

Welcome to e-bulletin for 15th 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.

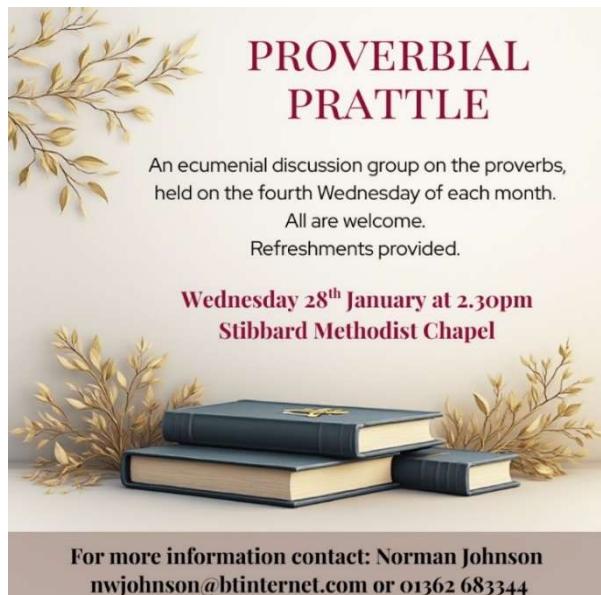


Photo: Marian Dugdale

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

Proverbial Prattle – 28th January



Norfolk Churchyard Conservation Award



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Norfolk Churchyard Conservation Award website. At the top, there are logos for The Church of England Diocese of Norwich, The Norfolk Churches Trust, and Norfolk Wildlife Trust, with the tagline 'Heritage | Community | Preservation' below them. The main title 'Norfolk Churchyard Conservation Award' is in large blue text, followed by the subtitle 'Celebrating the Natural & Spiritual Heritage of Norfolk's Churchyards'. Below this, a paragraph explains the partnership and the purpose of the award. There are four small images: a church, a sheep, a row of headstones, and a bird. A QR code is in the bottom right corner, and a link to the application form is at the bottom left.

Norfolk Churchyard Conservation Award

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 tranquillity 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 **28th February 2026**.

Photo credit: Elizabeth Dakic

Scanning the QR code will take you to the application form at www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/churchyard-conservation-competition/

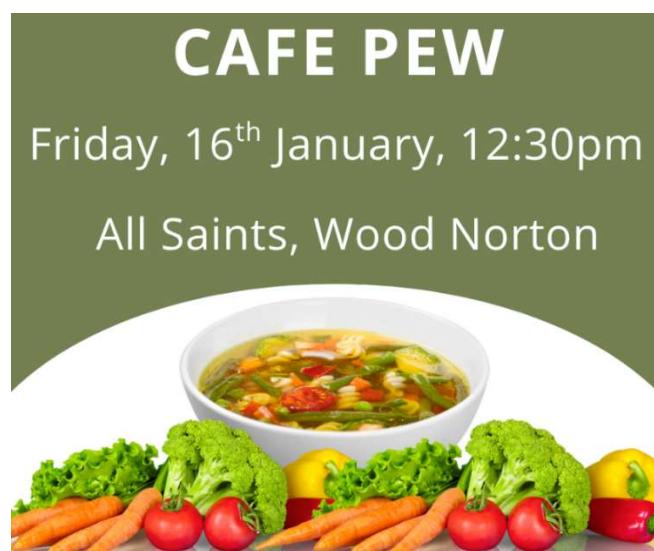
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More information and application form [here](#). Deadline for applications: 28th February 2026.

News from the Parishes

TOMORROW: Wood Norton: Café Pew, Friday 16th January, 12.30-2pm



The poster is for a 'CAFE PEW' event. The title 'CAFE PEW' is in large white letters at the top. Below it, the date 'Friday, 16th January, 12:30pm' and location 'All Saints, Wood Norton' are listed. At the bottom, there is a white bowl of soup with various vegetables, and in front of it are several fresh vegetables including carrots, broccoli, tomatoes, and bell peppers.

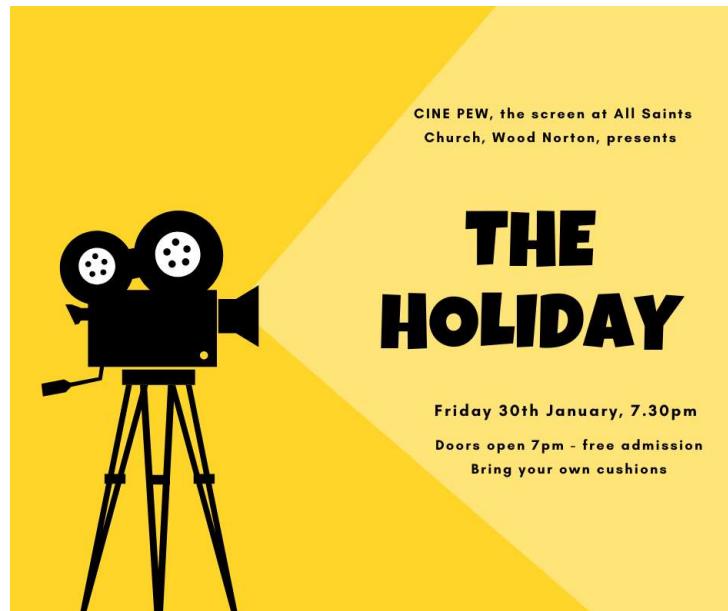
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Friday, 16th January, 12:30pm

All Saints, Wood Norton

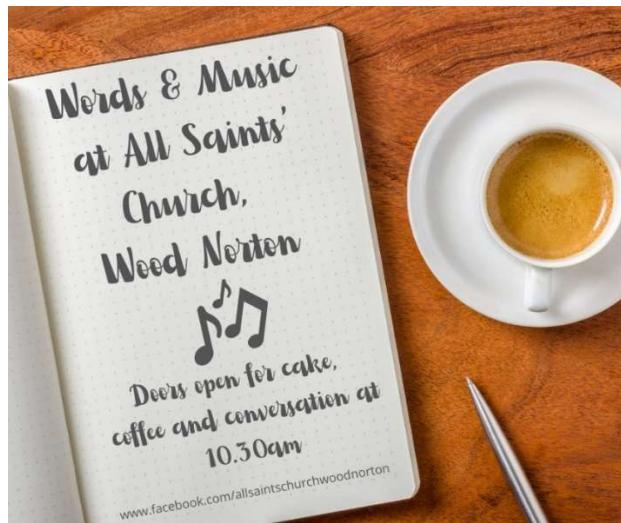
Come and join us between 12.30 and 2pm for a light informal lunch in the church with a welcoming mixture of company!

Wood Norton: Cine Pew, Friday 30th 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 6th 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 11th 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

18th January	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	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
25th January	Conversion of Paul	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
1st February	Candlemas	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
8th February	Second Sunday before Lent	Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6:25-end
10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
15th February	Sunday next before Lent	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
22nd February	First Sunday of Lent	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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6561746525?pwd=UWVHd0p6a0p6a0p6a0p6a0p6a0p6a0)

Wednesdays: 10:30am, Holy Communion, Foulsham Holy Innocents'.

Prayer Calendar: 18th January: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Church	
HON Group: Twyford	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 th 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

Billingford: www.facebook.com/BillingfordStPeter

Guist: www.facebook.com/standrewsguist

North Elmham: www.facebook.com/northelmhamchurch

Stibbard: www.facebook.com/Stibbardchurch

Wood Norton: www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchwoodnorton

Worthing: www.facebook.com/StMargaretsChurchworthing

Heart of Norfolk Benefice: www.facebook.com/heartofnorfolk

Music at St Mary's N Elmham: www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysChurch