

Prayer Diary



Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!
You have put gladness in my heart. Psalm 4:6

(Above) St Mark's Oulton Broad held a "Hot X Drive Thru," giving out free hot cross buns and hot drinks to passers-by, to share the joy of Easter in their community.

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Who is my neighbour?

Luke 10:29



Foreword from Bishop Graham

Welcome to this Prayer Diary that takes us through the summer months – which I hope will bring an element of rest and relaxation – and on into the beginning of Creationtide.

Responding to the question “Who is my neighbour?” Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan. It speaks of abandonment and unconditional welcome, and what is lost and gained in the choices we make when we see the neighbour who is vulnerable and hurting.

With today’s instant information and news on mobile screens, we cannot ignore what is happening on another continent. The challenge of the gospel doesn’t allow us to demonise those we don’t understand.

This challenge to engage with the world, whether our neighbour is a few yards or thousands of miles away, is liked or despised, is the way we live out

the Eucharist in practice. In the final part of the service, we are sent out to love and serve the Lord. We respond that we will do so, “In the name of Christ”. Christ goes before and behind us, above us and below us, around us and within us. He is encouraging us to set out, but is already there to meet us.

I hope the stories we will read in this edition will inspire our prayer time and lead us to be good neighbours. In so being, we will be transformed by Christ to live more prayerfully, pastorally and prophetically as we, like the Good Samaritan, seek to be Jesus to our neighbours in this world.

+ *Graham Norris*

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Thanks for your understanding.

Front Cover image: Prayer Vigil for Ukraine, held at King’s Lynn Minster.

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Praying for local schools

Bignold Primary School, in Norwich, sets the bar high when considering “Who is my neighbour?”; 48 languages are spoken, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Afghan, Mandarin, Hindi and Punjabi are all present, for example. The children also represent very different backgrounds, from advanced previous education to none so far. Cecilia Basnett, a teacher, talks about it truly being a snapshot of the world, with children relating to different lives, cultures and beliefs. It is a richly caring school, with the question “Who’s going to be a buddy?” quickly answered by “I’ll be their friend!”

Cecilia is looking forward to a year of widening experiences, with trips outside the classroom (beach for reception!), countering the last two insular years. Mental health is still a massive concern, with child development thwarted by the pandemic. She prays for strong new relationships between parents, teachers and children, and for wisdom managing a constrained budget.



SUN 28 NEW FRIENDS

Loving Father, as we consider the friendships between these children, we are humbled. Please continue to work richly amongst them, and in all our primary schools, strengthening them in all goodness. As term starts, we pray for your love to surround and protect initial meetings and transitions to new schools.

MON 29 REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

Alderford with Attlebridge, Bylaugh, Elsing, Great with Little Witchingham, Lyng, Reepham, Salle, Sparham, Swannington, Thurning, Weston Longville w Morton-on-the-Hill, Wood Dalling. Clergy: Helen Rengert, Keith Rengert, Judith Sweetman, Richard Turk. LLMs: Sue Page, Helena Crockford. Great Witchingham Primary, Lyng Primary.

TUE 30 SCARROWBECK

Alby, Calthorpe, Erpingham, Ingworth, Thwaite. Clergy: Heather Butcher. LLM: Ian Andrews, Helen Burrell, Angela Parkes, Colin Willis. Erpingham Primary.

Diocese of Port Elizabeth (Anglican Church of Southern Africa).

WED 31 OPEN-HEARTED

Befriending Lord, we thank you for the openness to difference which young children so often display. As we pray for smooth beginnings and transitions in our schools, we ask that we might become more childlike, nearer to your Kingdom (Mt 18.3) through our own open-heartedness to all who need a friend.

THU 1 SCOTTOW

The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. **Diocese of Ely (Church of England).**

FRI 2 THE HEART OF NORFOLK TEAM MINISTRY

Bawdeswell, Billingford, Bintree, Foulsham, Foxley, Guestwick, Guist, North Elmham, Stibbard, Themelthorpe, Twyford, Wood Norton, Worthing. Clergy: Sally Kimmis, Michael Cartwright, Christopher Davies. LLM: Norman Johnson. North Elmham Primary, Stibbard All Saints Primary.

SAT 3 DEANERY OF LODDON

Rural Dean: David Owen. Lay Chair: John Lowrey. All who are working for the Diocese of Norwich Education Services Company.



Cromer BeachFest 22

With lovely golden sands and charming architecture, Cromer is renowned for summer good times at the seaside. Cromer Church has, for a number of years, been making the most of its geographical advantage and this year BeachFest 22 is set for growth, building up the church as they engage with families, both local and visiting. The church is living out its vision to "Love Jesus and share that love" with all neighbours.

Jackie Austin spoke of joy in increased numbers so now there are about 40 adult leaders in five teams, each team preparing one day of activities to welcome families the first five Wednesday mornings of the holidays. The church activities are tied in with what is already going on in the town, so on carnival day there will be carnival events. Jackie serves on town council committees as well as being churchwarden and makes the most of connecting the two.

SUN 21 GROWING CHURCH

Heavenly Father we rejoice with you and praise you for the work of your Holy Spirit in BeachFest 22, and other outreach events across the Diocese. May the commitment of the teams be rewarded in great joy as they serve; please protect them and enlarge your Kingdom through this work.

MON 22 UPPER TAS VALLEY

Fundenhall, Upper Tas Valley. Clergy: Lydia Avery. LLMs: John Hooper, Margaret Styles. Forcett St Peter Primary, Hapton Primary, Tacolneston Primary, Wreningham Primary. **Dioceses of Egba, Egba West and Egbu (Church of Nigeria).**

TUE 23 WYMONDHAM W SILFIELD AND SPOONER ROW

Clergy: Catherine Relf-Pennington. **Diocese of Egypt (Anglican Province of Alexandria).**

WED 24 FORGING FRIENDSHIPS

Befriending Lord, we give thanks for all Christian groups and camps, all who plan activities and share your love through gathering young ones on holiday together. Wherever they are – in Cromer or Caister, Lowestoft or Lynn – may new friendships between young people be forged and lasting friendships with you be nurtured.

Praying for peace

As we go to press, the situation in Ukraine continues to appear in the headlines. Along with many churches across the Diocese of Norwich, King's Lynn Minster responded within 48 hours of the invasion of Ukraine, by holding an open-air prayer vigil with the Mayor and other civic representatives.

"We took our sculpture called 'Refugee' by Naomi Blake out into the Market Place to represent those fleeing Ukraine," explains the Rector, the Revd Canon Mark Dimond. "We were responding to a need: people wanted to come and pray, pour out their feelings, be silent or simply light a candle." A week later, over 300 people came to another vigil and the prayer station for Ukraine still stands as a focal point just inside the West Door of the Minster. "Prayers are said for neighbouring countries Russia and Ukraine to find peace, for the new Ukrainian neighbours arriving here in Norfolk." Both prayerful and practical, pastoral support continues.

THU 25 DEANERY OF INGWORTH & SPARHAM

Rural Dean: Keith Rengert. Lay Chair: Kandri Kammoun

FRI 26 AYLSHAM & DISTRICT TEAM MINISTRY

Aldborough, Aylsham, Badersfield, Blickling, Brampton, Burgh-next-Aylsham, Buxton with Oxnead, Cawston, Haveringham, Heydon, Itteringham, Lammas, Little Barningham, Marsham, Oulton SS Peter and Paul, Wickmere. Clergy: Julie Boyd, Tracy Jessop, Tony Lynn, Shawn Tomlinson, Andrew Whitehead. LLMs: David Martin, Gillian Peat, Joy Taylor, Kandri Kammoun, Fiona Tibbitt. Aylsham St Michael's Nursery & Infant, Cawston Primary.

Dioceses of Eha-Amufu, Ekiti, Ekiti Kwara, Ekiti Oke, Ekiti West (Church of Nigeria).

SAT 27 COLTISHALL

Coltishall, Frettenham, Hainford, Horstead, Stratton Strawless. Clergy: Chris Engelsen, Keith Dignum. LLM: Nora Hall. Hainford Primary.

Diocese of Eldoret (Anglican Church of Kenya).

SUN 5 HOLD AND PROTECT

God of peace and justice, we pray that your Holy Spirit would fill those with power over war or peace with wisdom, discernment and compassion, guiding their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

MON 6 COXFORD GROUP

East Raynham, East Rudham, Helhoughton, Houghton next Harpley, South Raynham, Tatterford, Tattersett. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLM: Rhona McEune. Rudham Primary, West Raynham Primary. **Dioceses of South Carolina, Upper South Carolina, Western North Carolina (Episcopal Church, USA).**

TUE 7 CREAKES

North Creake, Sculthorpe, South Creake, Syderstone. Clergy: Clive Wylie. Sculthorpe Primary.

Diocese of Cashel Ferns & Ossory (Church of Ireland). Deanery of Norra Norbotten in Luleå our link diocese in Sweden.

WED 8 JOURNEY BESIDE

Befriending Lord, you yourself became a refugee when forced by Herod's tyranny to leave home and find safety in another land: may those who, today, are fleeing Ukraine and all places of hostility know that you journey beside them. Lead them, we pray, to peace and safety and loving welcome.

THU 9 FAKENHAM

Fakenham. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLMs: Elaine Burbidge, Linda Frost, Amanda Sands. Andrew Tullett, Church Buildings Commission Officer.

Diocese of Chandigarh (Church of North India).

FRI 10 FULMODESTON WITH CROXTON

The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. **Dioceses of Chelmsford and Chester (Church of England).**

SAT 11 HEMPTON

Clergy: Harri Williams

Dioceses of Chhattisgarh and Chotanagpur (Church of North India).

All Local Ecumenical Partnerships.

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Good Neighbours

Mary lives in North Walsham with her dog Pippa. She has mobility issues and her family relationships are tricky. The big smile on her face in this photo is down to those in the town's Good Neighbours Scheme whom Mary now counts as friends.

The contact she already had with GNS was ramped up when pandemic struck. A new befriending system came quickly into being and Mary was just one of many benefitting hugely from rotating contact with several befrienders who supported her through bleak times. Other volunteers took her food and medication and linked her with additional care providers.

Since then, the care has gone on and on... Mary's been lent a powered wheelchair, been taken shopping, enjoyed face to face visits, a garden make-over and treats on her birthday. Without the GNS, she, like so many, would be entirely alone. With them, she feels known and loved.

SUN 12 BEFRIENDER

When you lived on earth, Lord Jesus, you yourself were a befriender of the vulnerable: now you have no body here but ours. As we thank you for the Good Neighbours Scheme, we pray that each of us may be your hands and feet, your compassionate eyes looking around our neighbourhood.

MON 13 HOLKHAM

Holkham, Warham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Wighton. Clergy: Brenda Stewart. Anna Main, Jonathan Richardson; Children Youth & Families. Diocese of Chicago (Episcopal Church, USA).

TUE 14 THE BURNHAMS

Burnham Market, Burnham Overy, Burnham Sutton cum Ulph, Burnham Thorpe. Clergy: Steven Wood.

Diocese of Chichester (Church of England) Deanery of Luleå in Luleå, our link diocese in Sweden.

WED 15 BLESSED ENCOUNTERS

Befriending Lord, may your Spirit lead us to those in need in our own neighbourhoods. More than



Listen to the Voice of Creation

Creationtide or the Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1 September to 4 October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. Many churches choose to use this time of year to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew their commitment to caring for our one planet home. The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is Listen to the Voice of Creation.

Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. These are voices of people who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth. Find out more here: www.seasonofcreation.org

SUN 14 ALL CREATION WAITS

"I have heard their cry... I know their sufferings... Come, now! I will send you... I will be with you" (Ex.3) Creator God, help us to hear the cry of creation, as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. May we respond through worship, repentance, and action.

MON 15 CRINGLEFORD

Colney, Cringleford. Clergy: Graham Wilkins, Tim Yau. LLM: Shirley Wood. Cringleford Primary. Dioceses of Easton and Eau Claire (Episcopal Church, USA).

TUE 16 HETHERSETT

Great Melton, Hethersett, Little Melton. Clergy: Derek McClean. Hethersett Primary. Diocese of Central Ecuador (Episcopal Church, USA).

WED 17 PAY ATTENTION!

Compassionate Creator, deepen our compassion for your suffering world. May we pay committed and constant attention to the voice of creation, hearing the pain of the Earth and all for whom it is home. May what we hear lead to action, and action lead to change. Before it is too late.

THU 18 HIGH OAK, HINGHAM, SCOULTON W WOOD RISING

Clergy: John Edmondson. LLMs: Jean Batchelor, Dale Southall. Morley Primary. Diocese of Edinburgh (Scottish Episcopal Church).

FRI 19 MULBARTON

Bracon Ash, Flordon, Hethel, Mulbarton. Clergy: Adrian Miller. Diocese of Edmonton (Anglican Church of Canada).

SAT 20 SWARDESTON

East Carleton, Intwood, Ketteringham, Swardeston. Clergy: Paul Burr. LLM: Peter Worby. Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury & Ipswich (Church of England).

In the same way let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.16



Churches in Sheringham do an ecumenical walk of witness each Good Friday, through the town centre and on up to the Beeston Bump.

Moving into the neighbourhood

"The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood," says The Message translation of John 1.14. Next Sunday, 10 people will be ordained Deacon in Norwich Cathedral, most having just moved into their new parishes. Being ordained Deacon signals a fresh way of serving and is a significant milestone on the way to Priesthood. There are the practical steps too which can include moving house, sorting out schools, leaving jobs and different roles and getting to know new people in different churches and communities.

Julian Bryant, who will be serving in Earlham parish, says:

"After living in Taverham for 21 years, moving to a new area is a big thing for my family but it is part of responding to God's call to serve the church and the community. Crossroads Church and Earlham have been so welcoming to us and we're looking forward to serving here."



SUN 19 GROUNDED IN LOVE

Servant God, we welcome our new deacons as fellow servants in the gospel. May Christ dwell in their hearts through faith, that they may be rooted and grounded in love in their new homes and neighbourhoods. May they find encouragement and support as they serve and flourish.

MON 20 WALSINGHAM

East Barsham, Houghton, Little Walsingham. Clergy: Harri Williams. Walsingham Primary. Barbara Kirk; IT & Data Coordinator. Diocese of Chuba (The Nippon Sei Ko Kai).

TUE 21 DEANERY OF DEPWADE

Rural Dean: Lynn Chapman. Diocese of Clogher (Church of Ireland).

WED 22 PRAYERS FOR OUR NEW PRIESTS

Unifying Lord, you call us to ministries of many kinds. We give thanks and pray for those already serving their curacies who will be priested next weekend. As they tell the story of God's love through word and sacrament, may they draw others to find their own place in that story.

THU 23 BROOKE

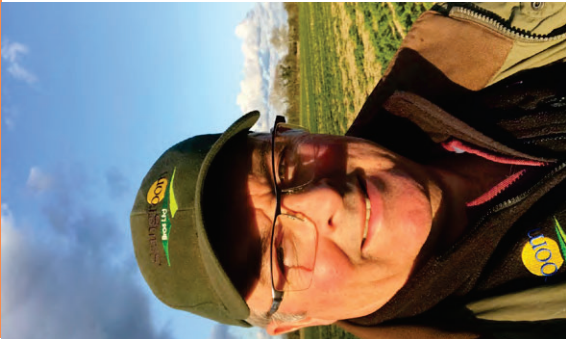
Brooke, Kirstead, Mundham with Seething, Thwaite. Clergy: Lynn Chapman. LLM: John Ash. Brooke Primary. Elizabeth Humphries, Joanna Fisher, Katherine Limbach; Communications. Diocese on the Coast (Church of Nigeria).

FRI 24 HEMPALL TEAM MINISTRY

Bedingham, Hempnall, Morningthorpe and Fritton, Shelton with Hardwick, Topcroft, Woodton. Clergy: Liz Billett. Dioceses of Cochín and Coimbatore (Church of South India).

SAT 25 TAS VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

Newton Flotman, Saxlingham Nethergate, Shotesham, Swainsthorpe, Tas Valley Cells, Tasburgh, Tharston. Clergy: Dawn Davidson, Coryn Stanforth, Austin Uzoigwe. LLMs: David Lancaster, Lesley Cox, Annette Uzoigwe-Jonker. Newton Flotman Primary, Preston Primary (Tasburgh), Saxlingham Nethergate. All who are being ordained priest in Norwich Cathedral. Diocese of Colombia (Episcopal Church, USA).



Faith in farming

Nigel Stangroom is a farmer near Dereham, growing herbs (parsley, mint, coriander, and tarragon), along with blackcurrants for Ribena, as well as the usual wheat and barley. At the time of writing, parsley has just been planted and rain is due tomorrow.

Nigel speaks about the stresses and joy of his work, the uncertainties in business-planning for farmers, costings for fertiliser versus prices charged for produce: a watchful eye must be kept on matters outside his control. At times the circumstances may seem muddled but then, seemingly from nowhere, things turn out well and he is grateful and amazed at God's provision.

In this Norfolk Show week, Nigel asks us to pray for wisdom in managing uncertainties, and for the strengthening of his faith. He forgets to turn to God in restful moments and forgets how easy it is to use his Bible app for something quietly sustaining, such as John's Gospel.

SUN 26 GRATITUDE FOR OUR FOOD

'I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener': We praise you Lord Jesus, giving thanks for the work of farmers such as Nigel, and asking that they abide in you and you in them. May we, the recipients of this work, be filled with gratitude for the food on our tables. We also pray today for all who are being ordained deacon in Norwich Cathedral.

MON 27 THE LONG STRATTON &

PILGRIM TEAM MINISTRY

Aslacton, Bunwell, Carleton Rode, Great Moulton with Little Moulton, Stratton St Mary, Stratton St Michael and St Peter, Tibenham, Wacton Magna with Wacton Parva. Clergy: John Madinda. LLMs: Steve Adcock, Angela Baldwin, Margaret Smith. Carleton Rode Primary, St Mary's Junior (Long Stratton) **Diocese of Colombo (Church of Ceylon).**

TUE 28 DEANERY OF DEREHAM IN MITFORD

Rural Dean: Mark McCaghrey. Lay Chair: Timothy Farnham. **Dioceses of Colorado and Connecticut (Episcopal Church, USA)**

WED 29 FRUITFUL THANKS

Compassionate Christ, tenderise our hearts for the hungry but fill them too with gratitude for all that our local farmers provide. Thank you for their watchful wisdom; thank you for seed and soil,

sun and rain; thank you for juicy berries,

flavourful herbs and sustaining grains.

THU 30 BARNHAM BROOM & UPPER YARE

Barford, Barnham Broom with Bickerston, Brandon Parva, Carleton Forehoe, Cranworth with Letton and Southburgh, Garvestone, Hardingham, Kimberley, Reymerton, Runhall with Coston, Thuxton, Whinbush with Westfield, Wramplingham. Clergy: Tim Weatherstone. LLMs: Roger Walpole, Mary Weatherstone. Barnham Broom Primary. **Dioceses of Connor and Cork, Colne & Ross (Church of Ireland).**

FRI 1 DEREHAM & DISTRICT TEAM MINISTRY

Beetley with East Bilney, East Bradenham with West Bradenham, East Dereham, Hoe, Scarning, Shipdham, Swanton Morley. Clergy: Paul Cubitt, James Rosie, Jane Nursey, Laura Purnell. LLMs: Helen Jeckells, Evelyn Speed, Lydia Crick, Tom Cross. Dereham Junior, Dereham Infant & Nursery, Swanton Morley Primary, Thomas Bullock Primary (Shipdham). **Diocese of Costa Rica (Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America).**

SAT 2 EASTON

Bawburgh, Colton, Easton, Marlingford. Clergy: Laura Montgomery. LLM: Peter Pease. St Peter's Primary (Easton). Charles Read, Linda Church, Keith James, Marleen Madinda; Ministry. **Diocese of Coventry (Church of England).**

My neighbour, God's gift

Without warning, the Home Office changed its ruling and when the youngest of three asylum-seeker brothers turned 18, their mother received a letter. Housing would be immediately withdrawn. What to do? They were homeless. It was May and exams loomed for them all.

Having fled Pakistan six years before, they were well-known and loved by support agencies in Norwich. A community chaplain sent a round-robin plea for help. It found its way to a couple newly resident in a large city vicarage. The family moved in and stayed for the five months it took to find permanent housing. Those months were marked by mutual delight in otherness (practising Muslims and Christians living alongside each other), as well as in a deeply-felt common humanity. And today, what assets to our neighbourhood these young men are! One in local government, one a sports therapist, one working with special needs children.

SUN 7 GIVING AND RECEIVING

O God, whose unconditional embrace is beyond our imagining, we thank you for the rich contribution brought to our communities by neighbours from afar. Teach us to reach out as you reach out, to welcome as you welcome, to be open to the holy grace of mutual giving and receiving.

MON 8 HOLT

Clergy: Howard Stoker, Gary Gould. LLM: John Allen.

Companion Province of Papua New Guinea.

Diocese of Dunedin (Anglican Church in

Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia).

TUE 9 MATLASKE

Baconsthorpe, Barningham Winter, Edgefield, Hempstead, Matlaske, Plumstead, Saxthorpe with Corpusby. Clergy: David Longe, Judy Rosser.

Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin (Church of the Province of West Africa).

WED 10 NEIGHBOURLINESS

Befriending Lord, we celebrate with gratitude those friendships which bridge cultural and religious divides, for the ways they enrich and enhance our lives. We thank you that when we embrace a limitless understanding of neighbourliness, we are taught so much not only about the other but also about ourselves.

THU 11 STIFFKEY AND BALE

Bale, Binham, Field Dalling, Gunthorpe, Langham Episcopi, Morston, Saxlingham, Sharrington, Stiffkey. Clergy: Ian Whittle.

Diocese of Durgapur (Church of North India).

FRI 12 WEYBOURNE GROUP

Bodham, East with West Beckham, Kelling, Salthouse, Upper Sheringham, Weybourne. Clergy: Ian Dyble. LLM: John Arkell. Kelling Primary. **Diocese of Durham (Church of England).**

SAT 13 DEANERY OF HUMBLEYARD

Rural Dean: Canon Dr John Edmondson. Lay Chair: Roger Wood.

Diocese of Dutse (Church of Nigeria).





The global neighbourhood of the Anglican Communion

The Lambeth Conference is a gathering of bishops and their spouses from across the Anglican Communion for prayer and reflection, fellowship, and dialogue, about Church and world affairs. It only happens once every 10 years, and Covid has delayed this conference, held in Canterbury, by two years.

With the theme of 'God's Church for God's World – walking, listening and witnessing together', the conference – which stretches over 12 days of prayer, bible study, worship, fellowship, shared learning and action – will shape the life of the Anglican Communion for the next decade. Bishop Graham says: "Please pray that together as bishops we will learn deeply from each other, attend to God's Word in 1 Peter – which I invite you to study at the same time – and build up bonds of friendship and affection as sisters and brothers in Christ who serve in a myriad of different contexts and situations."

www.lambethconference.org

SUN 31 WALKING IN WISDOM

Father God, we pray that the Lambeth Conference will reinvigorate the Communion with the vision and resources to bring the transforming love of Jesus Christ to every level of society across the world, as they seek your wisdom to find ways to walk together.

MON 1 SNETTISHAM

Clergy: Peter Cook, Dan Tansey.

Diocese of Doko (Church of Nigeria).

TUE 2 DEANERY OF HOLT

Rural Dean: Richard Lawry. Lay Chair: Tricia Temple-Crowe.

Diocese of Dominican Republic (Episcopal Church, USA)

WED 3 LIVING STONES

Unifying Lord, we pray that at this summer's Lambeth Conference, bishops representing hugely diverse places may, like "living stones ... be built" by you "into a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2.5). May they listen deeply to each other, disagree well and move forward lovingly for the good of your Kingdom.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5.9



Bishop Graham views the installation of over 800 paper doves in Gresham's School chapel, each inscribed by pupil with prayers for peace in response to the invasion of Ukraine.



Our link Diocese of Luleå

The Diocese of Luleå in northern Sweden is finding ways to show the church can be counted on in a crisis, be a neighbour in times of need. Maria Klasson Sundin, Bishop's Chaplain, explains she wants the population to notice "The church is doing a good work, and I could be part of that". One strand of work is caring for refugees and Maria speaks of the speedy response to the Ukrainian crisis, as connections were already in place after an influx of refugees in 2015.

The church also has wounds to heal where, in the past, it was not a good neighbour to the Sami people. Despite having Christian traditions woven into their nomadic lifestyle of following reindeer, Sami culture was looked down upon, even cruelly discouraged. Now the Sami people are valued, their language is included in liturgy, and their habit of blessing and thanksgiving in all kinds of situations is encouraged.

www.svenskakyrkan.se/luleastift

SUN 3 STRENGTHEN AND ENCOURAGE

It is our duty and our joy at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God. Today we praise you for the Diocese of Luleå, asking you to strengthen their faith and encourage their work.

MON 4 HONINGHAM

The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy
Diocese of Cuba (Episcopal Church, USA).

TUE 5 LAUNDITCH & THE UPPER NAR

TEAM MINISTRY

Beeston-next-Mileham, Bittering Parva, East Lexham, Great Dunham, Great and Little Fransham, Gressenhall, Litcham w Kempston, Little Dunham, Longham, Mileham, Rougham, Stanfield, Tittleshall w Godwick, Weasenham, Wellingham, Wendling, West Lexham. Clergy: Miriam Fife, Hilary De Lyon, Kevin Blogg. LLMs: Peter Brown, Jan Sexton. Weasenham Primary.
Diocese of Cuelibet (Episcopal Church of South Sudan).

WED 6 MAY ALL BE ONE

Unifying Lord, we thank you for the close connections between our diocese and the Lutheran Diocese of Luleå and for the warm friendships between parishes and individuals formed through visits to and from Sweden. You prayed, Lord Jesus, that we may all be one; bind us together across the miles, across denominations.

THU 7 MATTISHALL & TUDD VALLEY

East Tuddenham, Hockering, Mattishall, North Tuddenham, Welborne, Yaxham. Clergy: Mark McCaghrey, Sally Thurgill, Andrea Woods. LLMs: Joyce Turner, Jackie Clay, Alan Cossey, Jackie Crisp, Mel Stevenson. Hockering Primary, Yaxham Primary.
Diocese of Cuernacaca (La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico).

FRI 8 DEANERY OF GREAT YARMOUTH

Rural Dean: Simon Ward. Lay Chair: Pam Spychal
Diocese of Cuttack (Church of North India).
Deanery of Pitea in Luleå our link diocese in Sweden.

SAT 9 BELTON AND BURGH CASTLE

Clergy: Rosie Bunn, Viv Ridpath, Moorlands Primary (Belton).
Diocese of Cyangugu (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda)

Norfolk's Lieutenancy acknowledges the County's best

There's a lot to celebrate on Norfolk Day (27 July), as revealed by the appearance of new blue plaques "To commemorate our community's resilience in the year of the pandemic 2020-2021". Lady Dannatt (Pippa) who, as Norfolk's Lord-Lieutenant, is HM The Queen's representative in the County, points out the Lieutenancy crest and the memorable maxim from Norfolk-born sociologist Harriet Martineau (1802-76) inscribed around each plaque: "Live your best & act your best & think your best today".

The local councils and charities receiving these plaques have, during the pandemic, come together to support and look after each other, in many different ways. The Revd Matthew Hutton, one of Norfolk's Deputy Lieutenants, has presented one to the Christian charity ENYP (Equipping, Nurturing Young People). He bubbles with enthusiasm about the imaginative ways ENYP has adapted its work with disadvantaged communities – activity packs, online resources, a youth outreach bus and over 1,000,000 meals in 2021!



SUN 24 UNCONDITIONAL SELF-GIVING

Loving Lord, challenge us, we pray, to re-tune our lives daily in harmony with yours. Steeping ourselves in the gospels, may we be inspired afresh by your life of unconditional self-giving and then, responsive to the breath of your Spirit, be stirred to higher expectations of our own self-giving.

MON 25 CASTLE RISING, HILLINGTON & SANDRINGHAM

Castle Rising, Flitcham, Hillington, Sandringham, Wolferton. Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. LLMs: Paul Ringwood, Sally Stanton. Flitcham Primary. Sandringham & West Newton Primary.

Diocese of Derry & Raphoe (Church of Ireland).

TUE 26 DERSINGHAM, ANMER, INGOLDISTHORPE & SHERNBORNE

Anmer, Dersingham, Ingoldisthorpe, Sherborne. Clergy: Mark Capron, Adrian Aubrey-Jones, Dave Cossey. LLMs: Neil Adams, Alan Crawshaw. Dersingham Primary & Nursery, Ingoldisthorpe Primary.
All participating in The Lambeth Conference.
Diocese of Dhaka (Church of Bangladesh).

WED 27 LIVING, ACTING AND THINKING OUR BEST

Compassionate Christ, on this Norfolk Day, we thank you for the compassion and imagination with which so many organisations adapted their work during the pandemic. We pray that the Lieutenancy plaques may inspire us all to live and act and think our best – for your name's sake.

THU 28 DOCKING, THE BIRCHAMS, FRING, STANHOE AND SEDGEFORD

Docking, Fring, Sedgeford, Stanhoe with Barwick, The Birchams and Bagthope. Clergy: Peter Cook, Richard Collier. LLM: George Eve. Docking Primary.

FRI 29 HEACHAM

Clergy: Veronica Wilson, Simon Wilson. LLM: Pip Lawrence, Penelope Sutton.
Matt Cook, Susie Bratby: Trainee Sports Ministers.
Diocese of San Diego (USA).

SAT 30 HUNSTANTON AND SAXON SHORE

Brancaster, Burnham Deepdale, Holme-next-the-Sea, Hunstanton, Hunstanton St Mary, Ringstead, Thornham, Titchwell with Choseley. Clergy: Rachael Dines, Kirsty Allan, James Monro.
Brancaster Primary.
Diocese of Dogura (Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea).



Love on a plate in Yarmouth

The Pathway Café and Resource Centre in Great Yarmouth provides three-course lunches for those in need within the local neighbourhood three days a week. It's open to all but is particularly aimed at anyone facing social barriers or exclusion due to homelessness, addictions or general difficulties coping with life. This service continued throughout the pandemic, and during lockdowns takeaway meals were offered. A warm welcome is given by the many volunteers and food is often donated by local businesses. Most recently a foodbank has been opened in partnership with St Mary Magdalene Church in Gorleston.

The Revd Canon Simon Ward, Rector of Great Yarmouth said, "Current times are hard for everyone, and it is important that help is there for people at a moment of crisis where putting food on the table just isn't possible. Together, we're responding to God's call to serve our neighbours."

SUN 17 PATHWAY CAFÉ PRAYER

Generous God, you give us each day our daily bread, give us eyes of compassion to share our bread with others; that in sharing we may be blessed to see the abundance of your goodness. We pray in the name of him whose body is bread for the whole world.

MON 18 GORLESTON ST ANDREW

Gorleston St Andrew, Cliff Park Community Church. Clergy: Brian Reid, LLMs: Melvyn Reid, Wendy Louise Bircham, Tracy Mayne. **Diocese of Davao (Episcopal Church in the Philippines).**

TUE 19 GORLESTON ST MARY MAGDALENE

Clergy: Matthew Price. LLM: Mary Ives. Peterhouse Primary (Gorleston). Daniel Sherrington, Katey Mills; Undergraduate Youth Ministers. **Diocese of Saint Davids (Church in Wales).**

WED 20 STEADFAST ACCOMPANIMENT

Compassionate Christ, we thank you for the way in which your tenderness towards the vulnerable is mirrored by volunteers and donors supporting so many projects across our diocese. Give them resilience when difficulties arise and a sense of your steadfast accompaniment as they respond to neighbours in need.

THU 21 GREAT YARMOUTH TEAM MINISTRY

Great Yarmouth. Clergy: Simon Ward, Helen Lynch, Frank Cliff. LLMs: Pat Stringer, Carolyn Cliff. St Nicholas Priory Primary (Great Yarmouth). **Diocese of Delaware (Episcopal Church USA).**

FRI 22 THE SOUTH TRINITY BROADS

Clergy: Steven Sivyier, Jo Wood. LLM: Judy Pritchard. Fleggburgh Primary. **Diocese of Delhi (Church of North India).**

SAT 23 DEANERY OF HEACHAM AND RISING

Rural Dean: Peter Cook **Diocese of Derby (Church of England).**

Caister Cares

Strong in Caister's psyche is a disaster at sea. On a dangerously stormy night in 1901, the lifeboat crew responded to a boat in distress. Their lifeboat was eventually launched after hours of struggle only to be hurled back onto the beach by the heaviest of seas. All but three men drowned beneath her.

A brave determination to reach those at risk is still evident in today's lifeboat crews but also in the recent formation of Caister Cares, a network of churches, schools, local poor relief charities and other voluntary bodies keen to build on partnerships birthed by Covid. The people of Caister may not be in peril on the sea but many are drowning in debt, stricken by benefit cuts, swamped by rising food and fuel costs. "One of our first responses," reports the Rector, David Wells, who initiated and now chairs Caister Cares, "is to launch our own community larder."



SUN 10 CARING WITH GRACE

O God, whose care for your children is unbounded, we thank you for the commitment of Caister Cares to offer support to needy neighbours. Grace all those involved in this project, we pray, with the necessary wisdom, compassion, and imagination to bring relief and renewed confidence to the vulnerable.

MON 11 BRADWELL

Clergy: Steve Deall, Martin Upton, Sue Upton. Homefield Primary (Bradwell).

Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf (Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East).

TUE 12 CAISTER

Caister-On-Sea. Clergy: David Wells. Licensed Lay Minister: Mary Taylor **Diocese of Daejeon (Anglican Church of Korea).**

WED 13 KINDNESS ENCOUNTERS

Compassionate Christ, be with those in our own region who cannot see a way forward in the face of outstanding debts and rapidly rising prices. May those who are despairing today find their way to local support groups and, in the kindness they encounter there, glimpse something of your love.

THU 14 FLEGG GROUP (COASTAL)

Hemsby, Horsey, West Somerton, Winterton. The churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. **Dioceses of North Dakota, south Dakota and Dallas (USA).**

FRI 15 FLEGG GROUP (MARTHAM)

Clippesby, Martham, Repps, Thurne. Clergy: Steven Sivyier, Susan Hemsley Halls, Jo Wood. LLMs: Alison McTaggart, Emma Sivyier.

Diocese of Damaturu (Church of Nigeria).

SAT 16 FLEGG GROUP (ORMESBY)

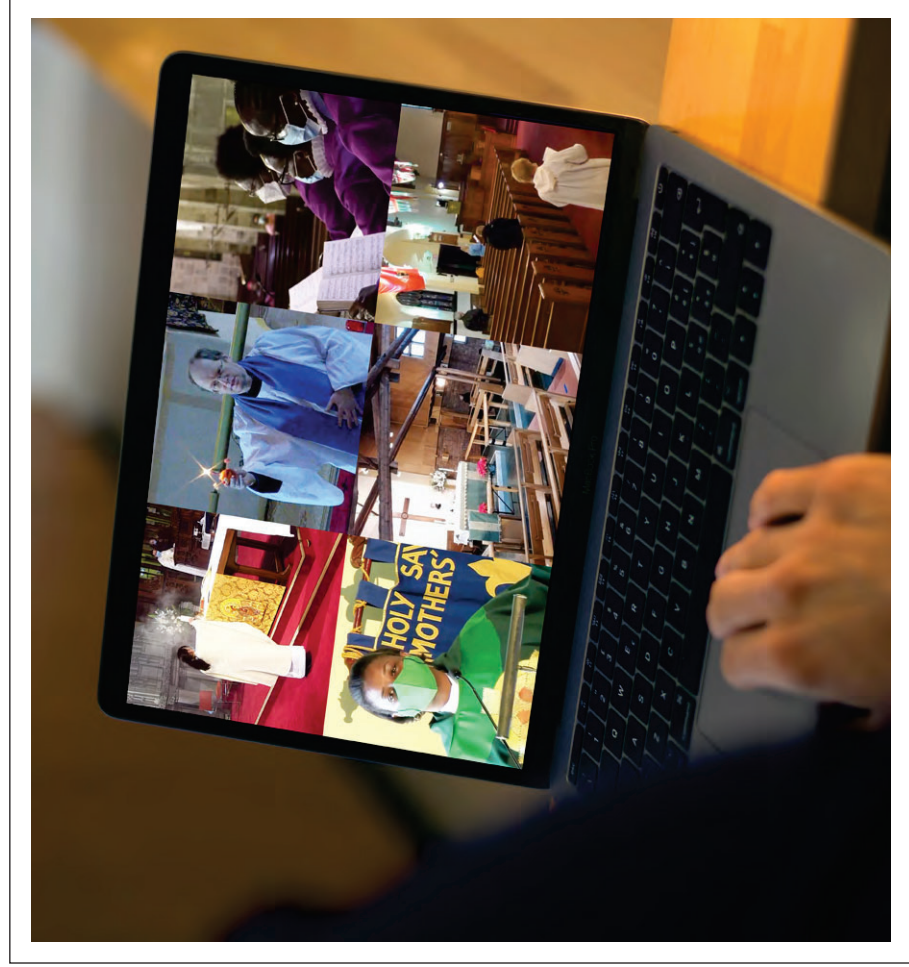
Ormesby St Margaret, Ormesby St Michael, Rollesby. Clergy: Jo Wood, Susan Hemsley Halls, Steven Sivyier. LLM: Margaret Parish.

Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam (Anglican Church of Tanzania).

Around our worldwide neighbourhood in 365 days

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Derived from two Old English words meaning 'near' and 'dweller', the word 'neighbour', in everyday usage, suggests someone close by with whom we have a connection, sharing our living space. Yet in this digital age, we need not be constrained by physical proximity. Via the internet we can have, and be, neighbours all over the world.

I'm enjoying the evidence of this in my own fun project for 2022, to go to church somewhere really different each week – online. The idea grew from joining by Zoom, on a whim one Sunday, an Episcopal service in Vermont, USA, where I'd spent a year while a student in the 1970s. Why not, I thought, explore further?

So, to give my travels some shape, I'm attempting over this year to attend online (connectivity permitting!) a service in each of the other 46 member churches of the Anglican Communion, a network covering more than 165 countries.*

My route is random, being neither alphabetical nor in any particular geographical order: I determine my destinations by checking availability and timing, week-by-week, in relation to other commitments. (I'm continuing, of course, to worship in the Hemptall Group!).

So far, over the first three months, I've joined in Anglican worship in communities in Australia, Ireland, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Trinidad and Tobago, New Zealand, Kenya and Mexico.

In so doing I'm "travelling" through several time zones and across hemispheres, witnessing the clothing of high summer in the south and various degrees of "cold" elsewhere.

In some countries there's an array of language provision but to date I'm keeping to services in English. I've lined up a range of formats from a full Choral Eucharist to a simple Service of the Word.

Along the way, "neighbourly" encounters abound. I've joined in a Baptism in Brisbane,

sung Happy Birthday to congregation members in Medicine Hat and, in February, exchanged greetings with the Bishop of Dunedin in New Zealand who happened to be leading Morning Prayer when I Zoomed in from Norfolk... (I don't know which of us was the more surprised!)

Some of these experiences are more directly "interactive" than others. If the service is on Zoom, there's a chance for conversation with the "connected" congregation. But even if it comes via a video platform such as YouTube or Facebook, I still have the "vibe" of being part of a live, real-time act of worship so far away, something which would never have been possible in pre-streaming days.

What's enriching is the sheer variety of the settings, coupled with a sense of familiarity, of being part of a worldwide community which shares a faith, a liturgy, an affiliation. (I've been struck by the number of times that Archbishop Justin Welby is prayed for by name!) And it illustrates the universality of certain concerns in prayers this year, notably the pandemic and the situation in Ukraine.

But I'm learning, too, of other anxieties through the intercessory prayers in which I participate; for instance, pleas in Nairobi for a peaceful, orderly democratic process in the forthcoming Kenyan elections (which have a history of violence).

It's interesting and instructive to extend "neighbourhood" in this way. And it's fun! Why not try it?

*To compile your own itinerary, use the this link: www.anglicancommunion.org/structures/member-churches.aspx Pick a country/region and cascade from there to the websites of individual dioceses and thence to parishes. Then choose a new church to attend and find a new neighbour!