

Prayer Diary

We pray this week with a focus on families and those who care for children. We also remember that we are in Creationtide and continue to be mindful of our responsibility as Stewards of the Natural World. Each day we also pray for those in our own prayers and those who are unwell.

Sunday 7th September - *The Twelfth 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.
- Our own parents and give thanks for all they have given us, their care and the gift of life itself. We remember those we see no longer
- The residents of Frettenham Road and Patricia Avenue, Horstead

Monday 8th September – *The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Accession of King Charles 111, 2022*

Today we pray for our King on the second anniversary of his Accession and the passing of Queen Elizabeth 2nd.

- Children who either have no relationship with one of their parents or whose relationship is a troubled one
- The residents of Wymondham Close, Stratton Strawless

Tuesday 9th September – *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880*

We remember the founder of the Society of the Holy Cross, a community of Priests that played a leading role in the Anglo Catholic revival of the 19th century. They still exist today providing support and discipline for its members.

- Grandparents and other family members who take on the role of caring for children
- Those in Birbeck Way Frettenham

Wednesday 10th September

- Child minders and those who work in children's day care facilities. We especially pray for better funding of this important service to working families
- All in Church Lane, Hainford

Thursday 11th September

- Those who are Foster Parents, for the gifts they need for this extraordinary work of care, both short and long term
- The residents of the St James' district in Coltishall.

Friday 12th September

- Those working in our Nursery Schools and Early Years education
- All in Church Close and St Margarets Close, Horstead

Saturday 13th September – *John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407* We commend this great teacher whose lasting legacy includes the liturgy for Holy Communion still used today by the Orthodox Churches.

- Our worship tomorrow in Hainford and Horstead, where we welcome the Revd Canon Sussanah Gunner as our preacher and celebrant. We pray for all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- All in Cromer Road, Stratton Strawless.
- We remember again all parents. Those sharing in the care of their children, those that are single parents and those estranged from their children. For strength, wisdom, love and time for themselves!

THE COLTISHALL GROUP OF PARISHES

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

7th September 2025

Creationtide 1

In the Beginning.....

Services Today

9.30am Holy Communion – Hainford

10.00am All Age Worship - Coltishall

As Rev'd Joanna is away, there will be no led 9.00am Morning Prayer this week, but please do pray in our churches anyway!

Monday 8th September

Tuesday 9th September

Wednesday 10th September

10.00am Morning Prayer with homily and prayers
Coltishall church, followed by coffee at
Café West

12.30pm Church room lunch (book with Joan Milligan)

Thursday 11th September

Friday 12th September

8.45 - Coffee and opportunities to talk for those with

10.00am children starting in CPS Reception – Church Room

Saturday 13th September

Next Sunday

14th September – Creationtide
Listening to the voice of creation

9.30am Morning Worship – Hainford church

11.00am Holy Communion – Horstead church

Readings:

Job 12.7-10, Luke 13.6-9

Rev'd Joanna is on holiday from 6th - 17th 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

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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**

1st Reading: Genesis 1.1-25

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, ‘Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

2nd Reading: Revelation 3.14-22

¹⁴ ‘And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation:

¹⁵ ‘I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.” You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. ¹⁹ I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. ²⁰ Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. ²¹ To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.’

Gospel reading: John 1.1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Post Communion prayer

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.