



Benefice of Dersingham, Ammer,  
Ingoldisthorpe and Sthernborne

# The Lighthouse

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Norwich

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## Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

First reading: James 5:13–20

Second reading: Mark 9:38–50

### Services today

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

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

**Next week, 3 October**

**10 am Combined Harvest Service** at St Nicholas, Dersingham

Next Sunday, we celebrate Harvest with a combined service for the Benefice at 10 am. This year, as part of our harvest offering, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank and new maternity and baby items for Baby Basics. If you are able to contribute, please bring your donations to the church service on Sunday 3rd. All donations will be gratefully received and put to immediate use to help local people. Thank you. – Rev Mark

Is anyone among you in trouble?  
Let them pray. Is anyone happy?  
Let them sing songs of praise.  
– James 5:13

### Bible Readings for Sunday 3 October

#### 18th Sunday after Trinity

First reading: 1 Timothy 6:6–10

Second reading: Matt. 6:25–33

**Church Tower abseil**  
Saturday, 2 October  
10 am–5 pm  
at St Nicholas, Dersingham

**Coffee morning**  
Friday, 1 October  
10 am–noon  
at St Nicholas, Dersingham

### Prayers for persecuted Christians around the world: Jordan

Population 10.2 million.  
180,000 Christians (1.8%)

Please pray: • that God would give believers opportunities and boldness to share the gospel in their communities.  
• for God's protection and provision for believers from Muslim backgrounds.  
• for Jordan's leaders that they would be increasingly open to religious freedom

[Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Jordan - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

#### A prayer for Jordan from Open Doors

Lord God, please strengthen our church family in Jordan. Give them opportunity and boldness to proclaim the gospel in their communities. Protect and provide for believers who are not safe in their homes; help them to be a witness to their families and find fellowship with other believers. Amen.

I once visited a weaver's school where the students were making beautiful patterns. I asked, 'When you make a mistake must you cut it out and start from the beginning?' A student said, 'No, our teacher is such a great artist that when we make a mistake, he uses it to improve the beauty of the pattern.' That is what the Lord does with our mistakes.  
– Corrie ten Boom

### Prayer points

- + our nation and community
- + wisdom in decision-making
- + all affected by coronavirus, here and around the world
- + all who have lost livelihoods or fallen on hard times
- + all who are homeless
- + all who are treated unjustly
- + anyone who is poorly
- + those who have died
- + hope, encouragement and peace in all circumstances
- + our families
- + GPs, NHS staff, carers and key workers
- + care home residents
- + our schools, teachers, staff and students
- + our children, young people, parents and caregivers
- + our elderly
- + those serving in our Armed Forces, here and overseas
- + our Ministry Team and all who make our worship services possible
- + all who come to church, in person, online or who visit us via social media
- + our volunteers
- + Baby Basics and the families they serve
- + thanks for something that has gone well this week
- + thanks for God's love, peace and goodness

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WATER  
KINGDOM  
PEACE  
MESSIAH  
MIRACLE  
STUMBLE  
REWARD  
SALT  
FIRE  
AGAINST

### Absell fundraiser news

We are looking for donations of cakes for a cake stall, bric-a-brac, and any suitable raffle prizes for our exciting Absell fundraiser on Saturday 2nd October, to raise money for St Nicholas new kitchen and disabled toilet facilities. Any donations, please could you leave at the back of Church, in the boxes provided, by Friday 1st October? Thank you so much.

### Baby Basics update

This last week has been the busiest we have known, gifting 7 full Moses basket bundles and 3 clothing bundles to families in situations where they unfortunately cannot provide all the essential items needed for a new baby.

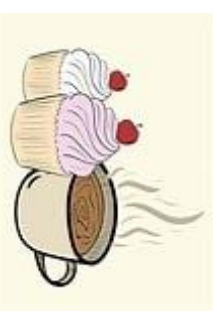
The generosity of our local community is tangible. Without you all – knitters, those who sew, those who donate clothes and toiletries, monetary donations, and our band of ladies who so beautifully launder and iron for us – we couldn't do what we do. From us all, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

### St Nicholas Catering Team

Good morning,

We will be having a Coffee morning on Friday 1st October and also having a refreshment stall at the Absell on the 2nd. We are very low on cakes, mainly due to Open Gardens, so this is a request for donations of cakes and/or buns. These can be brought to church on the morning of the 1st or, if you prefer, the catering team will be in church on Thursday afternoon setting up.

We are thankful for any type of cake and your contribution is appreciated by all who attend the Coffee mornings.  
– Katrina Mundy



### 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 at the end of the month.

### Lighthouse update

Welcome to this week's new two-page format, which we hope will help save a few trees along the way. In October Derek's letter will be back, plus more news about Climate Sunday and events coming up later in the year. Thank you to everyone who helps with the Lighthouse, sending in items and announcements, printing and delivering copies, and supporting us with your prayers. It is greatly appreciated. – Lois