

# Welcome to e-bulletin for 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026



The Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026 is raising money for the people of Papua New Guinea.

This year the money raised will specifically go towards helping children from clergy families to complete their education at the Martyrs Memorial School, an Anglican school near Popondetta.

*"Education is key to empowering young people to find life in all its fulness, as well as play a part in the future wellbeing of their families and communities."*

Bishop of Norwich  
The Rt Revd Graham Usher

To find out more and to donate to this year's Lent Appeal by the Bishop of Norwich, please visit  
**DofN.org/Lent**

FR All donations go directly to the Diocese of Norwich (Charity No. 249318)

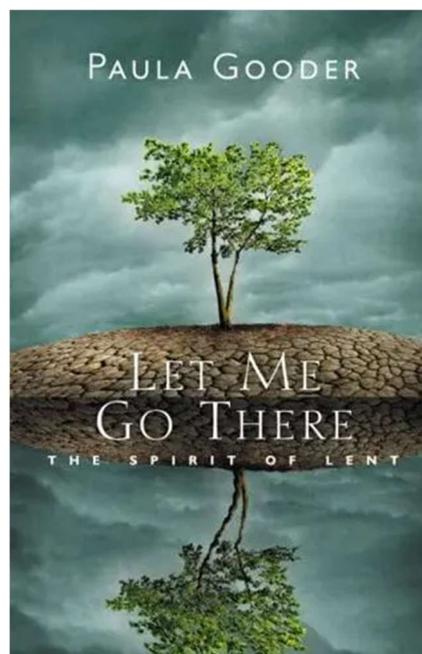
For more information and resources, click [here](#).

If your church is taking part or holding a Lent lunch or supper, please let the Diocesan Communications Team know at [news@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:news@dioceseofnorwich.org)

**Worthing:** Lent Brunch, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 9.30am.

## Lent Study Group

The bestselling author Paula Gooder takes us on a journey of exploration into the wilderness for Lent and shows us that while the desert can be a place of fear and desolation, it is also the very setting that God may choose to meet us and call us into a new way of being and living.



*Let Me Go There* reflects on some of the key events in the life of God's people that occurred in the wilderness as a way of preparing us to enter more fully into the experience of Jesus' forty days and nights in the desert at the beginning of his ministry, and to hear afresh the call to the disciples that ensued.

Wednesdays, 7.30-9pm at Elmham Vicarage (48 Holt Road, NR20 5JQ).

Future sessions:

4<sup>th</sup> March: Who are you? Jesus and the Devil in Matthew (1:2-13)

11<sup>th</sup> March: Testings: Jesus and testing in Luke (4:1-13)

18<sup>th</sup> March: Follow Me: The call to discipleship (Matthew 4:17-23; Luke 5:1-11)

25<sup>th</sup> March: If you want to follow... The character and cost of discipleship (Mark 4:35-41)

## Norfolk Churches Trust – automated lock grants



Marking their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, The Norfolk Churches Trust has announced a scheme of 50 grants, each of £1,000, for automated lock systems for church doors. These are ideal for parishes who might struggle to have a rota for unlocking and locking each day.

For more information and an application form, click [here](#).

## Join Bishop Graham on a pilgrimage to Taizé

**Join Bishop Graham**  
**18-27 July 2026**  
**on a pilgrimage**  
**to Taizé**

Are you aged 18-35 and live in the Diocese of Norwich?  
Are you interested in joining a pilgrimage to France this summer?

**Students and those out of work – £175.00**  
**Part-time or church associated workers – £275.00**  
**Those in full-time employment – £380.00**

Due to the support of the Anne French Memorial Trust we are able to offer reduced rates to young adults living in Norfolk. Bursaries are also available to those in need of extra support, please contact Jeremy Brown for further details.

The Taizé community is an inter-denominational monastic community with a focus on youth. Young people will experience a wide range of languages and cultures and inspirational worship.

*"I loved the simplicity of the day and the space to be"*  
*"I didn't need to worry about what anyone else thought of me."*

For more information and to book please contact Jeremy Brown at:  
**[taize.pilgrimage@dioceseofnorwich.org](mailto:taize.pilgrimage@dioceseofnorwich.org)**

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Every year young people from Norfolk join the many thousands of young people from around the world who travel to a monastery in central France for worship, fun, friends and faith.

The annual pilgrimage (by coach and ferry) is led by the Bishop of Norwich and open to young adults living in the Diocese of Norwich. More information from the [Diocese of Norwich](#) website.

Booking is now open for the 2026 pilgrimage, from July 18-27.

## News from the Parishes

### Guist: Eco-Church Bronze!



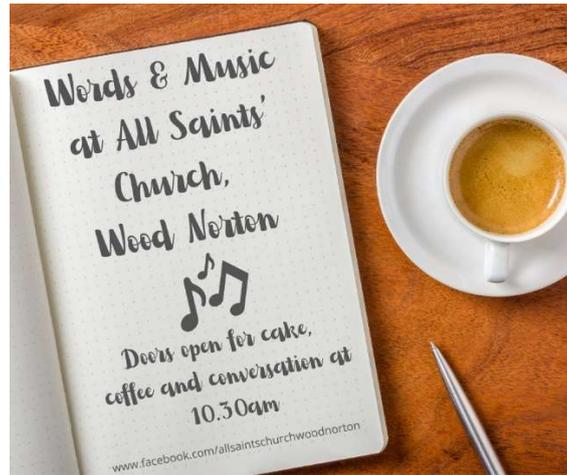
Congratulations to St Andrew's Guist on their Bronze Award.



Guist PCC has some landholding and the award reflects their care of the land as well as the management of the Church and churchyard. They're rightly proud to be recognised for their achievement!

For information about the Eco-Church scheme click [here](#).

**Wood Norton All Saints: Words & Music, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 11am**



All are welcome to come along and participate by bringing a favourite piece of music, or a reading of your choice.

If you prefer, just come and enjoy the interesting miscellany that the event always produces.  
Doors open for cake and coffee – and conversation - at 10.30.

**North Elmham: T@2, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**



Come and join us for Afternoon Tea with convivial company and music! 2-4pm, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, at North Elmham Institute, Holt Road. Bring yourself, a friend and a neighbour – all welcome!

**Wood Norton All Saints: Café Pew, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**



Come and join us between 12.30 and 2pm for a light informal lunch in the church and an opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours.

**Wood Norton All Saints: Cine Pew, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**



Dorothy, saved from a psychiatric experiment by a mysterious girl, is somehow called back to Oz when a vain witch and the Nome King destroy everything that makes the magical land beautiful.

Starring Fairuza Balk, Nicol Williamson and Jean Marsh.

Running time: 1hr 53mins.

**Sunday Service Plan: March**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
9:00am	Worthing	Holy Communion
9:30am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Word & Praise
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 2:33-35
10:30am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10:30am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	The 10:30
11:00am	Billingford	Morning Praise
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Passion Sunday</b>	Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
10:30am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
5:00pm	Foulsham	Choral Evensong

<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Lit of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11; Lit of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 27:11-54
10:30am	Wood Norton	Group Holy Communion

**\*Bawdeswell Group Sunday Zoom**

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Or click this direct link [Bawdeswell Group Zoom Link](#)

**Wednesdays:** 10:30am, Holy Communion, Foulsham Holy Innocents’.

**Prayer Calendar: 1<sup>st</sup> March: Second Sunday of Lent**

<b>Church</b>	
HON Group: Guist	
<b>World</b>	
<b>Community</b>	
<b>Sick</b>	
<b>Departed</b>	

**Church FaceBook pages**

Do check parish FaceBook pages and the Heart of Norfolk website [calendar](#), with links to events in our Benefice.

Bawdeswell: [www.facebook.com/bawdeswell.church](http://www.facebook.com/bawdeswell.church)

Billingford: [www.facebook.com/BillingfordStPeter](http://www.facebook.com/BillingfordStPeter)

Guist: [www.facebook.com/standrewsguist](http://www.facebook.com/standrewsguist)

North Elmham: [www.facebook.com/northelmhamchurch](http://www.facebook.com/northelmhamchurch)

Stibbard: [www.facebook.com/Stibbardchurch](http://www.facebook.com/Stibbardchurch)

Wood Norton: [www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchwoodnorton](http://www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchwoodnorton)

Worthing: [www.facebook.com/StMargaretsChurchworthing](http://www.facebook.com/StMargaretsChurchworthing)

Heart of Norfolk Benefice: [www.facebook.com/heartofnorfolk](http://www.facebook.com/heartofnorfolk)

Music at St Mary’s N Elmham: [www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysChurch](http://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysChurch)