

# The Lighthouse



## Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

First reading: James 3:13–4:3,7–8a  
Second reading: Mark 9:30–37

### Services Today

**9.30 am The Gathering**  
with Holy Communion –  
Contemporary accessible worship  
at St Nicholas, Dersingham.

**11 am Traditional Worship** –  
Morning Prayer with Baptism  
at St Nicholas, Dersingham.

### Services Next Week

**9.30 am The Gathering** –  
Contemporary accessible worship  
at St Nicholas, Dersingham.

**11 am Traditional Worship** –  
Holy Communion  
at St Nicholas, Dersingham.

*Please bear with us as we wait for  
our livestream connection to be  
sorted out by the telecoms provider.*

### Bible Readings for Sunday 26th September

#### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

First reading: James 5:13–20  
Second reading: Mark 9:38–50

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*But the wisdom that is from above is  
first pure, then peaceable, gentle,  
willing to yield, full of mercy and good  
fruits, without partiality and without  
hypocrisy. Now the fruit of  
righteousness is sown in peace by  
those who make peace.*

*– James 3:17–18*

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### Ideas for Prayer

- + our schools, teachers, support staff and students
- + our children and young people, their parents and caregivers
- + our young adults; our elderly neighbours and family
- + those serving here and overseas in our Armed Forces
- + our Ministry Team and all who make our worship services possible
- + all who come to church online, in person or who visit us via social media
- + our volunteers at church and in the community
- + for Baby Basics and the families they serve

The 2nd Dersingham Brownies invite everyone to a

**COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER**

10 am–12 noon

Scout & Guide HQ, Manor Road

delicious refreshments, tombola, raffle, stalls

Proceeds for 2nd Dersingham Brownies

**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

The 1st Dersingham Guides invite you to a

**BINGO EVENING**

**SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER**

eyes down 6.30 pm

Scout and Guide HQ, Manor Road

£1.00 book of 10 games, lots of prizes, raffle and refreshments

Fun for all the family

Proceeds for 1st Dersingham Guides

**Sponsored Church Tower Abseil Fundraiser**

Saturday, 2nd October

This promises to be an exciting day! The abseil will raise money for improvements to the parish church, including kitchen facilities and accessible toilets. 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.

### MEXICO

**Population 133.9 million.**  
**128.2 million Christians (95.8%)**

Criminal networks have spread throughout Mexico, and their increasing struggle for territorial control creates an environment where Christians face the constant risk of being targeted for violence. Believers are perceived as a threat to criminal activities because they oppose corruption and drug use, or because they explicitly reject any demands or requests from criminal organisations.

#### Prayer points

- Pray that God would fill believers with boldness to keep proclaiming the hope of Jesus in the midst of dangerous circumstances.
- Pray for healing and comfort for those who have suffered from violence by the drug cartels.
- Pray for protection for Open Doors staff serving persecuted believers.

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

#### A prayer for Mexico from Open Doors

Lord Jesus, thank You for the faith of our persecuted church family in Mexico, and their boldness in speaking out against criminal organisations. Please protect them and help them to keep advocating for justice. Provide safe places and homes for believers who are expelled from their families and communities for choosing to follow You. Amen.

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

## News from Alan's COP26 Pilgrimage Walk

I'd like to thank people who sponsored me for the Norfolk COP26 Pilgrimage. I walked 36 miles on 24th, 25th and 27th August. It was fun! And we were wined and dined every evening by vicar and church people wherever we arrived. There were some good stops for tea and cakes too. We slept on floors with cushions and pew cushions to ease our bones. I understand that over 100 people have been involved in at least some of the walking, which was from Great Yarmouth to King's Lynn over 8 days. I have been able to give £690 to UNICEF's Vaccinaid fund, which provides Covid vaccines to poor countries. The picture, right, shows our group in Norwich (a large group starting off on 24th August), some of whom met up again at the King's Lynn Quaker Meeting House on Sunday 29th, on the King's Lynn stage of the walk. –Alan C.



*A sunny day and miles to go!*

Photo: COP26 Pilgrimage Walk

Stopwatch:  
how quickly can  
you solve these  
anagrams?

**PINK SAGE**  
**PORT ETC**  
**UPSET CREED**  
**FASE**  
**IMMUNE STOIC**

*All are words found in  
the prayer from Open  
Doors. Answers, last  
page.*

## 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](#)

## Wordsearch

This week's puzzle features words from today's Scripture reading: Mark 9:30–37.

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A	E	A	R	S	T	A	S	M	M	V	E	N	R
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WELCOMES  
FIRST  
CAPERNAUM  
SERVANT  
AFRAID  
TEACHING  
UNDERSTAND  
LAST  
TWELVE  
GALILEE  
DISCIPLES  
SON

*Anagrams:  
speaking,  
protect,  
persecuted,  
safe,  
communities*  
With help from:  
wordman.com

## Climate Sunday, 17 October

Both the 9:30 and 11 am worship will explore our responsibility as a church and as Christians to do our part in caring for the environment. Rev Mark will be preaching on this important matter, ahead of the COP26 Climate Change Conference on 31 October.

## Prayer Board

We are pleased to announce that the Prayer Board at St Nicholas is up and running again. You'll find it as before, on the right-hand side as you come in the main door. All are welcome to write their prayer requests on the slips of paper and leave them on the board. Prayer requests are prayed for throughout the week.

## The Lighthouse

Now that the Parish Magazine is being published each month, The Lighthouse will gradually take on a new format along the lines of a pew sheet, focusing on announcements, prayer points, and any weekly news and features as may come across the desk from time to time.



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