

Welcome to e-bulletin for 29th January 2026

e-bulletin is taking a break until 26th February.
To keep up-to-date with events and Sunday services,
please go to: www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026

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Diocese of Norwich

The Bishop's Lent Appeal

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

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

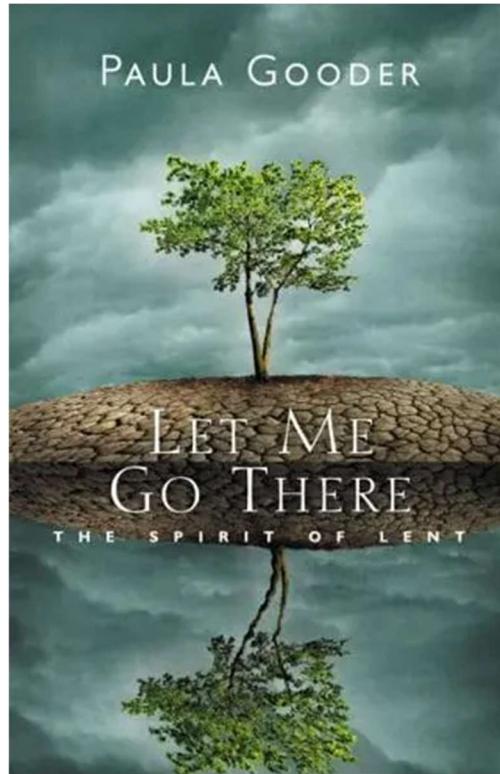
For more information and resources, click [here](#).

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

Worthing: Lent Brunch, Sunday 1st 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.

Join us as we explore five reflections from the book in our Lenten journey.
Wednesdays, 7.30-9pm at Elmham Vicarage (48 Holt Road, NR20 5JQ).

25th February; 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March.

The Persistent Widow

This week the Storytellers presented the parable of the persistent widow at North Elmham and Stibbard primary schools (Luke 18:1-8).



Tish Moore, Jean Johnson, James Cooper, Marian Dugdale and Colin Ferris

The widow *persevered* in prayer and her determination to get justice. As Luke reminds us, God will “grant justice to those who cry to him day and night”.

Storytellers is a valuable and enjoyable ministry of the Heart of Norfolk group of churches. To find out more, please contact Susan Moore at susanmoore777@btinternet.com

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 letters, followed by the subtitle 'Celebrating the Natural & Spiritual Heritage of Norfolk's Churchyards'. Below this, a paragraph explains the partnership and the launch of the award. It highlights that the competition is for churches to showcase their efforts in protecting and enhancing biodiversity. The 'Why Enter?' section notes that churchyards are havens for wildlife and that the competition recognises environmental stewardship. The 'Who Can Take Part?' section states the competition is open to all churches in Norfolk. The 'Prizes & Recognition' section mentions a oak plaque award and £1,000 prize money. The 'How to Enter' section provides instructions for downloading an application form and submitting it by 28th February 2026. A QR code is provided for scanning. At the bottom, a photo credit to Elizabeth Dakic is shown, along with a link to the application form: www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/churchyard-conservation-competition/.

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. Celebrating the Natural and Spiritual Heritage of Norfolk's Churchyards.

This competition recognises the vital role churches can play in environmental stewardship - celebrating those who care for these precious places in ways that can benefit both people and nature.

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

Norfolk Churches Trust – automated lock grants

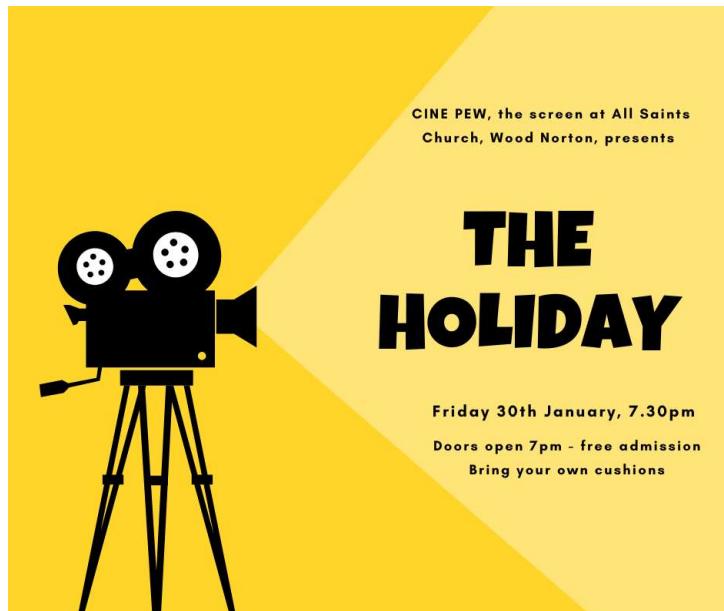


Marking their 50th Anniversary, The Norfolk Churches Trust has announced a scheme of 50 grants, each of £1,000, for automated lock systems for church doors. These are ideal for parishes who might struggle to have a rota for unlocking and locking each day.

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

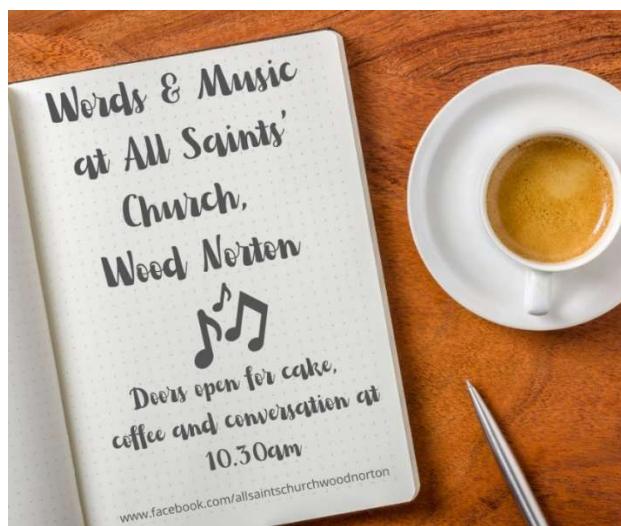
News from the Parishes

TOMORROW: 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!



Sunday Service Plan: February

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	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Morning Praise

*Bawdeswell Group Sunday Zoom

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Or click this direct link [Bawdeswell Group Zoom Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6561746525?pwd=TWJHZnVhZ0pHb0p5a0p5a0p5a0p5a0p5)

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

Prayer Calendar: 1st February: Candlemas/ The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Church	
HON Group: Worthing	O Christ, the Bright and Morning Star,

when the night of this world is past
bring us with your saints to your promised light
and to that life which opens into everlasting day.
Amen.
(The Venerable Bede c. 673-735)

World

Community

Sick

Departed

Ian Nickerson (North Elmham)	Funeral & burial: Thursday 29 th January, 12noon, St Mary's North Elmham
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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/all saints church woodnorton

Worthing: www.facebook.com/StMargaretsChurchworthing

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

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