

## Prayer Diary

This week's focus is on our local schools and places of learning. We also pray each day for those who are unwell and for all in our own prayers.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September - The Sixteenth 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.
- Coltishall Primary School, for children and staff.
- The residents of Chapel Lane Coltishall

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Matthew Apostle, and Evangelist

We thank God for the example of Matthew who gave up his lucrative job to follow Jesus and the Gospel that bears his name.

- Frettenham Primary School, for children and staff.
- The residents of Glebe Way and All Saints Close, Horstead

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- Hainford Primary School, for children and staff.
- Those in Shorthorn Road, Stratton Strawless

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Ember Day** Ember days are traditionally associated with Ordinations to the Ministry and so we pray for those to be ordained at this time.

- Coltishall Pre-School and all early learning opportunities used by local families. For children and staff.
- All in Mill Road Frettenham

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

- Broadland High School, students and staff.
- The residents of Waterloo Road, Hainford

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626. Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392** Lancelot Andrews was an English bishop and scholar, who held high positions in the Church of England during the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I. During the latter's reign, Andrewes served successively as Bishop of Chichester, of Ely, and of Winchester and oversaw the translation of the King James Version of the Bible (or Authorized Version) for which we give thanks. Sergius of Radonezh was a spiritual leader and monastic reformer of medieval Russia. Together with Seraphim of Sarov, he is one of Eastern Orthodoxy's most highly venerated saints in Russia.

- All sixth forms and tertiary education used by local young people. For students and staff.
- All in Kings Road and College Close, Coltishall

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942** Impressed by the Salvation Army's engagement with and mission amongst the poor and most alienated from the church, Carlile set up a society of lay evangelists, who would seek to extend the work of the Church of England into such communities

- Our worship tomorrow in Hainford and Horstead. We pray for all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- The University of East Anglia, Norwich University of the Arts, City College Norwich, and all the places of Higher Education where local people study. We pray for students and staff.
- All in Norwich Road, Horstead

## THE COLTISHALL GROUP OF PARISHES

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



**Living Water**  
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water  
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

## 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026 – Creationtide 3 Love for all

### Services Today

- 9.30am Holy Communion, Hainford Church
- 11.00am Holy Communion, Coltishall Church
- 4.00pm Wild Church, Horstead Churchyard  
(or church if wet)

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Horstead Church
- 7.30pm The Bible Course, session 3. The Rectory

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Hainford Church
- 2.00pm AAW and Messy Church planning meeting,  
The Rectory

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Coltishall Church
- 10.00am Midweek Holy Communion, Coltishall Church  
followed by coffee at the Red Lion Café,  
all welcome
- 12.30pm Community Lunch, Church Room, book with  
Joan Milligan (01603 737270)

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Stratton Strawless Church

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

*Rev'd Joanna's rest day*

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

*Rev'd Joanna's additional monthly day off*

### Next Sunday

### 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026 – Creation 4 – Hope

- 9.30am Morning Worship, Hainford Church
- 11.00am Holy Communion, Horstead Church
- 2.00pm Baptism of Archie Sacre, Coltishall Church
- 4.00pm Harvest Festival, Stratton Strawless Church  
Followed by refreshments

Readings: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32, Matthew 21.23-32

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE BENEFICE

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## Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Jonah 3.10 – 4.11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

<sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.'

<sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

<sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

## Gospel reading: Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus said to his disciples, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are

you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup>They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

<sup>8</sup>"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?" <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

## Post Communion prayer

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Emergency Contact Details

Did you know that each church has a folder where you can place your emergency contact details (in a sealed envelope) in case we should need them during a service. This is another way we can show our love for each other. If you haven't done this, please consider doing it – just in case!

## Dates for your diary

### 27<sup>th</sup> September – 4pm

**Harvest Festival** at Stratton Strawless, followed by refreshments. Gifts of non-perishable food for St Martin's, please.

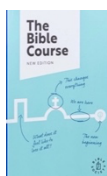
### 4<sup>th</sup> October – 4pm

**Pet Service** at Frettenham. All pets and their wellbehaved(!) owners welcome! Refreshments to follow.

### 9<sup>th</sup> October – 7 for 7.30pm

**Hainford Harvest Festival Quiz with Fish and Chips.....**

Tickets £5 plus cost of food, served at the beginning of the evening with quiz to follow. Great fun. Please let Sheena know if you'd like to come, and your food order if you'd like to eat with us. Sheena - 07763 145611, smacronald@btinternet.com



**The Bible Course** is now full, but if you would like to join the next one, please let Rev'd Joanna know. Full details at: [www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course).