

The Lighthouse



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Diocese of Norwich

Sunday, 5 September 2021
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Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Scripture Readings:

James 2:1–10 (11–13), 14–17

Mark 7:24–37

Services Today

Please note that from today onwards The Gathering will be back in St Nicholas church, Dersingham.

9.30 am The Gathering – Contemporary accessible worship. The Archdeacon of Lynn, The Venerable Ian Bentley, will be giving the message.

11 am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Nicholas Dersingham, with the Archdeacon of Lynn, The Venerable Ian Bentley, leading and preaching. (Service will be recorded and uploaded.)



There will be refreshments served between the two services and time to greet the Archdeacon.

Flower Displays at St Nicholas

In conjunction with Dersingham Open Gardens, flower displays by village groups and organisations are available to view free of charge in church today. The theme is 'Things we have missed'.

Dersingham Open Gardens

Continues today, Sunday, 5th September. 14 lovely gardens to enjoy, plus some artist studios. Refreshments, tickets and maps from Dersingham Village Centre.

Funerals at St Nicholas Church

Monday, 6th September – 1.45 pm
Funeral of Susie Smith

Thursday, 9th September – 2 pm
Funeral of Henno Laanest

**Bible Readings for
Sunday 12th September**

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

First reading: James 3:1–12

Second reading: Mark 8:27–38

**Benefice of Dersingham,
Anmer, Ingoldisthorpe & Shernborne**

Rector's Letter: Guidance Ahead for Worship in the Dersingham Benefice

3 September 2021

Dear All,

I am now able to provide a further update for worship since my letter of the 21st July 2021. Following the continuation of the relaxing of Government restrictions, I now share some further information and updates on worship. Firstly, we are going to self-regulate with the use of face masks, offering a personal decision as to whether or not to wear a face mask. I appreciate that this might not be at everyone's speed, either late or too soon, but as a ministry leadership team we now feel that it is the time to make these adjustments to recommendations. We strongly encourage everyone to be conscious of others' preferences and need for personal space.

The Minister celebrating Holy Communion will continue to wear a face mask when preparing at the Lord's Table and for the time being at the distribution of the bread. It might be of assistance to some when moving forward to receive communion in larger services that a temporary use of a face mask may be an aid, when in close proximity to others. Holy Communion will continue to be of one kind; it is not felt appropriate to have a common cup (sharing a chalice of wine) at this time.

Where possible when expecting a large congregation in any of our benefice churches, the use of face masks may be encouraged. For example, Remembrance Sunday, but this will be reviewed as with other aspects of worship.

The Gathering contemporary worship at 9.30 am moves back into St Nicholas Church from this Sunday onwards. It will be good to be back. Also, this Sunday at the 11 am Holy Communion, we will see the use again of the Sanctuary for the celebration of Holy Communion and include again the singing of the responses; I know many will appreciate this. Additionally, this Sunday we welcome the Archdeacon of Lynn, Rev Ian Bentley who will be leading and preaching at the benefice services.

Thank you for your prayers over the last few months – it has been most appreciated. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's leading as we continue to steadily look ahead to the future of God's church here, sure in the love of Christ.

Finally, this Sunday do take the opportunity of enjoying the Dersingham Open Gardens and the beautiful flower displays in St Nicholas Church.

Yours in Christ
Rev Mark Capron



Rector: Rev Mark Capron
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Livestream Update

There are some ongoing difficulties with the Church's BT Open Reach service, which means that we cannot broadcast the livestream reliably at present. We are awaiting a solution from BT, and we would ask for your prayers for this situation to be resolved. It has been five weeks now, with no progress. In the meantime, we will continue to record the service and upload it on Sunday afternoon. Please bear with us.



Ideas for prayer

- + all teachers, school staff and children who are starting the new school year this week
- + our children and young people, their parents and caregivers
- + our young adults; our elderly neighbours and family members
- + our Armed Forces serving here and abroad
- + our Ministry Team as they plan services and ministry for the months ahead
- + all who make our worship services possible, all who attend online, in person or who visit the church via social media
- + for the difficulties with the church's Open Reach connection to resolve quickly
- + our volunteers at church and in the community
- + for Baby Basics and the families they serve

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk

Saturday, 11th September 2021
9 am – 5 pm

Cyclists and walkers are again encouraged to get involved this year. It is an opportunity for a fun day out and to raise money for the preservation of our wonderful Norfolk churches. You can plan your own route. A list of all the churches that will be open on that day, as well as other useful information, is available from the Trust's website – info@norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk. Remember that half of the money that you raise will be donated to the church of your choice, and will be worth even more if your sponsors Gift Aid their sponsorship. This will be a great help in a period where, because of the pandemic, church giving has been quite spasmodic.

There is a Just Giving link on the website for those who prefer that method.

I am looking for people to give an hour as a Steward/Church Recorder in church between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. Ideally, I would have two people on at a time. Please let me know if you are able to help. Church Recorders can also be sponsored for the hours that they are on duty, thus increasing the money raised. It is a lovely opportunity to meet visitors and to make them welcome. I know from my own experience as a cyclist that a cheery welcome is a real encouragement.



There are details on [Bike Ride & Walk | The Norfolk Churches Trust](#)

or by contacting me, the local co-ordinator in our church, on: 01485 540857

There is also a Facebook page [Norfolk Churches Trust - Home | Facebook](#) and a Twitter page [NorfolkChurchesTrust \(@SaveOurChurches\) / Twitter](#)

–Neil Adams

Photo: Norfolk Churches Trust

Seven Church, Half Marathon Meander

In aid of Norfolk Churches Trust

Saturday, 11th September 2021

Led by Steve & Lindsey Davis

You are invited to join us again for all or part of a 13-mile walk (half a Marathon!), which we plan to do on Saturday 11th September 2021 as our contribution towards this year's Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride and Walk event.

Meeting at and starting from St Mary's Church, Snettisham at 9am sharp, much of the walk will be along country lanes, public and permissive footpaths, including a lovely stretch of Peddars Way, visiting the further six churches: St Mary – Sedgeford, All Saints – Fring, SS Peter & Paul – Shernborne, St Michael – Ingoldisthorpe, Dersingham Methodist Chapel and, of course, finishing with St Nicholas – Dersingham.

Do please contact us if you're interested in taking part. Further details will be available at the back of the Church, where you'll also see how to sponsor us, or any of the others who also have planned cycling routes for this day. 50% of any money raised will support the work of Norfolk Churches Trust and 50% will be returned to support our own Church's needs.

Steve & Lindsey

Email Steve for more information: steve@davista.co.uk

Stopwatch: how quickly can you solve these anagrams?

SHOCK HOLLY

AIDE SIS

HAD SAIL

SEA BINGO

HIDES IN PLUM

AUTUMN STIRS

*All are the (plural) names of flowers.
Answers, last page.*

Ideas for prayer

- + all those affected by coronavirus, here and around the world
- + our GPs and NHS workers, care workers and care home residents
- + key workers and those who provide essential services
- + people whose health is vulnerable
- + our collective health and welfare
- + for co-operation among nations in dealing with the pandemic

Ideas for prayer

- + our nation and community life; our Government and its advisors
- + for wisdom and patience in all matters
- + all who are worried about, or who have lost, jobs, livelihoods and businesses, or who are having difficulty making ends meet
- + all who are homeless
- + all who are suffering any injustice – racial, social, economic
- + anyone facing illness, medical treatment or hospitalisation
- + all who feel isolated or who cannot be with their families
- + those who have died
- + hope, encouragement and peace in all circumstances

Church Tower Abseil

Saturday, 2nd October

This promises to be an exciting day! Various kinds of help are needed for the event. If you can offer help, please get in touch with Rev Mark.



We pray for all Christians in countries where they are persecuted for their faith.

ETHIOPIA

Population 112.8 million. 67.5 million Christians (59.9%)

Many Ethiopian Christians are persecuted by fellow Christians if they belong to a different denomination. In Ethiopia, persecution is often dependent on what kind of Christian you are or where you live. Because of the government's special relationship with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, other denominations – especially Evangelical and Pentecostal Protestants – are persecuted by the state and Orthodox Church. Christians who change denominations and leave the

Orthodox Church are subject to family and community pressure and can face significant mistreatment. Additionally, churches can be restricted from holding religious gatherings. The other major factor for persecution in Ethiopia is Islamic extremism. Particularly in the eastern and south-eastern parts of the country, converts to Christianity from Islam can be harassed and oppressed by their families and surrounding communities. In some regions, Christians are denied access to community resources and experience ostracism and discrimination. Additionally, some Christians are vulnerable to violence when Islamic extremists attack churches and homes. Christian women face the additional risk of being forced to marry non-Christians and then expected to follow the religion of their husband. And if a woman converts to Christianity in a non-Christian area, it is likely she will be divorced by her husband and possibly lose custody of her children.

Prayer points

- Pray that Christians of all denominations in Ethiopia would embrace Christ's command for unity.
- Pray for protection for Christians in areas where Islamic extremists are active.
- Pray for courage for believers from Muslim backgrounds.

If you'd like to know more about the situation for Christians in Ethiopia, do take a look at Open Doors' website and watch list: [Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Ethiopia - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

A prayer for Ethiopia from Open Doors

Heavenly Father, we ask You to protect and preserve Your people in Ethiopia. We pray for unity among Your people, and ask that Jesus' command for unity would be embraced by all Christians. We humbly ask that You would sustain those believers who are discriminated against and oppressed, and that You would encourage and give them hope when they are tempted to despair. Amen.

Thanks to Rev Adrian for providing these prayers for the persecuted church.

Diocesan Refugee Fund

The Bishop of Norwich has relaunched the Diocesan Refugee Fund to help Afghan refugees resettling in Norfolk. For more information visit the website:

[Refugee fund re-launched in response to Afghanistan crisis – Diocese of Norwich](#)

Prayers worldwide

- + for Haiti, suffering from the August earthquake and hurricane
- + for the dire situation in Afghanistan and for all Afghan people seeking safety
- + for the many places devastated by Hurricane Ida
- + for everyone affected by coronavirus, and for the fair and speedy distribution of vaccines

Let your light shine



Do you have news to share? Perhaps something you are enjoying again now that restrictions are eased?

The Lighthouse would love to hear from you.

Email secretary@stnicholasdersingham.org.uk

Prayers of thanks for:

- + God's grace, love and forgiveness
- + our families, friendships and church
- + the comfort and reassurance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit
- + the changing seasons, Harvest and that we have enough

Wordsearch

Continuing the garden theme, this week's puzzle is about tomato varieties. The picture shows a few tomatoes from the seedlings featured earlier in the year!

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| ALICANTE | SUNGOLD | STUPICE | CHERRY |
| RED ALERT | RED ROBIN | YELLOW CANARY | |
| SWEET CHELSEA | AILSA CRAIG | TINY TIM | LOTOS |



Photo: L. Williams

Anagrams: hollyhocks, daisies,
begonias, delphiniums, nasturtiums
With help from: wordman.com/anagram-maker

*I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set
my feet upon rock, and established my steps. –Psalm, 40:1–2*



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