

Prayer Diary

As our local farmers are engaged in the Harvest throughout the month, let us this week pray for all that work the land here and overseas and for food security for all. We also pray each day for those who are unwell and for all in our own prayers.

Sunday 2nd August - *The Ninth 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 in Wroxham Road & Chapel Lane, Coltishall

Monday 3rd August

- The harvest taking place around us, that 'all will safely be gathered in' and those involved will be kept safe and well.
- All in Rectory Road and Church Close, Horstead

Tuesday 4th August – *Jean-Baptiste, Cure d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859* We commemorate this French priest who was renowned as a confessor and for his supernatural powers. He is the patron saint of parish priests. We pray for all in ordained parish ministry and their role in the work of the church.

- An end to the threat to the World Food Programme as a result of Russian attacks on ports, silos and transport in Ukraine. For short term measures to succeed and for an end to the war.
- All in Cromer Road, Hainford and Stratton Strawless

Wednesday 5th August – *Oswald, King of Northumberland, Martyr, 642* We remember this early Christian King in these Isles and pray for our present King Charles III.

- Adaptation to climate change in world food production as well as the urgent task of reducing emissions to halt the worst outcomes of global warming. For international responsibilities in sharing limited resources so no one should be hungry.
- All in Mill Road and Mayton Avenue, Frettenham.

Thursday 6th August – *The Transfiguration of our Lord*

- All who work in agriculture and associated jobs, often on very low wages. For all at this time who struggle to feed their families.
- All in Kings Road and College Close, Coltishall.

Friday 7th August - *John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866*

We give thanks to God for this translator and adaptor of ancient and medieval hymns. His works include: A Great and Mighty Wonder, All Glory, Laud and Honour and Alleluia, Song of Gladness

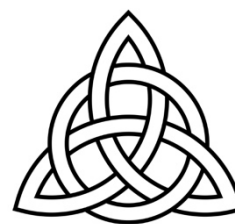
- Food Banks in providing short term relief and advice.
- All in Tungate Close and Causeway Drive, Horstead

Saturday 8th August - *Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221* As we commemorate Dominic, we thank God for the ministry of the Order of Preachers he founded. (Dominicans)

- All NGO's bringing emergency food aid and long-term programmes to assist countries facing the extreme results of climate change to adapt their food production to new conditions.,.
- Our worship tomorrow in Hainford, Horstead and Coltishall (8am) and all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- All in Shorthorn Road and Bracken Close, Stratton Strawless

THE COLTISHALL GROUP OF PARISHES

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



2nd August 2026 – Trinity 9

Services Today

- 8.00am Said Holy Communion, Horstead Church
- 9.30am Holy Communion, Hainford Church
- 10.00am All Age Worship, Coltishall Church
- 4.00pm Lammastide service, celebrating first fruits
Stratton Strawless Church

Monday 3rd August

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Horstead Church
- 2.00pm Ministry Team Meeting, The Rectory

Tuesday 4th August

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Hainford Church
- 10.00am Parish Support Team open day at Diocesan House
- 4.00pm All PCC members welcome, booking essential

Wednesday 5th August

No Church room lunch in August

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Coltishall Church
- 10.00am Midweek Holy Communion, Coltishall Church
followed by coffee at the Red Lion Café,
all welcome

Thursday 6th August

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Stratton Strawless Church
- 11.30am Interment of Ashes, Christopher Thompson,
Horstead Church
- 2.00pm Mill House service for staff and residents

Friday 7th August

Rev'd Joanna's rest day

Saturday 8th August

Rev'd Joanna on leave

- 2.00pm Wedding of Georgia Barratt and Ryan Steenson,
Coltishall Church

Next Sunday

9th August 2026 – Trinity 10

- 8.00am Said Holy Communion, Coltishall Church
- 9.30am Morning Worship, Hainford Church
- 11.00am Holy Communion, Horstead Church
- Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18, Matthew 14.22-33

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Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 Isaiah 55.1-5,

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Gospel reading: Matthew 14.13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post Communion prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness
of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Dates for your diary

Our new **Summer Sunday Service schedule** has begun with opportunities to worship in Coltishall, Hainford and Horstead every week. A said service of Holy Communion at 8am each Sunday morning, lasting approximately 30 minutes alternates between Horstead and Coltishall. Please note that there are exceptions when Rev'd Joanna is away, and check the notice sheet. 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.

Our summer **All Age Worship** on the first Sunday of each month will be at **10am** at **Coltishall**, hopefully, weather permitting, in the Churchyard. There will be seating available for all ages, with story, song, activities and prayer, followed by refreshments. Our theme this summer is **Stories Jesus Told:**

2/8/26 The Lost Sheep

6/9/26 The Wise and the Foolish Builders

For all ages and stages of life! Have fun and make friends.

Rev'd Joanna will be away on Annual Leave between 10th and 22nd August. Please save any non-urgent requests until she returns or alternatively email her and she will respond on her return. Urgent requests that require a priest should be directed to our Rural Dean, the Rev'd Andrew Whitehead (01603 872236) or our retired clergy, Rev'd Peter Howard or Rev'd Keith Dignum. Please note that these should only be emergency requests.