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The Newsletter

The end of a long hot summer. Some rain at last. I love sunny days - doesn't everyone? But two things rather take the edge off it all: first wildfires, and secondly all the talk about global warming.

Wildfires are destructive and scary - things you didn't used to have to worry about in England. It was all just too wet and rainy. The ecologist Oliver Rackham said "English native woods burn like wet asbestos." But times are changing. There were wildfires not just in England but in Scotland and Wales. And there were serious fires in Norfolk and Suffolk.

You can blame it on the weather - and blame the weather on global warming. But most fires are started by people - they rarely just happen by themselves. Some may be due to carelessness - what's truly shocking is that some are started deliberately.

If we can't solve that problem it's hard to see how we'll make much progress on global warming. I accept global warming is man-made, but find it hard to see that we will ever come up with a remedy for it. For 'we' means humanity as a whole - there's only one planet: little gain in stopping burning fossil fuels here if new coal mines are being opened in China. And though I have huge sympathy for Ukraine, the destruction of vast quantities of oil at Russian refineries makes local environmental effort seem trifling.

So what's to be done? We are deluded if we think we can save ourselves: we can't even stop the wars that blight the world. But nor should we live in fear. It's God's world - he made it, and he's the saviour of it.

The old Sunday School song says: 'He's got the whole world in his hands.' Of course he has. I just have to learn to trust. I don't have to have the answer - nor do I have to accept quack political remedies: it's enough to live life free and to the glory of God. There's no problem too big for him to fix - but he might be just waiting for humanity to acknowledge his help is something we need. That doesn't seem to have happened yet.

Paul

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Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk & Drive

The annual Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk & Drive takes place on Saturday, 12th September, 9am - 5pm to raise funds for repairing and conserving historic regional churches. For details go to <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/> Open to everyone.

Prayer Walk

The Diocese of Norwich invites us to gather and go on a prayer walk on 1st September - <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/prayer-walks-join-us-as-we-pray-together/> Meet at 10am at Cringleford Meadows/Yare Valley walk Car Park, opposite the entrance to Waitrose Car Park.

Book swap coffee mornings

Book swap coffee mornings in the Cavell Room at Swardeston Church on Tuesdays 1st and 15th September 10.30am - 12 noon. All welcome.

From Parish Registers

Baptism

The Baptism of Spencer Curtis-Tarling at Swardeston Church on 9th August.

Wedding

The Marriage of Oliver Charles Buxton and Lauren Jade Allison at Swardeston Church on 13th June.

Funerals

The funeral of Colin David Albert Wenn, 88, at Swardeston Church on 2nd July.

The funeral of Alexander John Effemy, 96, at St Mary's, East Carleton on 9th July.

The funeral of William Rodney Freeburn, 88, at St Peter's Ketteringham on 20th July.

Swardeston Day Centre

The Day Centre celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a wonderful tea party at the Rugby Club on Monday 27th July. We welcomed over 100 people, including members and their families, past and present trustees, staff, and volunteers, some of whom had started the Day Centre (previously known as the Edith Cavell Day Centre) 40 years ago.

This month several new members have joined, and the day centre continues to thrive. We are very short of drivers to transport members to and from their homes, and would welcome any enquiries.

Please telephone manager Sinead on 01508 578826 if you can help, Mondays and Wednesdays 10-3pm.

Swardeston Village Hall Summer Socials

Last of the Swardeston Village Hall Summer Socials: 4pm - 9pm 25th September. Basil Pizza Van. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Raffle and Teddy Tombola. Proceeds to Swardeston Village Hall Refurbishment.

Ketteringham & East Carleton History Group

The next meeting of the Ketteringham & East Carleton History Group will be held at 10.30am on Saturday 12th September in St Peter's Church, Ketteringham. All welcome.

Daily Prayer App

Need to find help and encouragement with prayer? Go to <https://lectio365.com/> - a free daily prayer app with morning, midday & night reflections. Listen, reflect and pray.

Norwich Food Bank Donations

The box for donations, or for anyone in need to help themselves, is in the porch of Intwood Church. All donations appreciated.

Spiritual insight

*"You don't think your way into a new kind of living.
You live your way into a new kind of thinking."*

— Henry Nouwen

Church Services: September 2026

Sunday 6th September Trinity 14	9.30am 11am 6pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Swardeston Church Intwood Church East Carleton Church
Sunday 13th September Trinity 15	9.30am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Swardeston Church Intwood Church Ketteringham Church
Sunday 20th September Trinity 16	9.30am 9.30am 11am	Morning Worship Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Swardeston Church Keswick Church East Carleton Church
Sunday 27th September Trinity 17	8am 9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Keswick Church Swardeston Church Ketteringham Church

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep
and loses one of them.
Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country
and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?
And when he finds it,
he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home.
Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says,
'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'
I tell you that in the same way
there will be more rejoicing in heaven
over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous persons
who do not need to repent.

Luke 15.3-7

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