

Prayer Diary

1st September to 4th October are designated 'Creationtide' by the worldwide church. When we are all encouraged to reflect on our responsibility as Stewards of the Natural World. We pray this week with this focus for local businesses. Each day we also pray for those in our own prayers and those who are unwell.

Sunday 31st August - *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

- Our Bishops Graham, Jane & Ian.
- Our Rector, Revd. Joanna Haywood, our 'ministry team', churchwardens and PCC's that under Joanna's leadership and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Christ's Church in this benefice may grow in faith, service and witness.
- The shops that serve our villages
- The residents of Chequers Meadows and Stratton Road Hainford.

Monday 1st September – *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c710*

The story of Giles is largely the subject of legend. He is the patron saint of the physically disabled, so an opportunity to pray for all those who live with this.

- Our Cafés and takeaways - we give thanks for their rich fare and hospitality.
- The residents of Rectory Road and Close and those responsible for the new housing planned and its impact on the village.

Tuesday 2nd September - *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942* We remember all those who give their lives for the sake of the Gospel. We continue to pray for our Diocesan link with the Diocese of Port Moresby in PNG and all who minister there today.

- Local Farms including the Dairy in Frettenham
- Those in All Saints Close and Guardian Way, Horstead

Wednesday 3rd September – *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604* Gregory instigated the mission to the Anglo Saxons which included sending Augustine to Kent. So along with the Celtic missionaries from Iona, we thank him for the re-evangelisation of our land. We need to pray for a re-evangelisation in our own time!

- Local Workshops and Factories
- All in Wymondham Close, Stratton Strawless

Thursday 4th September – *Birinius, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650.* We thank God for this early missionary to south central England.

- Our local pubs, for all the ways they enrich our lives and that of the community.
- All in Birbeck Way, Frettenham

Friday 5th September

- Hairdressers and beauty salons.
- All in Lady Lane, Hainford

Saturday 6th September – *Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Missionary Society, 1851* We thank God for his example and the work of the South American Missionary Society, now a part of Church Mission Society.

- Our worship tomorrow in Hainford and Coltishall (All Age Service) and all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- All other businesses in our area.
- All in Westbourne Avenue & St. John's Close Coltishall.

THE COLTISHALL GROUP OF PARISHES

*Serving the communities of Coltishall, Frettenham
Hainford, Horstead and Stratton Strawless*

31st August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion with commissioning of our AWAs
Stratton Strawless church, followed by refreshments at The Beeches (next door)

Monday 1st September

9.00am Morning Prayer, Horstead church
10.00 Ministry Team meeting, The Rectory
2.00pm Mill House service for residents

Tuesday 2nd September

No morning prayer at Hainford

10.30am Joanna to 'Holy Habitats' at Great Yarmouth
3.30pm Stratton Strawless Harvest planning

Wednesday 3rd September

9.00am Morning Prayer, Coltishall church
10.00am Midweek Holy Communion, Coltishall church
12.30pm Funeral for Doreen Cooke, St Faith's
12.30pm Church room lunch (book with Joan Milligan)

Thursday 4th September

9.00am Morning Prayer, Stratton Strawless church

Friday 5th September

Rev'd Joanna's rest day

Saturday 6th September

Rev'd Joanna on holiday until 18th September

Next Sunday

7th September – Creationtide 1

9.30am Holy Communion – Hainford church
10.00am All Age Worship – Coltishall church

Readings:

Genesis 1.1-25, Revelation 3.14-22, John 1.1-5

Rev'd Joanna is on holiday from 6th - 18th September.

Urgent requests during this time can be forwarded to our Rural Dean, Rev'd Andrew Whitehead (01603 872236) or a.p.whitehead@me.com, otherwise please email Rev'd Joanna and she'll answer you on her return.

We are now emailing out our **notice sheet and prayer diary**
Don't miss out! Get on the mailing list
Just let Rev'd Joanna know.

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Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

1st Reading: Proverbs 25.6-7

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷ for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel reading: Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Post Communion prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true
sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Bishop's Certificate in Christian Learning

It's not too late to sign up for to take this course.
You can do the modules singly or not in order, or over a 2-year period.

It's an opportunity to feel refreshed and inspired, or simply to learn more about the Christian faith.
Perhaps you may want to develop your personal faith, or you have a role in your church and you'd like a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. All are welcome.

There are five subject areas (NT/OT/Prayer/the Christian life/God's Mission) each containing five sessions. You can do one subject area or more. If you complete all five blocks, you'll receive the Bishop's Certificate in Christian Learning. The first on 'Inhabiting the New Testament' starts on Saturday 27/9 in person followed by 4 Thursday evening sessions on zoom (2, 9, 16 and 23/10).

Reviews on last year's course have been good.

Read more and full details:

<https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/mission-and-ministry/vocations/the-bishops-certificate-in-christian-learning/> Or talk to Rev'd Joanna

Contact Details

We are proposing to have a book of contact details in each church so we have your details should anyone become unwell or need assistance during a service. This would be kept safe, with very restricted access, and only used in an emergency. It would be helpful if you'd let Rev'd Joanna or a churchwarden know if you'd like us to have the details of someone we could contact in these situations. It's another way we can show we care for each other. They'd not be used for anything else.

If you'd like us to use your details to send you information about what's going on, or to receive this pew sheet by email, please let Rev'd Joanna know and she'll add you to that list.