

## Prayer Diary

In our prayer focus this week we shall pray for Local Organisations meeting in or serving the villages and especially those providing support and hospitality. We also pray each day for those who are unwell and for all in our own prayers.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - *The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)*

- Our Bishops Graham, Jane and 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 Horstead Centre, the staff and all the children who visit.
- All in Church Street and Close and the Maltings, Coltishall

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

- Wroxham and Aylsham Food Banks
- All in Norwich Road, Horstead

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – *Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988* Dunstan served as an important minister of state to several English kings. He was the most popular saint in England for nearly two centuries.

- Coltishall & Horstead Lunch Club.
- All in 'The Wilderness' and Parish Road, Stratton Strawless

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - *Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804* Alcuin is remembered and thanked for, amongst other things, his influence on the developing liturgy (worship) of the church.

- Coltishall and Horstead Good Neighbours Scheme.
- All in Well Green and Well Green Close, Frettenham

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – *Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330* In the fourth century as connections between the growing church and its roots in Palestine grew weaker, Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, devoted her life in researching and preserving the places associated with Jesus' earthly ministry and thus preserving them for posterity.

- All those who meet in the Tithe Barn, Horstead and Hainford Village Hall.
- The residents of Hall Lane, Hainford

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

- All those who meet in Coltishall Village Hall
- The residents of High Street, Station Road and the North Walsham Road, Coltishall

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

- Our worship tomorrow in Hainford and Horstead and all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- All those who meet in the Church Room
- The residents of Green Lane, Horstead

## THE COLTISHALL GROUP OF PARISHES

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

*he is  
not here  
he is  
risen*  
Matthews 28:6

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day**

**Services Today**

9.30am Holy Communion, Hainford Church,  
11.00am Holy Communion – Coltishall Church

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Morning Prayer, Horstead Church

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Morning Prayer, Hainford Church

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Morning Prayer, Coltishall Church  
10.00am Midweek Holy Communion, Coltishall Church  
12.30pm Church room lunch (book with Joan Milligan)  
4.00pm Interment of Ashes, Anton Earl, Horstead Church

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

9.00am Morning Prayer, Stratton Strawless Church  
10.30am Coffee morning and plant sale, Stratton Strawless Village Hall  
7.00pm APCM for whole benefice, Coltishall Church Room

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

*Rev'd Joanna's Rest Day*

10.30am Garden construction working party, Horstead Church  
7.00pm Hainford Quiz night at Village Hall hosted by Hainford Church for Church Funds

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

9.00am Morning Prayer, Frettenham Church  
10.30am Mini Pilgrimage. Gather in Horstead Church, -12.30pm for our pilgrimage through the lanes and footpaths via St Theobalds to Coltishall Church. For full details see overleaf.

### Next Sunday

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Pentecost**

9.30am Morning Worship – Hainford church  
11.00am Holy Communion – Horstead church

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, John 7.37-39

**The APCM is this coming Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm in the Church Room in Coltishall. All welcome.**

**Annual reports and accounts are now available, circulated to all on the mailing list with hard copies available**

Would you like to become a member of the PCC or a Deanery Synod Rep for your church? The please talk to Rev'd Joanna.... or any member of the current PCCs

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## Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1.6-14

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## Gospel reading: John 17.11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## Post Communion prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Dates for your diary

### Saturday: 10.30am 23<sup>rd</sup> May

#### Pilgrimage from Horstead to Coltishall

*Reflecting and praying for our parishes and communities as we walk from Horstead to Coltishall, via St Theobalds, Great Hautbois, with shortcuts for the less mobile. Refreshment stop midway, with lunch at the Red Lion afterwards. Wheelchair/ buggy friendly (with some adaptation) Please speak to Rev'd Joanna for full details and for booking of refreshment stops!*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May is Pentecost Sunday.** Do come in bright, fiery colours as we enjoy coffee and cake afterwards to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit – and the Church's birthday!

### Sunday: 10am 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Benefice Holy Communion** for the whole of the Coltishall Group of Parishes. A wonderful opportunity to worship altogether in Stratton Strawless Church.

### Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10.30am – 12 noon @ The Rectory

Our 4 week Bible-study following our summer theme of 'Pilgrimage' will use the Church of England's daily readings and reflections '**Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives**'. These will be published daily in the App or in the booklet (available from Rev'd Joanna - £3.50) from 25 June to 20 June. We will meet weekly from 2<sup>nd</sup> June to reflect on the previous week's readings, over coffee at the Rectory. All welcome.

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

The AAW team will be at the Coltishall School Rainbow Run supporting and cheering on our local community amid a riot of colour and fun! So there's no AAW that morning. There will be an 8am service of Holy Communion at Coltishall on 7<sup>th</sup> June instead.

AAW returns, hopefully outside, weather permitting, at 10am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Our new **Summer Sunday Service schedule** begins on 14<sup>th</sup> June with opportunities to worship in Coltishall, Hainford and Horstead every week. The additional service will be a said service of Holy Communion at 8am each Sunday morning, lasting approximately 30 minutes. Please do support this new service pattern, which is on a trial basis during the summer. Hainford services remain unchanged. See posters in and outside our Churches.

As we continue to review our worship services, please let Rev'd Joanna know if there's anything particular which would help your own worship and walk with God.