination to produce cars, castles, farms, stables, aeroplanes and even a couple of pieces of abstract art! All without instructions. More pictures of the creations are on the board in the Winchelsea Centre. Thank you to everyone who took part and we look forward to seeing you during half term in October.



Sunday@3 – Knowing Our Story – The Boy Jesus in the Temple



On Sunday the 16th of August we explored the story of Jesus remaining behind at the temple and all that followed that. It was lovely to welcome our usual faithful worshippers as well as a new family. In September we will be having a special treat as the Diocesan Ladies Choir come to sing Evensong for us at 5pm. So no Sunday@3 but Sunday@5. Please come along.

The Benefice Funday

On the 20th of July we held a Funday at the Winchelsea Centre Ruskington. It was a wonderful event with lots of children and parents and grandparents coming along to take part in craft and games and generally have fun. Hook a duck was very popular as was blowing bubbles. There was a BBQ and the ice cream seemed to go down a storm. Who know little ones could eat so much!

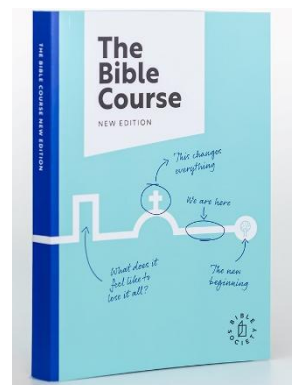


The Bible Course



The Bible Course has started. A gentle run through the whole Bible where we will learn together the stories and the impact of this most wonderful set of books. There are 6 more weeks to go. If you would like to join us please do.

It will be in Myers House from the 6th of September, but for now in the Winchelsea Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. You are always welcome.



All Sorts



Would you like to meet up with friends or make new ones? All Saints is a Benefice initiative to help us do that. It is held at the Winchelsea Centre Ruskington on Mondays between 2pm and 4pm. We hope that as many people from across our communities will come along to enjoy fellowship, craft, activities and more. Please come along or if you want to volunteer please drop Reverend Al a line.



Please remember to send your Newsletter article to northlafford@gmail.com

Articles should be submitted by the **20th September** to ensure its inclusion in **October** edition



September Coffee Mornings around the Benefice

Do you enjoy a coffee and some good conversation on a Saturday morning? With a warm welcome, stalls to tempt and a hot drink to quench your thirst, why not tour the Benefice?

5th September Anwick Village Hall at 10.00am

5th September Cranwell Village Hall at 10.00am

12th September Leasingham Village Hall 10-11.30am

19th September Ruskington Winchelsea Centre at 9.30am – noon

St Edith's Anwick





ST ANDREWS CHURCH CRANWELL VILLAGE



The Centre of Our Village for Over 1,000 years

Come and listen to a talk about the history of The People of Cranwell by local resident Trevor Bush in conjunction with the Harvest Fruit and Flower Festival

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CRANWELL - 3PM

Free tickets available from PCC members or tickets can be requested via St Andrew's Church Cranwell Village Facebook page

Refreshments including scones with jam and cream (and gluten/dairy free too)

Donations welcome – all proceeds go to help maintain our beautiful church



ASK (All Saints Knitters)

Our last project was making the delightful Teddies for Tragedies which were handed over to Kate, a representative from the charity on 19 August. The handover took place at the appropriately named Lord Ted pub, half way between here and Nottingham, from where they will be distributed. Huge thanks to all of those who made bags and teddies.



Everyone is welcome to join with us in making either blankets or twiddle muffs, patterns for which can be collected from church or from any meeting of All Sorts, held on Monday afternoons in the Winchelsea Centre from 2.00 – 4.00p.m.



There is also spare yarn and needles if you need some.

Our next ASK meeting will be held on the morning of Saturday 21 November at the Winchelsea Centre. All are welcome

Messy Church

HARVEST CRAFTS & FAMILY FUN

Crafts, creativity and an interactive Bible story with Rev Al

Decorate a Tree of Life
Plus painting, playdough and more

Saturday 12th September

2pm till 3.45pm

Winchelsea Centre, Ruskington

FREE

Hosted by Rev Al & the All Saints team



Events around the Benefice

Winchelsea Centre September

4th Gingo at Winchelsea at 6.30 for 7
 10th Talk on Domestic Abuse by Edan 6.30pm
 12th messy Church – harvest
 19th Pop Up including usual plus cake
 20th Choir

27th Harvest Box eat in or take away at 12.30

October

10th Messy Church
 17th Pop Up including craft
 18th Church at 3
 25th Lunch and Pudding at Winchelsea 1pm

St Edith's Church Anwick

Sharna – an evening of music Friday 11th September doors open at 6.30 cost per person £10

Harvest Service – Saturday 19th September at 7.00pm

Service of Healing and Wholeness – Sunday 27th September at 3pm

Readings for September 2026

Trinity Services	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
6 th September Trinity 14 Green	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
13 th September Trinity 15 Green	Genesis 50:15-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
20 th September Trinity 16 Green	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
27 th September Trinity 17 Green	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
READINGS FOR HARVEST AND CREATION SERVICES 2026			
Harvest Services	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 12:16-30
Creation Services	Genesis – 8. 20-22, 9.12-17	Revelation 22. 1-5	John 4.1-15

SERVICES FOR NORTH LAFFORD – SEPTEMBER 2026

Date	Rusk	Service
06 September 2026	11am	Holy Communion
13 September 2026	11am	Morning Praise - Creation Sunday
20 September 2026	11am	Holy Communion - Harvest
20 September 2026	1pm	Baptism
20 September 2026	5pm	Diocesan Ladies Choir Sung Evensong at All Saints
26 September 2026	1pm	Wedding
27 September 2026	11am	Morning Praise
27 September 2026	3pm	Benefice Service of Healing and Wholeness at St Edith's

Date	Anwick	Service
06 September 2026	11am	Morning Praise - Creation Sunday St Edith's and St Mary's at Evedon
19 September 2026	7pm	Harvest Festival - Evening Praise St Edith's with St Mary's at
20 September 2026	5pm	Diocesan Ladies Choir Sung Evensong at All Saints
27 September 2026	3pm	Benefice Service of Healing and Wholeness at St Edith's

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06 September 2026	11am	Morning Praise - Creation Sunday
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20 September 2026	5pm	Diocesan Ladies Choir Sung Evensong at All Saints
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27 September 2026	3pm	Service of Healing and Wholeness at St Edith's

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06 September 2026	9.30am	Morning Praise - Creation Sunday
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