

**Please join us in prayer for:**

*... for those in need of our prayers:*

Louise Harward (HA)(CH)      Kate Touhy (CH)  
John Edwards (CH)      Lita Edgell (CH)

*...for those ill, at home or in hospital:*

Steve Chicken (CH)      Lynne Hammond (CH)  
Sarah Ives (SH)

*... the family and friends of those who have recently died*

John Malster (CH)      Gavin Stewart (HA)

If you would like to be included in our prayers, if you know of somebody who might be interested, or if you wish to come off the list, then please contact Liesbeth on 781902, or email to [l.oosterhof@btinternet.com](mailto:l.oosterhof@btinternet.com)

**How you can support your church financially!**

Like every other charity, we need your help to be of help in our parishes. To support the work of the churches in our benefice, you can donate by joining the Parish Giving Scheme, or by setting up a Direct Debit or Standing Order. We also have Contactless Giving Terminals in all our churches and of course you can still give cash on the collection plate. Your friendly treasurers can give you further details if needed.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

This news sheet is available on our websites and delivered by email every week to all those who wish to receive it. If you know of someone who would like to receive this news sheet, please get in touch!

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NOTICES FOR

Sunday 26 October '25

Bible Sunday



**Collect for Bible Sunday**

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Bible Sunday**

Isaiah 45.22–25, Psalm 119.129–136,  
Romans 15.1–6, Luke 4.16-24

**From Psalm 119**

Your testimonies are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.  
The opening of your word gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.

## Services, worship and prayer time for the coming week

*Information about midweek worship is in italics*

*Midweek worship by email may be intermittent during the coming weeks*

### Sunday 2/11: All Saints' Sunday

9.30am Morning Liturgy, St Mary's, Harkstead

11.00am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Erwarton

3.00pm Commemoration, St Mary's, Erwarton

2.30 for 3.30pm Commemoration,

St Andrew's, Chelmondiston

NB Due to structural damage, Shotley church is currently closed until further notice. We will keep you informed by email of any updates.

## Worship in the Cathedral:

A schedule of services up to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November can be found here:

<https://stedscathedral.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Michaelmas-2025-1.pdf>

The cathedral live streams most of their services on their YouTube

Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@stedscathedral/streams>

## Events @ the Cathedral

Our Cathedral offers an amazing program of events including popular & classical concerts, holiday activities, tower tours, talks and lectures, and much more, including:

Suffolk Art Society Autumn Exhibition 24 October - 1 November

and the annual Christmas Market and Tower Tours with  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am-4.30pm, entry £1.00

Please check the Cathedral's website for more details:

<https://stedscathedral.org/whats-on/>

## All Souls' Services Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Will be held in **St Mary's Erwarton** at **3.00pm**, for Erwarton and Shotley and in **St Andrew's, Chelmondiston** at **3.30pm**, preceded by tea and cake in the church room from **2.30pm**, for Chelmondiston & Harkstead.

All are welcome to remember those you have lost.

## Benefice Listening Morning

Due to several apologies for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October the listening Morning has been **postponed to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January '26** this will be an informal morning of discussion and information sharing to build on our recently updated Benefice Plan, copies of which will become available in each church.

No need to be on the PCC. All welcome.

## Bishop Joanne

Our new Bishop has been busy visiting the Diocese, getting to know local people and organisations, and attending her first Diocesan Synod. If you would like to listen to her Presidential Speech follow this link:

<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/about-us/diocesan-governance/diocesan-synod/diocesan-synod-october-2025/>

To find out more about Bishop Joanne and what is happening in and around the Diocese follow this link to the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich eNews:

[https://mailchi.mp/cofesuffolk/weekly\\_enews\\_29\\_february\\_2024pdf-2715182?e=924dab0d01](https://mailchi.mp/cofesuffolk/weekly_enews_29_february_2024pdf-2715182?e=924dab0d01)

## PCC Meetings

**Chelmondiston:** PCC Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 7.30pm, Church Room

**Harkstead:** PCC Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at Catkin's

**Erwarton:** PCC Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00pm at Jayne's

**Shotley:** PCC Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at Maureen's