

Prayer Diary

This week's theme is families and those who care for children. We also pray each day for those who are unwell and for all in our own prayers.

Sunday 6th September - *The Fourteenth 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.
- Our own parents and give thanks for all they have given us, their care and the gift of life itself. We remember those whom we see no longer.
- The residents of Frettenham Road and Patricia Avenue, Horstead.

Monday 7th September

- Children who either have no relationship with one of their parents or whose relationship is a troubled one.
- The residents of Wymondham Close, Stratton Strawless.

Tuesday 8th September – *The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Accession of King Charles 111, 2022*

Today we pray for our King on the fourth anniversary of his Accession and the passing of Queen Elizabeth 2nd.

- Grandparents and other family members who take on the role of caring for children.
- Those in Birbeck Way Frettenham.

Wednesday 9th September – *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880*

We remember the founder of the Society of the Holy Cross, a community of Priests that played a leading role in the Anglo Catholic revival of the 19th century. They still exist today providing support and discipline for its members.

- Child minders and those who work in children's day care facilities. We especially pray for better funding of this important service to working families.
- All in Church Lane, Hainford.

Thursday 10th September

- Those who are Foster Parents, for the gifts they need for this extraordinary work of care, both long term and short term.
- The residents of the St James' district in Coltishall.

Friday 11th September

- Those working in our Nursery School and early years education.
- All in Church Close and St Margarets Close, Horstead.

Saturday 12th September

- Our worship tomorrow in Hainford and Horstead. We pray for all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- All in Cromer Road, Stratton Strawless.
- We remember again all parents. Those sharing in the care of their children, those that are single parents and those estranged from their children. For strength, wisdom, love and time for themselves!

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

6th September 2026

Festival of Creation in Christ

Services Today

- 8.00am Said Holy Communion, Horstead Church
- 9.30am Holy Communion, Hainford Church
- 10.00am All Age Worship, Coltishall

Monday 7th September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Horstead Church
- 2.00pm Ministry Team Meeting, The Rectory
- 7.30pm The Bible Course, session 1. The Rectory
Contact Rev'd Joanna for full details and to join

Tuesday 8th September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Hainford Church
Ecclesiastical Insurance visiting Coltishall Church

Wednesday 9th September

Diocesan Parish Support Team Away Day at the Horstead Centre and Horstead Church

- 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 10th September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Stratton Strawless Church

Friday 11th September

Rev'd Joanna's rest day

Saturday 12th September

- Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride all day
- Stratton Strawless Village Produce Show, Village Hall
- 9.00am Entries with public viewing at 3pm
- 10.00am Wildflower Pre-School Garage Sale across
- 4.00pm Coltishall and Horstead. Coltishall Group stall
outside The Rectory for Benefice Funds.
Items for sale, please, to Rev'd Joanna **ASAP**

Next Sunday

13th September 2026 – Creation 2

- 9.30am Morning Worship, Hainford Church
- 10.00am Holy Communion, Horstead

Readings: Genesis 50.15-21, Matthew 18.21.35

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Collect

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were
made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,
that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading Isaiah 55.12 – 13

¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Second Reading: Colossians 1.15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn
of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and
on earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for
him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all
things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body,
the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from
the dead, so that he might come to have first place
in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was
pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was
pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on
earth or in heaven, by making peace through the
blood of his cross.

Gospel reading: Matthew 8.23-27

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples
followed him. ²⁴A gale arose on the lake, so great
that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but
he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up,
saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' ²⁶And he
said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?'
Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea;
and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed,
saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds
and the sea obey him?'

Post Communion prayer

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth,
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dates for your diary



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.

12th September – lots of choice: the **Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Produce Show** at the Village Hall in Stratton Strawless, and the **garage sale** organised by Wildflower PreSchool, and we have a stall for Church funds at the Rectory. Have a clear out and let Rev'd Joanna have your saleable items!

Urgent need for saleable items for our table! Please have a good sort out and get to Rev'd Joanna ASAP!

17th September – Parish pilgrimage from Stratton Strawless to Coltishall, taking in all our churches, join for it all or a section, full details next week!

20th September – 4pm

Wild Church in the Churchyard at Horstead. Celebrate the Season of Creation in the beauty of Horstead's churchyard and river setting, celebrating and praying for God's creation in word and song. Bring a chair/cushions. Light refreshments and drinks provided.

27th September – 4pm

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