

Prayer Diary

Our prayer focus for this week is for all in authority in our country. We also pray each day for those who are unwell and for all in our own prayers.

Sunday 23rd August - 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.
- Parish councils in Frettenham and Stratton Strawless and all who serve as councillors
- The residents of Church Lane, Stratton Strawless

Monday 24th August

- Hainford Parish Council and its councillors and clerk
- The residents of Hall Lane, Frettenham

Tuesday 25th August *Bartholomew the Apostle*

There is no mention of Bartholomew in the Bible outside of the lists of Apostles. There is a tradition however of identifying Bartholomew with Nathanael in St. John's Gospel who was commended for his character as a 'True Israelite' by Jesus. We commemorate them both (or as the same!)

- Coltishall (with Great Hautbois) Parish Council and its members and clerk
- Dumbs Lane, Hainford

Wednesday 26th August

- Horstead Parish Council and its members and clerk
- All in Hautbois Road, Coltishall and Hautbois

Thursday 27th August *Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387* We remember her for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her.

- Broadland District council and our Councillors, Jo Copplestone, Mark Goodman and Shane Ward
- All in Mill Road, Horstead and the residents of Mill House Care Home

Friday 28th August – *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430* We give thanks for this great teacher and theologian who has profoundly influenced our understanding of the Faith.

- Norfolk County Council and our Councillors, Dan Roper and David Thomas
- All in Carters Lane, Stratton Strawless

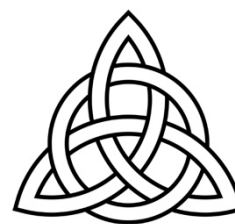
Saturday 29th August – *The beheading of John the Baptist.*

We remember the costly example of John, who 'prepared the way of the Lord'. We pray for Coltishall Church who has him as one of their Patron Saints.

- Our Benefice service tomorrow in Frettenham and all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- Our Parliament and Government and local MP, Jerome Mayhew
- All in Shirley Close, Frettenham

THE COLTISHALL GROUP OF PARISHES

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



23rd August 2026 – Trinity 12

Services Today

8.00am Said Holy Communion, Coltishall Church
9.30am Morning Worship, Hainford Church
11.00am Holy Communion, Horstead Church

It's August, so there are few planned meetings. Please do support one another if you're staying here. August can be a lonely time. If you're on holiday with friends or family, have a restful and restorative time.

Monday 24th August

Rev'd Joanna on leave

Tuesday 25th August

9.00am Morning Prayer, Hainford Church
1.00pm Funeral of Sybil Lorkings, Colney Wood followed by refreshments at The Club House, Woodland Drive

Wednesday 26th 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 27th August

9.00am Morning Prayer, Stratton Strawless Church
9.45am Stratton Strawless PCC meeting, Toz's house

Friday 28th August

Rev'd Joanna's rest day

10.30am Bible Study Group, Church Room. Contact - 12 noon Lucy Care (01603 393563) for more information.

Next Sunday

30th August 2026 – Trinity 13

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion, Frettenham Church

Readings: Jeremiah 15.15-21, Matthew 16.21-end

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Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading Isaiah 51.1–6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Gospel reading: Matthew 16.13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dates for your diary

Our new **Summer Sunday Service schedule** has 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.

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**, 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** and on **6th September** we hear about the **Wise and the Foolish Builders** and how we can build our lives on Jesus! For all ages and stages of life! Have fun and make friends.



In September we will be starting **'The Bible Course'**. This is an 8-week course which helps us to understand the Bible for ourselves and discover where we fit into the story. So whether you're just starting out, have a bit of Bible knowledge or have read it cover to cover, there's something for us all to discover afresh.

(www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course)

We'll be meeting at The Rectory on Monday evenings starting on **Monday, 7th September** from 7.30 to 9.00pm.

Please let Rev'd Joanna know if you'd like more info or to join in.