

Prayer Diary

In our prayer focus this week we shall pray for all who teach the faith and share the good news. Each day we also pray for those in our own prayers and those who are unwell.

Sunday 28th September - *The Fifteenth 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.
- All who preach the Word of God each week in our churches.
- The residents of Bracken Close, Stratton Strawless.

Monday 29th September - *Michael and All Angels, Ember Day*

Michael is the Archangel is associated with the fight to overcome the power of evil. Ember Day(s) is the traditional name for the time or season when ordinations take place.

- Those given the opportunity to share the message of Jesus in our schools.
- The residents of Mayton Avenue, Frettenham

Tuesday 30th September - *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures,*

Teacher of the Faith, 420, Ember Day Jerome believed that scripture should be available in the language of the people. In 5th Century Rome, this was Latin! He expertly translated the Old Testament from the original Hebrew not the Greek Translation then used in churches, using the best sources.

- Study Groups and opportunities to share scripture and faith.
- Those in Harvest Close and Chapel Road Hainford

Wednesday 1st October - *Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533. Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885*

Remigius was the Bishop of Reims and "Apostle of the Franks". On 25 December 496, he baptised Clovis I, King of the Franks, which led to about 3000 additional converts, an important event in the Christianisation of the Franks. Anthony 7th Earl of Shaftesbury was a social reformer who was called the "Poor Man's Earl". He campaigned for better working conditions, reform to lunacy laws, education and the limitation of child labour. An early supporter of the Zionist movement, the YMCA and a leading figure in the evangelical movement in the Church of England.

- Child friendly services like our All Age Worship and Messy Church (like our Messy Harvest here) and the opportunity to share the story of Jesus and experience worship together.
- For those involved in planning and leading.
- All in Anchor Street and Belaugh Green Lane, Coltishall

Thursday 2nd October

- The opportunity of sharing the faith and worship in Care Homes especially Mill House, Horstead.
- The residents of Tungate Close and the Causeway, Horstead

Friday 3rd October - *George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958* We give thanks for George Bell's inspirational ministry as a man of peace and reconciliation.

- Opportunities for Adult Learning, including training of Worship Leaders and Licensed Lay Ministers in our Diocese.
- All in The Wilderness, Stratton Strawless

Saturday 4th October - *Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226* We thank God for Francis and the Franciscans living out of Jesus words to 'Bring good news to the poor'. It's end of the new season of Creationtide, where we have been focusing on God's creation and our responsibility as stewards, central to Francis's teaching.

- Our 'Messy Harvest' event for all ages in the Church Rooms this afternoon at 3.30pm.
- Our Benefice Service tomorrow in Hainford where our Archdeacon Catherine will be present as part of her Visitation to the Benefice.
- For those involved in training Clergy in Colleges and Courses especially the Eastern Region Ministry Course serving our area. We also pray for continuing education of Clergy.
- All in School Road, Frettenham

THE COLTISHALL GROUP OF PARISHES

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

28th September 2025

Creationtide 4

Re-creation – God's glory and covenant

Services Today

- 9.30am Morning Worship – Hainford
- 11.00am Holy Communion – Horstead
- 2.00pm Baptism of Jonah Fuller – Coltishall
- 4.00pm Pet Service – Frettenham

Monday 29th September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Horstead church
- 2.00pm Hainford PCC Meeting, Hainford church

Tuesday 30th September

Rev'd Joanna on leave

Wednesday 1st October

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Coltishall church
- 10.00am Midweek Holy Communion, Coltishall church followed by coffee at Café West
- 11.00am Coltishall School Harvest Service, Coltishall church
- 12.30pm Church room lunch (book with Joan Milligan)

Thursday 2nd October

- 9.00am *Rev'd Joanna additional monthly rest day*

Friday 3rd October

Rev'd Joanna's rest day

Saturday 4th October

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Frettenham church
 - 3.30pm Messy Harvest Celebration with tea Church Room, Coltishall
- Please let Rev'd Joanna know if you're coming so we can make sure we've enough food

Next Sunday

5th October – Trinity 16

Archdeacon's Visitation

- 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Hainford church followed by refreshments and an opportunity to talk to Archdeacon Catherine

Readings:

2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10

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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

1st Reading - Genesis 9.8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him ⁹ 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹² God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷ God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 10.23-31

²³ 'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. ²⁴ Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others. ²⁵ Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, ²⁶ for 'the earth and its fullness are the Lord's.' ²⁷ If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁸ But if someone says to you, 'This has been offered in sacrifice', then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— ²⁹ I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgement of someone else's conscience? ³⁰ If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks? ³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

Gospel – Matthew 5.43-48

⁴³ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Post Communion prayer

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
hath come from heaven that he may deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
may the eyes of our understanding
be opened through these holy mysteries
that we, knowing the way of life,
may walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Archdeacon's Visitation

Every few years, one of the Bishop's senior staff visit us to see how we're doing, including looking at our records, etc! Next week, Archdeacon Catherine will be preaching and presiding at a special Benefice Holy Communion at 10am at Hainford. This will be followed by refreshments and the opportunity to talk with AD Catherine, to share concerns, to celebrate achievements and to generally let her know how we are. So do come along, it would be great if we could all be there.

We will be serving refreshments and so if you can help with that please let Sheena know. It's great when we can all meet together and it's good to share out how we resource that.

The Ministry Team are currently thinking about how we can deepen our walk with Jesus (often called discipleship). Jesus' followers spent all their time with him, learning from him, watching and listening to him. It's good when we too can spend intentional time with Jesus!

We're currently thinking about small groups meeting to either study the Bible and pray together; or to read and discuss a book written by a modern author on subjects of interest; or to meet for meals or coffee and fellowship.

Would having a book recommendation, maybe one a month, be useful? Or having some daily Bible reading notes?

Or maybe a course designed to prompt thinking about issues which affect us, such as Peacebuilding, or economic issues, or refugees..... or anything else that may be of interest to you?

The Bishop's certificate modules on Old and New Testament, prayer, shaping the Christian life or mission are good. The 'Inhabiting the New Testament' module starts this week. There's just time to sign up if you hurry!

We do encourage everyone to think about how they are deepening their walk with Jesus – and joining a group can be good, and great fun!

Please do let Rev'd Joanna know what would help you.