

## Welcome to e-bulletin for 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Storytellers

The Storytellers were back in Stibbard and North Elmham Schools this week with “The Temptations of Jesus”, highlighting the theme of Perseverance.



*Photo: Marian Dugdale*

Big thanks to James Cooper, Colin Ferris and the Team.

If you'd like to know more about this ministry, please contact Susan Moore at [susanmoore777@btinternet.com](mailto:susanmoore777@btinternet.com)

### Proverbial Prattle – 28<sup>th</sup> January

A flyer for 'Proverbial Prattle'. It features a light beige background with decorative gold leaf branches in the corners. The title 'PROVERBIAL PRATTLE' is in a large, bold, maroon serif font. Below the title, the text reads: 'An ecumenial discussion group on the proverbs, held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. All are welcome. Refreshments provided.' The date and time 'Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm' and the location 'Stibbard Methodist Chapel' are in a bold, maroon serif font. At the bottom, there is a stack of three books (two blue, one white) with gold leaf branches. A dark grey banner at the very bottom contains the contact information in white text.

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**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm  
Stibbard Methodist Chapel**

**For more information contact: Norman Johnson  
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## Norfolk Churchyard Conservation Award



Heritage | Community | Preservation



Photo credit: Elizabeth Clark

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**Celebrating the Natural & Spiritual Heritage of Norfolk's Churchyards**

The **Norfolk Churches Trust**, in partnership with the **Norfolk Wildlife Trust** and the **Diocese of Norwich**, is proud to launch the **Norfolk Churchyard Conservation Award**.

An exciting opportunity for churches across the county to showcase their efforts in protecting and enhancing the biodiversity, beauty and tranquility of their churchyards.

**Why Enter?**

Churchyards are not only sacred spaces but also havens for wildlife. This competition recognises the vital role churches can play in environmental stewardship – celebrating those who care for these precious places in ways that benefit both people and nature.

**Who Can Take Part?**

Open to **all churches in Norfolk** – large or small, rural or urban – whether you have a wildflower meadow, a nest box, or simply a passion for protecting your patch of God's earth.

**Prizes & Recognition**

The winning church will receive an oak plaque award together with £1,000 prize money.

**How to Enter**

Download your application form following the links below and submit no later than **28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

**Judging will take place in May 2026**



Scan the QR code for entry forms and full guidelines available at:  
[www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/churchyard-conservation-competition/](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/churchyard-conservation-competition/)

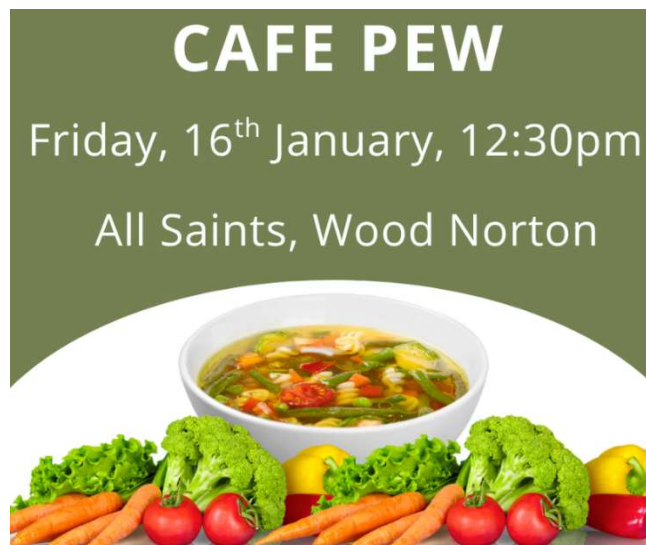
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More information and application form [here](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/churchyard-conservation-competition/). Deadline for applications: 28th February 2026.

## News from the Parishes

**TOMORROW: Wood Norton: Café Pew, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 12.30-2pm**



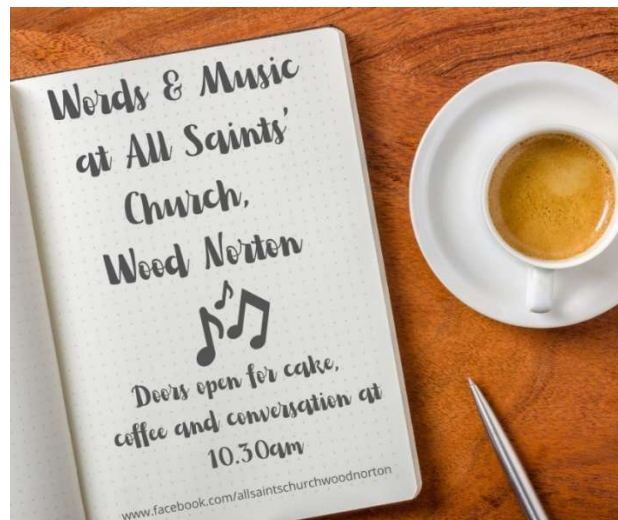
Come and join us between 12.30 and 2pm for a light informal lunch in the church with a welcoming mixture of company!

**Wood Norton: Cine Pew, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm**



Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslett, Jude Law and Jack Black.  
When Amanda and Iris swap their homes in LA and Surrey for two weeks at Christmas, they're trying to forget their troubled love lives, until love finds them anyway!

**Wood Norton: Words & Music, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 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.

Please note: there is no charge for events at Wood Norton All Saints', although a small donation towards catering and running costs is always appreciated.

**North Elmham: T@2, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2-4pm**

Come and join us for Afternoon Tea with convivial company and music!  
At North Elmham Institute, Holt Road.

Bring yourself, a friend and a neighbour – all welcome!



*Apologies: the January T@2 was cancelled to make way for the Village Panto!*

### Sunday Service Plan: January & February

<b>18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
10:30am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10:30am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	The 10:30
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Conversion of Paul</b>	Acts 9:1-22; Matthew 19:27-end
10:30am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Morning Praise
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40
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*	The 10:30
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6:25-end
10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
<b>15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	2 Peter 1:16-end; Matthew 17:1-9
10:30am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10:30am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	The 10:30
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
10:30am	Guist	Holy Communion
10:30am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30am	Stibbard	Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Morning Praise

**\*Bawdeswell Group Sunday Zoom**

ID: 656 174 6525; Passcode: TwKH7n

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

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

**Prayer Calendar: 18<sup>th</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

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HON Group: Twyford  Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy and eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us to learn from the simple trust of children; give us pure hearts and steadfast faith to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
World	
Community	
Sick	
Departed	
Ian Nickerson, North Elmham	Funeral & burial: Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 12:00 midday.

**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)