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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, Tessa Dunbar, Kathleen Andrew, Carol Ryden.

Jonah Mitchell, Those battling cancer.

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

We pray for: Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, Iran, US.

For the repose of the souls of those recently departed:

David Ryden, Bernard Stone, Linda Hurtle, Alex Anburaj

For those whose anniversary of death falls at this month:

Raymond Warner, Elizabeth Lim, Russell Norman, Mary Allen, Peggy Kubala

Dates for your Diary

6th Deanery Synod meeting, Long Stratton V Hall. 7.00pm

7th Communion, Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

8th DB Sch Harvest Festival in DB Church, 9.30am

14th Communion, Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

14th Benefice Council Meeting, DB Church Rms, 7.00pm

21st Communion, Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

24th Jumble Sale, Pulham St Mary Church, 2.00pm

28th Morning Prayer, Pulham St Mary Church, 10.00am

November

1st All Souls Service, Rushall Church, 7.00pm

The Weekly Pewslip

Sunday 4th October 2026

PROPER 22/TRINITY 18/GREEN

Services THIS Sunday 4th October

08.00 Communion, Pulham St Mary

09.30 Communion & Lighthouse, Pulham Market

11.00 Harvest Festival & Lunch, Dickleburgh

11.00 Morning Prayer, Thelveton

17.00 Harvest Festival & Supper, Starston

Service NEXT Sunday 11th October

09.30 Communion, Dickleburgh

09.30 Messy Church, Pulham Market

11.00 Morning Prayer, Pulham St Mary

11.00 Great & Small, Starston

11.00 Harvest 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

We pray for the Benefice now in Vacancy. For the Benefice Council who will make important decisions over the coming months as we seek a new Rector.

For our Bishops – particularly Bishop Graham, Bishop of Norwich.

For our Our Ministry Team

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.

Harvest Festivals within the Benefice

Sunday 4th October – 11.00am – Dickleburgh

5.00pm – Starston

Sunday 11th October – 11.00am – Rushall (Comm)

SAFEGUARDING To report SG concerns please contact Tony Gray on 01379 676321 or tonygray59@gmail.com or to Sue Brice on 01603 882345 or safeguarding@dioceseofnorwich.org

PROPER 22/TRINITY 18

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5.1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 80.8-16

+ **Show the light of your countenance, O Lord
God of hosts, and we shall be saved.**

1 Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. +

2 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You made room around it,
and when it had taken root, it filled the land. +

3 The hills were covered with its shadow
and the cedars of God by its boughs.
It stretched out its branches to the Sea
and its tendrils to the River. +

4 Why then have you broken down its wall, so
that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? The
wild boar out of the wood tears it off, and all
the insects of the field devour it. +

5 Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven and behold;
Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, and
the branch that you made so strong for yourself. +

SECOND READING

Philippians 3.4b-4

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

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of

his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21.33-46

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting 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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**