

Prayer Diary

Our prayer focus for this week is 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 16th August - The Eleventh 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.
- The Horstead Centre, the staff and all the children who visit.
- All in Church Street and Close and the Maltings, Coltishall

Monday 17th August

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

Tuesday 18th August

- Coltishall & Horstead Lunch Club, currently on summer break
- All in 'The Wilderness' and Parish Road, Stratton Strawless

Wednesday 19th August

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

Thursday 20th August – – Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153; William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 & 1890

Bernard was an important and influential Church leader of his time but it is for his spirituality that he is especially valued today. The Booths need little introduction. We thank God for their pioneering work in reaching out to the poor of Victorian and Edwardian Britain. We praise God for the continuing world-wide work of the Salvation Army today, alongside the denomination, it is the largest charity in the UK serving the homeless and people in poverty. The families of those who suffer from poor mental health for the strength, resilience and wisdom they need in supporting their loved ones through illness.

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

Friday 21st August

- All those who meet in Coltishall, Frettenham, Hainford and Stratton Strawless Village Halls.
- The residents of High Street, Station Road and the North Walsham Road, Coltishall

Saturday 22nd August –

- Our worship tomorrow in Hainford and Coltishall 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



16th August 2026 – Trinity 11

Services Today

9.30am Holy Communion, Hainford Church

11.00am Holy Communion, Coltishall Church

As Rev'd Joanna is on leave, there is no 9am Morning Prayer in our churches until Tuesday, 25th August. All our churches are open daily for prayer and you are most welcome in any of them at any time.

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.

Wednesday 19th August

No Church room lunch in August

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

6.45pm Footprints Walking Group, evening ramble, meeting at Station Road carpark, NR10 4LF, optional drinks after at Kings Arms, Reepham

Thursday 20th August

2.00pm Good Neighbours Afternoon Tea with Bingo

- 4.00pm Coltishall Church Rooms

Friday 21st August

11.00am Community Garden Working Party, Horstead

- 1.00pm Churchyard. Contact Lucy Care (01603 393563) for more information.

Rev'd Joanna will be 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.

Next Sunday

23rd August 2026 – Trinity 12

8.00am Said Holy Communion, Coltishall Church

9.30am Morning Worship, Hainford Church

11.00am Holy Communion, Horstead Church

Readings: Isaiah 51.1–6, Matthew 16.13–20

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Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

1st Reading Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Gospel reading: Matthew 15.21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Post Communion prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that
one true sacrifice which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through 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.

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.

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