Prayer Diary

Our prayer focus this week we pray for Local Organisations meeting in or serving the villages and especially those providing support and hospitality especially in the run up to Christmas. We also pray each day for those who are unwell and for all in our own prayers.

Sunday 15th November - *The Second Sunday before Advent*

- 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 Horstead Centre, staff and all the children who visit.
- All in Church Street and Close and the Maltings, Coltishall

Monday 16th November – *Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093. Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240* Margaret was a pious Christian, and among many charitable works she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth in Scotland for pilgrims travelling to St Andrews in Fife, which gave the towns of South Queensferry and North Queensferry their names. Edmund was an ascetic and respected teacher of the Faith, as Archbishop he combined a gentle personal temperament with a strong public stature and severity towards King Henry III in defence of Magna Carta and in general, of good civil and Church government and justice.

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

Tuesday 17th November *Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200* A reforming Bishop who improved the life of the monasteries and stood up to power when required. Hugh was also prominent in trying to protect the Jews, in the persecution they suffered at the beginning of Richard I's reign (1189-1199). Great numbers of whom lived in Lincoln and he put down popular violence against them.

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

Wednesday 18th November – *Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist* Elizabeth was married at the age of 14, widowed at 20. After her husband's death, she regained her dowry, using the money to build a hospital where she herself served the sick. She became a symbol of Christian charity after her death in 1231 at the age of 24.

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

Thursday 19th November – *Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680. Mechtild, Beguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280* Hilda was the founder and first abbess at Whitby, chosen as the venue for the Synod of Whitby in 664. An important figure in the Christianisation of Anglo-Saxon England, she was abbess in several convents and recognised for the wisdom that drew kings to her for advice. Beguines were lay religious orders in the 13th-16th Century. Mechtild was a Christian medieval mystic, the first to write in Low German, whose book 'The Flowing Light of Divinity' is a compendium of visions, prayers, dialogues and mystical accounts.

- Those who meet in the Village Halls in Hainford, Frettenham and Stratton Strawless.
- The residents of Hall Lane, Hainford

Friday 20th November – *Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870. Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876.* Edmund was a Christian Monarch who promoted the faith in his kingdom. Priscilla was one of those who sought to renew the gift of the religious life (monasticism) towards the end of the 19th century.

- All those who meet in Coltishall Village Hall and Church Room
- The residents of High Street, Station Road and the North Walsham Road, Coltishall

Saturday 21st November

- For our worship tomorrow in Hainford and Horstead and all involved in leading and facilitating our services.
- All those who meet in the Tithe Barn, Horstead
- 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



15th November 2026
Safeguarding Sunday - 'Love Protects'

Services Today

9.30am Holy Communion, Hainford Church
11.00am Holy Communion, Coltishall Church
4.00pm Patronal Festival, Stratton Strawless Church

Monday 16th November

9.00am Morning Prayer, Horstead Church

Tuesday 17th November

No morning prayer at Hainford (Rectory gas boiler service)

Wednesday 18th November

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)
7.30pm Royal British Legion AGM, Red Lion, Coltishall

Thursday 19th November

Rev'd Joanna – additional monthly rest day

Friday 20th November

Rev'd Joanna's rest day

Saturday 21st November

10.00am Christmas Craft Fair, Stratton Strawless Village Hall -4.00pm

Next Sunday
22nd November 2026 – Christ the King

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

Readings:
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1.15-23, Matthew 25.31-46

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Collect

Loving God, the embodiment of a living and loving community,
help us to be a church that: loves, welcomes, protects, listens, learns, serves, repents, restores,
transforms, values, cares and believes.
God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.
Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.
In Jesus name. **Amen**

1st Reading 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. [3] If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
[4] Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
[8] Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. [11] When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. [12] For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.
[13] And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Gospel reading: Matthew 18.1-14

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' [2] He called a child, whom he put among them, [3] and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. [4] Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. [5] Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.
[6] 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. [7] Woe to the world because of stumbling-blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling-block comes!
[8] 'If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. [9] And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire.
[10] 'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. [12] What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? [13] And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. [14] So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

Post Communion prayer

God of peace,
we thank you that by sharing bread and wine,
we are more aware of your love for us
and for all humanity.
Guide us when encountering those in distress,
loving as you love, and being prompted to action.
May we share in keeping your precious ones safe
and cared for.
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

Join us for **Advent** as we watch and wait together. We will work our way through 4 weeks focusing on Walking with Angels. It starts on Monday 30th November through to Monday 21st December, 10.30am-12noon at the Rectory.
Come and watch and wait with us.
Details from Rev'd Joanna.



We're now planning the next **Bible Course** so if you would like to come to this, please let Rev'd Joanna know. Full information about the course at: www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course.