# Growing Together

## Children, Family and Youth Ministry

## Blyth Valley Churches

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### Ministry Stories

Real lives.
Real faith.
A lasting impact.

### Upcoming Activities

Fun, friendship and faith for all ages.

### People and Impact

Meet the team making a difference in our community.

**Stories • Activities • Community**

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# About Pauline

## Children, Family and Youth Minister

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## A heart for children, families and our community

Pauline is the Children, Family and Youth Minister, working across the Blyth Valley Churches for just over two years.

With a background in early years, Pauline also runs her own early years consultancy company, Growing Together.

### Experience and knowledge

Pauline has extensive knowledge of children's development and learning, and brings this experience to all that she does.

### A real passion

Pauline is passionate about her work and loves seeing children, young people and families grow in confidence, faith and friendship.

### Working together

She loves working with many different people across the churches and wider community, building relationships and creating opportunities for all ages to belong.



## Everyone belongs

Pauline's hope is that through the work being done, everyone will know they are enough, loved, and that they belong.

## Get in touch

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# Youth Space Christmas Break



**Final session:**
Monday 7th December 2026

**Restarting**
Monday 4th January 2027

6–7:30 pm

# Church Mice Tots



## Christmas break

Final session: 17th December

Returns: 7th January 2027

11 till 12:30 pm

# Blyth Valley Churches Prayer Group



For Children, Families and Young People

26th November 2026 from 7-8 pm

28th January 2026 from 7-8 pm

St Mary's Church, Halesworth

# Christingle

The Children's Society

## Let's come together to celebrate Christingle.



Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

**Come and join us!**

**Location:** St Mary's Church, Halesworth

**Date:** 24th Dec **Time:** 4:30 pm

**To find out more, contact:**
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christingle.org

Scan the QR code to find out more.

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# Draw the Verse



- Draw it!
- Learn it!
- Discuss it!
- Live it!
- Study it!

10th December 6-7 pm

St Mary's Church, Halesworth

An Intergenerational group



Hot drink and a biscuit or two!

# Stepping Out in Faith

A prayer walk around Halesworth • Children, Family and Youth Ministry

## MINISTRY STORY

On Friday 6th November, I had the privilege of leading our very first prayer walk around Halesworth.

The idea actually began a couple of months earlier during one of our Children, Family and Youth Ministry prayer meetings. Lis shared the song Build Your Kingdom Here, and it immediately reminded me of a prayer walk that had taken place in a previous church. As we talked, it seemed as though God might be nudging us to do something similar here in Halesworth.

If you know me at all, you'll know that organising and leading something like this sits well outside my comfort zone! Yet despite my nerves, I really felt that God was prompting us to pray for our town, to invite the Holy Spirit to move among us, build His Kingdom here, and transform the atmosphere of our community. So, in a spirit of reluctant obedience, I went ahead and planned the prayer walk, hoping at least a few people might come along.

Many years ago, I remember chatting with a wise older gentleman from a previous church. He told me that God had prompted him not to put anything on his toast that morning, so he didn't. At the time, I remember thinking, "I wish God spoke to me that clearly!" But the lesson wasn't really about the toast. It was about obedience.

He explained that faithfulness often begins with the small things. When we learn to listen and obey in those moments, God can trust us with bigger things later on. That conversation has stayed with me over the years.

One question I often wrestle with is, "How do I know it's God speaking and not just my own thoughts?" I certainly don't have all the answers. I've never heard an audible voice, although there are times when I wish God would simply make things crystal clear! More often, it comes as an idea that won't leave me alone, a Bible verse that keeps appearing, a song that continually comes to mind, or those wonderful "God-incidences" when the same message keeps appearing through different people and circumstances. For me, those are often the ways God gets my attention.

So, with plenty of nerves and a lot of prayer, I advertised the prayer walk. To be honest, I wasn't convinced anyone would come. As I sat in church beforehand, I was already preparing my excuse to God: "Well, Lord, I tried!"

But then people started arriving.

One person. Then another. Then more. Suddenly it became very clear that yes, we really were doing this!

What happened next was a tremendous blessing.

We began at St Mary's and walked through the town, stopping to pray at various locations including the Community Larder, the Town Council offices, the Co-op, the White Swan, along the Thoroughfare, outside the Spar, at the bridge, the Library, and finally Halesworth Day Nursery. Along the way, others even joined us.

One of our young people from Youth Space walked part of the route with us, listening as prayers were offered for our community.

As we prayed, there was a real sense of God's presence among us. People prayed with enthusiasm, sharing their hopes for our town and for the people who live here. We prayed that God would work through our community, bringing hope, faith and love.

The anxiety I had felt beforehand quickly disappeared. Instead, there was a wonderful sense of togetherness as we gathered in the presence of the Lord. It felt warm, encouraging and joyful. More than anything, it felt like the Holy Spirit was at work among us.

Because of the blessing of that first walk, we're planning another one on 4th December, starting at 1.30 pm at Halesworth Railway Station. From there we'll walk and pray at the Pear Tree Centre, the Doctors' Surgery, the Police Station, Edgar Sewter Primary School, and finish at The Cut.

Everyone is very welcome to join us. Whether you're confident praying aloud or simply wish to walk and pray quietly in your heart, we'd love to have you with us. And for anyone who would like to stay afterwards, we'll be gathering for a cup of tea at The Cut.

**HELP US PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL BUILD HIS KINGDOM HERE**

# Halesworth

## Prayer Walk




## Build Your Kingdom here

**4th December • 1:30 pm**

**Meet at the railway station**

**Everyone welcome to join us**

# A Picnic for Everyone

**55 people gathered at St Mary's Church, Halesworth, for fellowship, friendship and community.**



Good food brings people together

Families, friends and neighbours shared food, conversation and fun in a welcoming atmosphere. The picnic showed the value of community and simply spending time together.

A big thank you to Holton and Blyford Village Hall for donating 80 burgers, and to Halesworth Spar for providing the rest of the food.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day such a success. We look forward to many more community events together in the future!






## Thank you!

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East Suffolk Community Partnerships | Beccles Bungay Halesworth & villages

Holton & Blyford Village Hall

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# Who Created God?

## The Big Question that still Stumps People Today

**If God made the universe, who made God? Here's how Christians answer the question.**

It's a question many people have asked, and it's easy to see why. We're used to everything having a cause. If something exists, we naturally wonder what came before it. So when Christians say that God created the universe, the next question is often, "Who created God?"

Most Christians believe that God is eternal. He has always existed and had no beginning. Unlike the universe, which began at a point in time, God exists beyond time and space. He isn't part of creation; He is the creator. This means God doesn't fit into the same category as the things He made. The universe, space, time and everything in it are created, but God is not.

There are a few key ways Christians explain this. First, God is uncreated and eternal. This means He has always existed and does not depend on anything else for His existence. He simply is. He doesn't come into being, and He doesn't end. He exists outside of time, so the question "Who created God?" doesn't apply to Him in the same way it does to created things.

Second, Christian philosophers call God the "uncaused cause". This means that while everything in the universe has a cause, God is the one who causes everything else but is Himself uncaused. He doesn't need a cause because He exists necessarily – in other words, He cannot not exist.

Third, Orthodox Christians often emphasize that God is beyond full human understanding. They believe that while we can know God through creation, through Jesus and through relationship with Him, God's ultimate nature is a mystery that goes beyond what we can fully grasp. Our human minds are limited, and God is greater than our understanding.

It's also worth noting that some people argue that the universe may also have always existed. They suggest that the universe doesn't need a beginning, and therefore doesn't need a creator. This is a genuine point of debate, and it's one that scientists, philosophers and theologians have discussed for centuries.

In the end, the question of God's origins – and whether the universe had a beginning – has been debated for a very long time. Thoughtful people on both sides have good arguments, and there still isn't an answer that everyone accepts.



### The Bottom Line

Most Christians believe God created the universe but was never created Himself. Whether you find that convincing or not, it's one of the biggest questions people ask about faith and the origins of everything.

# Eco Warriors

Sparkles Nursery visit • St Peter's Churchyard, Holton

## AUTUMN TREASURE HUNT



On 3rd November 2026, we were delighted to welcome the children from Sparkles Nursery to St Peter's Churchyard, Holton, for a special Eco Warriors session.

The churchyard soon came alive with the sound of little feet exploring and excited voices discovering the wonders of autumn. Together, we set off on an autumn treasure hunt, searching for the many signs of the season all around us.

The children delighted in finding glistening spider webs sparkling in the morning light, colourful berries, and beautiful leaves in shades of red and gold. One particularly exciting discovery was a collection of half-eaten acorn shells. We wondered whether we had stumbled upon one of Mr Squirrel's favourite dining spots, where he had been enjoying a tasty autumn feast!

As we explored further, we took a closer look at the magnificent oak trees in the churchyard. By examining the distinctive shape of its leaves, the children learned how to identify an oak and discovered where its branches and roots might hide acorns.

Creativity was also on display as the children made leaf rubbings using some of the beautiful leaves they had collected. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they revealed the intricate patterns and textures of nature.

To round off our time together, we enjoyed a few lively games of hide-and-seek and sang some favourite autumn songs. The morning was filled with laughter, learning, and a sense of wonder at God's creation.

It was a lovely autumn morning enjoyed by everyone, and we look forward to welcoming our young Eco Warriors back to St Peter's for more adventures in the future.

# Autumn Booklets

## Explore, notice, create and pray

**The autumn booklets were a huge success over the autumnal months.**

Every child at Bramfield Primary School received a copy, along with Sparkles Nursery and the Eco Warriors in Holton Primary School reception class. Booklets were also available in the church.

The activities encouraged children and families to explore God's amazing world, notice the beauty around them, get creative and spend time in prayer.







## A Prayer

By Grace Edwars

"Thank you for the wonderful bees and birds and little animals around us. I hope for people to understand how important our world is. I would like to care for those who do not have a roof over their heads. Amen."

**Explore • Create • Pray • Grow Together**

# Another Successful Scarecrow Train and Crafts

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## A joyful day of trains, town trails, creative activities and community partnership.

St Mary's welcomed visitors for the annual event, now in its third year, run with East Suffolk Community Lines and the Halesworth Scarecrow Festival.

A scarecrow-themed train brought 55 visitors from Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay to Halesworth; they enjoyed the town's festival trails before finishing at the church.

More than 150 people visited the church for crafts and refreshments. Children made space-themed crafts and scarecrow artwork, including cardboard-tube scarecrows, paper-plate faces, glass hangings and colourful space rockets.

Children also helped stuff life-sized scarecrows, several now displayed in the church foyer.



Imagination takes flight!



Getting creative together



A warm welcome for all ages



Proud creations!

This wonderful event is made possible through our partnership with East Suffolk Community Lines and the Halesworth Scarecrow Festival. A big thank you to Halesworth SPAR for the generous gift-in-kind voucher that covered refreshments, biscuits and fruit.

Thank you to everyone who organised, supported and attended, helping to make this year's Scarecrow Train and Crafts such a memorable and uplifting community day at St Mary's Church, Halesworth.

**Local people. Stronger together.**

# Christmas Crafts After School



## 11th December · 4–6 pm

## St Mary's Church, Halesworth

**Free event  Fun for the whole family**

# Children and Family Gallery



Exploring together



Sensory play at Church Mice Tots




Learning Together



Gathered in church



A moment of reflection

**Sharing life, Community in Church and Church in Community!**

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# Family Film Night

## A Muppets Christmas Carol



Book now or pay on the night!

At St Mary's Church in Halesworth

★ 12th December at 6 pm ★

★ Adults £4 Children £2 ★

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Refreshments bar available or bring your own.

# PHONE CHURCH

A relaxed evening of worship and sharing together

Together we worship

Together we pray

Together we share




St Mary's Church, Halesworth

17th January 2027

6:00 pm

*Bring your phone.*

Let's connect with God and with each other.

ALL WELCOME • ALL AGES • ALL TOGETHER

# Family Communion



Sunday 13th December

10 am

St Mary's Church, Halesworth

*Everyone welcome*

St.Andrews Church Bramfield

# Family Service Nazareth to Bethleham A Family Journey

Sunday 27 December

Family Service at 10:00

Coffee and Cakes after Service

St Andrew's Church,Bramfield, Walpole Road, Bramfield IP193AB

# Church Mice Tots

Little people Big friendships

## Play • Friends • Belonging

Church Mice Tots continues to meet in St Mary's Church in Halesworth every Thursday during term time.

Our little ones are growing fast, and we continue to welcome new people to our growing family.

We made some poppies to help decorate the church for Remembrance Sunday.

We have loved playing with our play kitchen and enjoying the big wide space with lots of physical play.







Growing hearts in our community

# Youth Space

## Sharing food, friendship and conversation



A place to belong

Youth Space continues to meet on a Monday night from 6 till 7:30 pm.

We cook and eat together, enjoy games and crafts, and have made some lovely poppies to help decorate the church for Remembrance Sunday. We are desperate to start decorating for Christmas.

Each week we have great conversations about some quite deep things.

By far the most special thing is the simple coming together, sharing a meal and sitting around the dinner table talking about our days.





**Good food, great company, sharing life!**

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# Children, Family and Youth Choir

# Sundays



Beginning 29th November

St Mary's Church, Halesworth

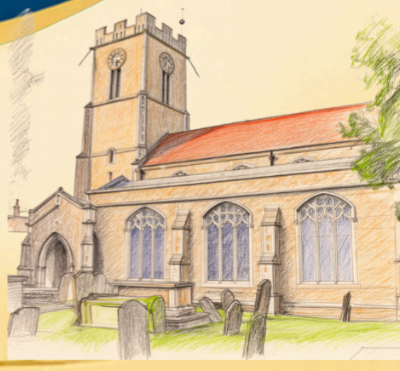
5:00-5:30

Ages 8-16

Children aged 8-11 must be accompanied by a parent



Tea and coffees available as you stay



# I Spy Lichen!

Holton Primary School's Pixie class explore lichens at St Peter's Churchyard

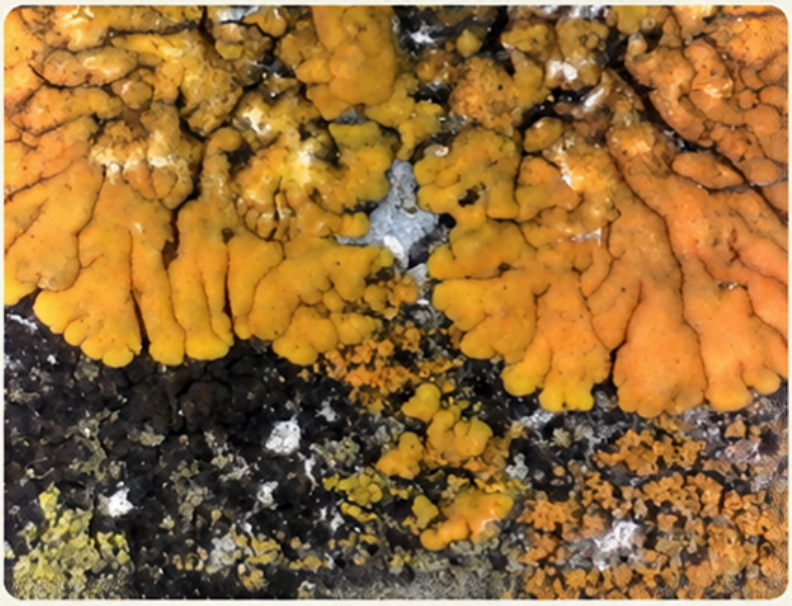
On a sunny afternoon, Holton Primary School's Pixie class visited St Peter's Churchyard to take a closer look at the amazing lichens growing on the church, gravestones and walls.

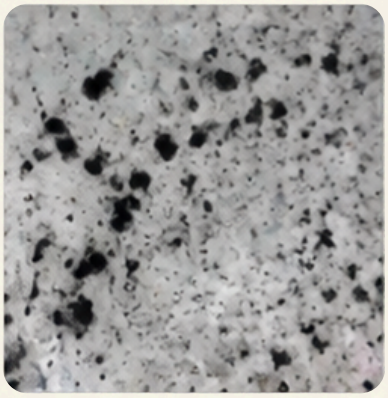
Last month the children demonstrated a lot of interest in the gravestones, so it was exciting to see how many different living things can also be found on them.

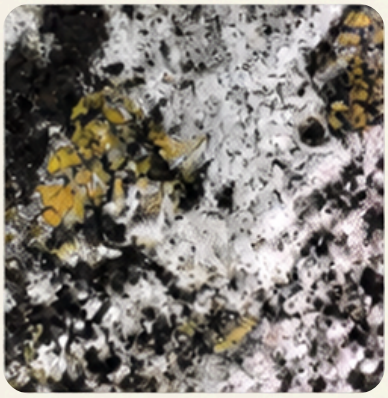
We discovered that more than 2,000 lichen species are recorded in UK churchyards. Lichens are fascinating organisms made from a partnership between a fungus and an alga. They can grow on stone, wood, bark and a variety of other surfaces, often in places that are exposed to the weather.

Lichens come in three main forms – crusty (which look like a thin crust on the surface), leafy (with leaf-like lobes) and shrubby (which are bushy and sometimes look a little like tiny trees).

Working in small groups, the children explored different parts of the churchyard using clipboards and magnifying glasses. They were amazed by the variety of colours they found – bright oranges and yellows, subtle greys and whites, dark greens and blacks.







Just some of the amazing lichens we found in the churchyard, in a wonderful variety of colours, shapes and textures.




## A CLOSER LOOK

Secondly, the children had the chance to take a closer look at their finds. We split into two groups for this. They made crayon rubbings of the lichens, capturing the intricate patterns and textures on paper.

Remembering that it was a very similar process to our leaf rubbing last month. Some of us were very keen to show Pauline how much they have developed and come on at writing their names in the last month.

A picture of lichen information books and sheets and clipboards ready to go and explore!

# Eco Warriors

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## I SPY LICHEN!





Meanwhile the second group took a closer look at the lichen samples on one grave, examining them through the microscope. The children were amazed to see the intricate lines, tiny cracks and unexpected colours hidden within these small, seemingly simple patches.

What looked flat and ordinary to the naked eye revealed a whole new world up close — delicate structures, fascinating shapes and a mix of greens, yellows and other subtle hues. It was a wonderful reminder that there is always more to see when we take time to look closely.

Pauline will upload photographs and observations to iNaturalist to help identify the lichen we found and to monitor our discoveries over time. This will allow us to contribute to a wider understanding of the wildlife in our churchyard and see how it changes through the seasons.

We also made a very special discovery during our exploration — a loveliness of ladybirds! The children spotted a whole gathering of them resting together on the lichen-covered gravestone and were fascinated to observe them up close using magnifying pots and glasses.

They appeared to be 16-spotted ladybirds (Tytthaspis sedecimpunctata), with confirmation still awaited. We think that they were all huddled together in the crevices of the grave to keep warm ready for hibernation.

Our time in the churchyard was once again filled with exploration, discovery and learning. From tiny lichens to a loveliness of ladybirds, every find sparked curiosity and questions, reminding us how much there is to see and appreciate in nature all around us.

We can’t wait for our next visit and the many more wonders it will bring!

# Tea and Toast

Every Monday Morning 9 – 10 am.
Term-time only!
Do the school run and drop in for a chat & breakfast!
Activities for under 5's or come alone – everyone's welcome!



Starting on 7th September 2026







## All Saints Church, Blyford

# Collective Worship

## Respect and Reverence



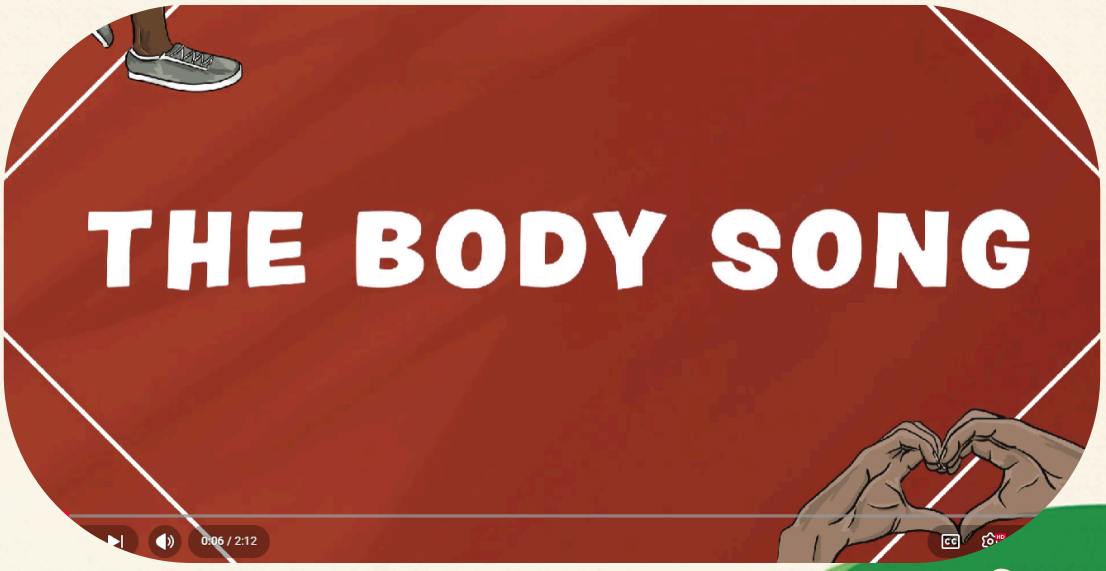

This term in Collective Worship, our theme is Respect and Reverence. One week, we explored what it means to respect one another by thinking about how every part of the body has an important role to play.

To bring this idea to life, we took part in a fun and rather silly challenge, trying to write our names using different body parts! It certainly wasn't easy, but it helped us remember that we are all unique. Just like the parts of a body have different functions, each of us brings our own gifts, talents and strengths to our school community.

We talked about how boring the world would be if we were all the same, and how important it is to value and respect the contributions of others.

We've also started learning a fantastic new song, The Body Song by Engage Worship, which has quickly become a huge favourite with the children. We were delighted to sing it again!

You can sing it at home by clicking on the link below.

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# Collective Worship at Bramfield

This term in Collective Worship: Respect and Reverence

## Respect helps us stand strong

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# Christmas Fun

## Christmas quiz

1. What do we celebrate at Christmas?

_____

2. Who was Jesus' mother?

_____

3. Where was Jesus born?

_____

4. What gifts did the wise men bring?

_____



## Christmas doodle spot

## Christmas riddle

I have a trunk but I am not an elephant.
I have a star but I am not in the sky.
I have a gift but I am not a present.
What am I?

# Draw the Verse: Building Walls of Self-Control

## Exploring Scripture together through creativity



## Creativity, conversation and faith

It is funny how Draw the Verse began. It started with a spark: a group of young people who were interested in Evening Prayer but were not quite ready to sit through a full service. We are blessed with a creative bunch, and a friend of Pauline's introduced us to a book called Draw the Verse, which her family used together. It seemed like the perfect fit, offering a way to explore Scripture that was both engaging and accessible.

Over the past year, we have welcomed around ten young people through Draw the Verse. What has been particularly special is that they have all come from non-church or non-Christian backgrounds. Together, we have shared many conversations, often sparked by difficult questions and honest discussions. Sometimes we have wandered well away from the planned theme for the evening, but those moments have often proved to be some of the richest and most rewarding.

> **"A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls."**

One of the unexpected blessings of the group is that the adults enjoy it just as much as the young people do. We all get something from our time together. It is a joy to be creative, to laugh together, and to engage with God's Word, regardless of our artistic ability.

# Draw the Verse: Faith in Everyday Life

This month was a little different. For the first time, none of the young people were able to attend. Rather than cancelling, six of us gathered anyway and worked through the session together. It turned out to be a real blessing.

As we reflected on Proverbs 25:28, we talked about the importance of walls around a city or a house. Without walls, a place is exposed and vulnerable. It can feel unsafe, frightening and open to harm. In the same way, self-control acts like a protective wall in our lives. It helps guard our hearts, our words and our actions from influences that can lead us away from God.
Together, we prayed that God would help us grow in self-control and strengthen us in the areas where we struggle. We prayed for one another and encouraged each other in our faith.

As we finished, the song Lord I Need You came to Pauline's mind, and its chorus seemed the perfect response to our discussion and prayers:

I don't know about you, but I need God every second, every minute and every hour. I certainly need His help to grow in self-control and to build those protective walls in my own life. The good news is that we do not have to do it in our own strength. God is our defence, our righteousness, and the one who helps us become more like Christ day by day.

## Lord I Need You

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defence, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Looking ahead, we have decided to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and allow Draw the Verse to grow in a new direction. Rather than focusing solely on young people, we will now be advertising it as an intergenerational group open to everyone. Whether you're young or old, artistic or not, there is something special about gathering together around God's Word, sharing conversation, creativity and prayer.

## Second Thursday of every month, 6.00pm–7.00pm

Church Hall (Community Larder) during the colder months.

**Why not come along and give it a try? We would love to welcome you.**



# A Prayer for Remembrance Day



Loving God,
we remember all those who have given their lives
to bring peace and freedom to others.
Help us to be thankful for their courage,
to care for one another,
and to choose kindness, peace and hope
in the world we share.
Amen.

**We will remember them.**

# Remembrance Day
## across the Blyth Valley Churches

The Blyth Valley Churches came together to remember and give thanks.

Remembrance Day is a time to pause, remember and give thanks for all those who have served and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Across the Blyth Valley, our churches and communities came together in services and acts of remembrance, uniting people of all ages in reflection, prayer and gratitude.

We remember with respect, we give thanks with hope, and we commit ourselves to working for a more peaceful tomorrow.



Halesworth Town Remembrance Service.



Halesworth Town Remembrance Service.



Wenhaston Memorial.



Halesworth Town Remembrance Service.

Across our churches and communities, we gathered in remembrance.

# Lest We Forget

## Remembering, Honouring, Keeping Their Memory Alive

Remembrance Day gives us time to pause, to be thankful and to remember. It is a time to honour the courage and sacrifice of all who served, and to think about the cost of peace.

In our church and in our community, people of all ages come together to remember. From our youngest members to our veterans, we stand side by side in gratitude.



Children from Bramfield School House join those paying their respects.



Family Service at St Mary's Halesworth

### A New Generation Remembers

Our young people play an important part in keeping the memory alive. Whether that is part of the town procession or the Family Service we had in the morning at Halesworth. As they carry the cross and light their candles at the family service.

A massive thank you to Ruby Palmer who shared her remembrance poem. A poignant reminder of the sacrafices made.

The children as part of the Family Service, joined in worship, hymns, prayers and lighting cancles for those that we remember.




Art work created by local schools.

### A Shared Community

Veterans, families and neighbours gather together to remember. Our community stands united in respect, grateful for their service and committed to building a more peaceful world.

**We remember all who served, those who gave their lives, and the communities who keep their memory alive.**

# A Christmas Prayer

## For children, families, and all in need of hope

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Loving God,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, we lift before You all children, young people, and families around the world.

Open their hearts to the true meaning of Christmas. May they discover that Christmas is more than gifts and celebrations. May they encounter Jesus, Your greatest gift of love to the world. Help them to know that they are deeply loved, wonderfully made, and precious in Your sight.

Bless every child. Surround them with kindness, protection, and joy. May they grow in faith, hope, and love. Let them experience a true sense of belonging, knowing that they are welcomed into Your family and cherished by those around them.

We pray for families this Christmas season. Strengthen the bonds of love between parents, grandparents, carers, and children. Fill homes with peace, patience, laughter, and understanding. Where there is tension, bring healing. Where there is worry, bring Your comfort.



Lord, we especially remember those who are grieving the loss of loved ones this Christmas. For those facing an empty chair at the table, a quiet home, or a heart that aches with missing someone dear, draw near to them. Hold them gently in their sorrow and surround them with Your tender presence. May they find comfort in treasured memories and strength in Your unfailing love.

We pray for those who are alone, isolated, or feeling forgotten. Let them know they are never abandoned. Send companions on their journey, caring hearts to encourage them, and signs of hope that shine through the darkness.

We remember those who are struggling, those in need, those facing hardship, illness, fear, or uncertainty. May the light of Christ bring hope where there is despair, peace where there is anxiety, and courage where there is discouragement.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, let Your light shine brightly this Christmas. May every child know they are loved. May every family know they belong. May every grieving heart find comfort. May every lonely soul find companionship. And may all people discover the hope, joy, and salvation found in You.

We ask this in the name of the Christ Child, our Saviour and our Hope.

Amen.



# Trudi Mouse at Advent

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## A Christmas countdown with fun, cheer and prayer



**Trudi Mouse at Advent will be back for the third year running.**

Join us on the Blyth Valley Churches Facebook page at 4 pm everyday for our advent calendar with a difference.

Full of Christmas fun, cheer, prayer, activities and the Christmas story for you and your families.



Fun, faith
and friendship
for the whole family
this Advent.

| Worship in the Blyth Valley in December 2026 | | | | |
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| **CW – Year A Continuous New Testament** | **6th CW – Second Sunday of Advent - BCP – Second in Advent** | **13th CW – Third of Advent BCP – Third in Advent** | **20th CW - Fourth Sunday of Advent BCP - Fourth Sunday in Advent** | **27th CW – First Sunday of Christmas BCP– The Sunday after Christmas Day** |
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| **Halesworth St Mary** | **8am Traditional Communion** Adrian<br><br>**10am Holy Communion** Dominic | **8am Traditional Communion** Dominic<br><br>**10am Family Communion** Pauline and Linda<br><br>**6pm Evensong** Edmund | **8am Traditional Communion** Dominic<br><br>**10am Iona Service** Jason | **10am Holy Communion** Alison |
| **St Peter Grp** | | | | |
| **Holton St Peter** | | **10am Morning Prayer** Gary and Chris Atkins | **6pm Carol Service** Dominic | |
| **Wenhaston St Peter** | | **10.30am United Service Methodist chapel** | **10am Holy Communion** Adrian | |
| **Bramfield St Andrew** | | **10am Morning Prayer** Jim | **3pm Carol Service** Dominic | **10am Family Service** Pauline |
| **Blyford All Saints** | | | **10am Holy Communion** Edmund | |
| **Thorington St Peter** | | **10am Holy Communion** Edmund | | |
| **St Andrew Gp** | | | | |
| **Wissett St Andrew** | **6pm Solemn Evensong** Edmund | **10am Morning Prayer** Alison | **6.30pm Carol Service** Edmund | |
| **Chediston St Mary** | | **10am Holy Communion** Adrian | | **10am Morning Prayer** Veronica D |
| **Spexhall St Peter** | | | **3pm Carol Service** Linda | |
| **Linstead St Margaret** | | | **3pm Candlelight Carols** Vic | |
| **St Michael Gp** | | | | |
| **Cookley St Michael** | | | **9.30am Traditional Communion** Desmond | |
| **Heveningham St Margaret** | | **4pm Carol Service** Dominic | | |
| **Huntingfield St Mary** | | | **2pm Carol Service** Edmund | |
| **Walpole St Mary** | | **10am Holy Communion** Dominic | | |

# Growing Together

Children, Family and Youth Ministry
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# Prayers for children and family ministry

Join us as we pray for the events and groups we will be running this December.

## Our groups and events

Pray for Youth Space, Church Mice Tots, Draw the Verse, and Eco Warriors at Holton and Bramfield.

## Schools and workshops

Pray for continued work with schools and school Christmas workshops, that they will be filled with joy and Jesus.

## Funding for the future

Pray for the funding application for the next season of children, family and youth ministry, that the right doors will open and things will move forward.

Thank you for praying with us and for all you do to support children, young people and families in our community.

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