

Prayer Diary

This week's theme is those in the 'third age of life. We will pray for the challenges as well as the opportunities of these later years.. We also pray each day for those who are unwell and for all in our own prayers.

Sunday 13th September – *The Fifteenth 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 newly retired. We pray for refreshment and renewal and that God will make them aware of his plan for their lives.
- The residents of Mill Field Close, Frettenham.

Monday 14th September - *Holy Cross Day* We think again of Gods great love for us in sending his beloved Son to die for us on the Cross

- Those who are finding ageing and reduced mobility a struggle health-wise. We pray that they may get the support and care to enable a new and rewarding way of living.
- The residents of Harvest Close Hainford

Tuesday 15th September – *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*

- Cyprian was an early Christian writer of Berber descent, who became Bishop. He died for his faith under the persecution of Emperor Decian.
- Those who suffer from dementia, for God's peace upon them and for their carers,. We pray for the strengthening of their support and for charities like Alzheimer's UK.
 - Those in Wroxham Road, Coltishall

Wednesday 16th September – *Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, 432, Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882*

The tradition that Ninian evangelised the Picts, one of the early inhabitants of Scotland, over 150 years earlier than Augustine was sent to the Kent by Pope Gregory, reminds us of the ancient roots of Christianity in these Isles. Pusey was a leader in what came to be known as the Catholic revival in the Church of England. They put forth their views in written articles known as 'Tracts'.

- Active retired people that they may take up the opportunity of volunteering in their church, communities and further afield. For those already committed that they may be blessed in what they do, not be taken for granted and avoid burn out!
- All in Buxton Road, Horstead

Thursday 17th September – *Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179* Hildegard was a German Benedictine abbess and polymath active as a writer, composer of sacred monophony (single line of melody),, philosopher, mystic, visionary, and as a medical writer and practitioner during the High Middle Ages.

- For Adult Social Services and their work in supporting more vulnerable elderly people.
- The residents of Cromer Road, Stratton Strawless

Friday 18th September

- The challenge of providing decent and affordable social care that elderly and disabled people may be able to remain happily in their own homes or with family.
- All in Mill Road, Frettenham

Saturday 19th September – *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury 670* Theodore was born in Tarsus the home of St.Paul fleeing to Rome when the city was captured by the Persians. He was appointed by the Pope as Archbishop of Canterbury. His work put the province in good order setting up a school (more a college) in Canterbury

- Our worship tomorrow morning in Hainford & Coltishall and for 'Wild Church' service in Horstead Churchyard at 4pm. We pray for all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- The residential and nursing care sector for the affordable provision of such care for those who need it.
- All in Newton Road, Hainford

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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

13th September 2026 – Creationtide 2

Services Today

- 9.30am Morning Worship, Hainford Church
11.00am Holy Communion, Horstead

Monday 14th September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Horstead Church
10.00am Coltishall PCC meeting, The Rectory
7.30pm The Bible Course, session 2. The Rectory
Contact Rev'd Joanna for full details and to join

Tuesday 15th September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Hainford Church
2.00pm Hainford PCC meeting, Greysbank

Wednesday 16th 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 17th September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Stratton Strawless Church
9.30am Benefice Prayer Pilgrimage – see over for details
3.00pm or further details from Rev'd Joanna

Friday 18th September

Rev'd Joanna's rest day

- 10.00am Horstead History Group meeting in churchyard
- 12 noon or Lucy's if wet

Saturday 19th September

Next Sunday

20th September 2026 – Creation 3 – Love for all

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

Readings: Jonah 3.10 – 4.11, Matthew 20.1-16

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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**

1st Reading Genesis 50.15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Gospel reading: Matthew 18.21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he

should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

Post Communion prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dates for your diary

17th September – *Parish pilgrimage from Stratton*

Strawless to Coltishall, taking in all our churches. We will be praying for our parishes, communities, growth and the new Diocesan Strategy, Streams.

Join us for it all, between a couple of churches, or meet us for prayer and fellowship at the church along the way. If you can offer lifts to those who want to walk a section, that would be great too.... Bring a picnic lunch.

Refreshments available at Hainford and Horstead, with tea at The Red Lion Café in Coltishall at the end.

Timings are:

Stratton Strawless – Morning Prayer at 9am, then prayer for the journey at 9.30am leaving about 9.45am for 1.5 mile walk to:

Hainford – arrive about 10.20-30am for coffee, prayer for the community and journey, leaving about 11.00am for 2 mile walk to:

Frettenham – arriving about 12 noon. Stop for prayer, and early lunch, leaving about 12.30 for 2 mile walk to:

Horstead – arriving about 1.30pm. Prayer and reflection before leaving about 1.45pm for our final leg of 1 mile to:

Coltishall – arriving about 2.15pm for prayer and thanksgiving before going to Red Lion Café for a well-earned cup of tea – and possibly some cake?!

Questions and more info from Rev'd Joanna

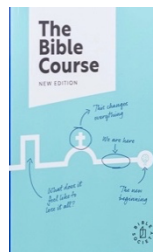
20th September – 4pm

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.



The Bible Course has started, and is almost full, but if you'd like to join us, please let Rev'd Joanna know. We may run another of these excellent courses in the near future. Full details at: www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course.