

Prayer Diary

These next few weeks (1st September to 4th October, St. Francis' Day,) are designated 'Creationtide' when we are encouraged to reflect on our responsibility as Stewards of the Natural World. This week our prayer focus is local businesses, so we can consider their role in this calling. We also pray each day for those who are unwell and for all in our own prayers.

Sunday 30th August - *The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

- Our Bishops Graham, Jane and 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 shops that serve our villages
- The residents of Chequers Meadows and Stratton Road Hainford.

Monday 31st August - *Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary*

We give thanks for this Celtic Missionary who came from Iona to bring the faith to the north east of England.

- Our Cafés and takeaways for which we give thanks for their rich fare and hospitality.
- The residents of Rectory Road and Close and those responsible for the new housing planned and its impact on the village.

Tuesday 1st September – *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c710*

The story of Giles is largely the subject of legend. He is the patron saint of the physically disabled so an opportunity to remember all those who live with this in our prayers.

- Local Farms.
- Those in All Saints Close and Guardian Way, Horstead

Wednesday 2nd September – *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942* We remember those who give their lives for the sake of the Gospel. We continue to pray for our Diocesan link with the Diocese of Port Moresby in PNG and those ministering there today.

- Local Workshops and Factories
- All in Wymondham Close, Stratton Strawless

Thursday 3rd September – *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604* Gregory instigated the mission to the Anglo Saxons which included sending Augustine to Kent. So along with the Celtic missionaries from Iona, we thank him for the re-evangelisation of our land. We need to pray for a re-evangelisation in our own time!

- Businesses providing a range of services.
- All in Birbeck Way, Frettenham

Friday 4th September – *Birinius, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon, Apostle of Wessex, 650.* We thank God for this early missionary to south central England.

- Hairdressers and beauty salons.
- All in Lady Lane, Hainford

Saturday 5th September

- Our worship tomorrow in Horstead, Hainford and Coltishall (All Age Worship) and all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- All in Westbourne Avenue & St John's Close Coltishall.
- Our local pubs, for all the ways they enrich our lives and that of the community.

THE COLTISHALL GROUP OF PARISHES

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



30th August 2026 – Trinity 13

Services Today

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion, Frettenham Church

Community lunch returns on Wednesday, please do book with Joan Milligan (01603 737270) if you'd like to go.

Monday 31st August

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st September

9.00am Morning Prayer, Hainford Church

10.00am Horstead PCC Meeting, Horstead Church

Wednesday 2nd September

Rev'd Joanna at Safeguarding training, Hainford School

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 M

2.00pm Stratton Strawless Village Hall Committee Meeting

Thursday 3rd September

9.00am Morning Prayer, Stratton Strawless Church

2.00pm Mill House Service for residents and staff

Friday 4th September

Rev'd Joanna's rest day

Saturday 5th September

10.15am Footprints Rambling Group, meet Northrepps Village Hall carpark, with optional lunch afterwards, at The Foundary Arms (booking essential) Further details from Sheena

2.00pm Save the Parish conference, Norwich School

Next Sunday

6th September 2026 – Creation in Christ

8.00am Said Holy Communion, Horstead Church

9.30am Holy Communion, Hainford Church

10.00am All Age Worship, Coltishall

Readings: Isaiah 55.12-end, Matthew 8.23-27

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Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

1st Reading Jeremiah 15.15-21

¹⁵ O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
¹⁹ Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the
wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the
ruthless.

Second Reading: Romans 12.9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel reading: Matthew 16.21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Post Communion prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
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 organized 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!

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!