

JANUARY CHARITY OF THE MONTH - raised £435 for the Bible Society. Many thanks to all who contributed from our two churches. The Bible Society is currently active in many areas including China, Africa and the Middle East. For more information see the magazines on the Church Information Desk.

ELECTORAL ROLL - if you haven't had a flyer (yellow) giving details of how to apply for the new roll, please pick up a copy from the back of church today.

VISION DAY on Saturday 5th April, to be held at Harvest House, Mulbarton. There are just one or two places left, so contact James Cook without delay if you want to come. And if you could help with organising food for the day Margaret Smith would be glad to hear from you!

WANTED - A VOLUNTEER CHURCHYARD MANAGER! Not to do all the mowing and hedging yourself but to organise volunteers for the month tidy-up, and to keep an eye on the area, particularly when we have had a spell of bad weather. Speak to James if you are interested or know someone you could recommend for the job.

LOVE YOUR CHURCH - is the title of this year's Lent Course, on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 am in church and on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Vicarage starting on 5th March. Pick up a flyer today and sign up by contacting James.

BOOK GROUP - will meet on Thursday 6th March, 2.30 pm at 20 Bluebell Road, to discuss "Everything is Everything: a memoir of love, hate and hope" by Clive Myrie. For more details contact Ann C.

JOB ADVERT - CLEANER WANTED FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH AND HALL - on a flexible, part-time basis (8 hours weekly, depending on church use). Hourly salary rate: £12.60. Application packs can be found on the church website: www.standrewseaton.org.uk. Closing date: 12 noon on 12 March. For more details contact James Cook (details below)

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith, tel. 01603 453010, or email; margarethsmith@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays.

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News Sheet for 23 February 2025

2nd Sunday before Lent



'a church for all - a place for you'

Welcome, everyone!

A special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today! We are glad to have Archdeacon Keith James with us to lead and preach at our 10 am service as James, our Vicar, is on holiday. Whether you are worshipping in church or joining us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence with us as we worship together.



Here are the details of our service today:

10.00 am Holy Communion led by Archdeacon Keith James who is also preaching, concluding a series of sermons from the first four chapters of I Corinthians - "Life together. 7. Fools for Christ"
Readings: 1 Corinthians ch.4 (church Bibles p.164 NT)
Matthew ch.5:38-48 (church Bibles p.5 NT)

Afterwards refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other members of the congregation!

LAST CHANCE TO GIVE TO CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Emmaus Norfolk & Waveney

... supports people who have experienced homelessness by providing a home, training, support and meaningful work opportunities, giving the space and help for those stuck in a cycle of homelessness as they take stock of their lives and make positive changes for the future. Social enterprise is central to the Emmaus model, giving work opportunities while generating the necessary funding needed.

Do have a look at the display board in the Welcome Area for more information or visit their website emmaus.org.uk/norfolk-waveney. Please use the blue envelopes and put your donations in the wall safe or the collection plate in church. Many thanks

Foodbank Collection is today! - Most needed items are long-life milk, soups, tinned meat, shower gel and deodorants. Please put donations in the boxes provided in the Welcome Area - and many thanks for your continued help.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

'Trust in him at all times, O people: pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us' (Psalm 62 v.8)

SUNDAY Pray for those in need of God's healing, especially for Janet V (recovering from surgery), Robin G, George I and Jennie W (all receiving regular cancer treatment) and Eleanor W (recovering at home after a minor stroke). Pray for those recently bereaved and for local funeral companies as they support families in the planning of funerals for those they have just lost.

MONDAY The Church Council meets this evening with a very full agenda! Please pray for profitable discussions, wise decisions and unity of mind and purpose as we look forward to the next few months. Pray too for vacancies on the PCC and for the churchwarden vacancy to be filled with the people of God's choice.

TUESDAY This week UEA Christian Union is holding an Events Week mission in a marquee each lunchtime and evening. Pray for the speakers and organisers, and for many students to come along to each event. Today at lunchtime the question "Is faith a form of non-thinking?" will be discussed and this evening there is a talk and discussion on "Is there anyone out there? Exploring the evidence for God". Pray for the gospel message to be clearly proclaimed at each event.

WEDNESDAY The outcome of various meetings between President Trump and President Putin and leaders of European nations meeting together, appears to be ever more complicated and dangerous. Pray for wisdom and wise leadership on all sides so that the war may end in lasting peace and a just settlement.

THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Elstead Close, Elveden Close and Fulford Close, praying especially for new residents as they make friends.
Pray for the Community Café today and all those enjoying the food and chat.

FRIDAY Norwich Youth For Christ needs to find new premises within the city limits as their current site is proving unsuitable. Pray for Gwil Davey, the director, the staff and the trustees headed up by Margaret Smith, as they make enquiries and look at alternative venues, that God will make His way clear.

SATURDAY The churchyard work party are in action today. Pray for the right person to head up this ministry (see back page), giving thanks for those who tend the grounds faithfully each month.

Pray too for Diana Timms as she prepares to preach at our 10 am service tomorrow, and for James leading the three services. Pray for any visitors who may join us, that they will be welcomed and encouraged to join us.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING: Don R - at home living with long-term health problems, and his wife Jean caring for him, and Ivan B: now a widower and coping with increased frailty at home

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Mon. 24th
7.30 pm PCC meets in church

Tues. 25th
10.00 am Toddler group meets in the Hall
10.30 am Tuesday Morning Connect Group meets

Wed. 26th
2.30 pm Wednesday Afternoon Connect Group meets
7.30 pm Wednesday Evening Connect Group meets

Thurs. 27th
10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James
10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome!

Fri. 28th
N.B. Please note the Ladies' Bible Study is CANCELLED this morning!

Sat. 1st March
10.00 am Work party needed to tidy up the grounds after the recent gales and chilly weather! If you can spare an hour, do come and join them!

Sun. 2nd
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by James
10.00 am Morning Worship led by James; Diana Timms is preaching, starting a new series of sermons on the book of the prophet Joel: -
1. Cry to God"
6.30 pm Café Church, continuing our look at how the books of the Bible all fit together into one story - "a story about everything, a story about Jesus". James will lead our thinking, and afternoon tea will be served from 6.15 pm onwards. Do come and join us!

WANTED - a computer-literate person to help James with designing publicity leaflets, flyers, posters, etc. He has the ideas but not the time to put them into production! Interested? Or know of someone? Have a word with James.

GOOD NEWS - Neil Rout has now moved into Hethersett Hall. He would welcome post but needs a little time to settle in before receiving visitors!

AND MORE GOOD NEWS! - from Mirna Paulo, our local Mission Link in Argentina, who reports that nine indigenous leaders studying for the Ministry, graduated last month. She encouraged and supported them as they were studying a long way from their home area. There is more information in the CMS Winter 2025 magazine, page 4 - you'll find it on the Church Information Desk.