

## Welcome to e-bulletin for 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

e-bulletin is taking a break until 26<sup>th</sup> February.  
To keep up-to-date with events and Sunday services,  
please go to: [www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk](http://www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk)

### 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**

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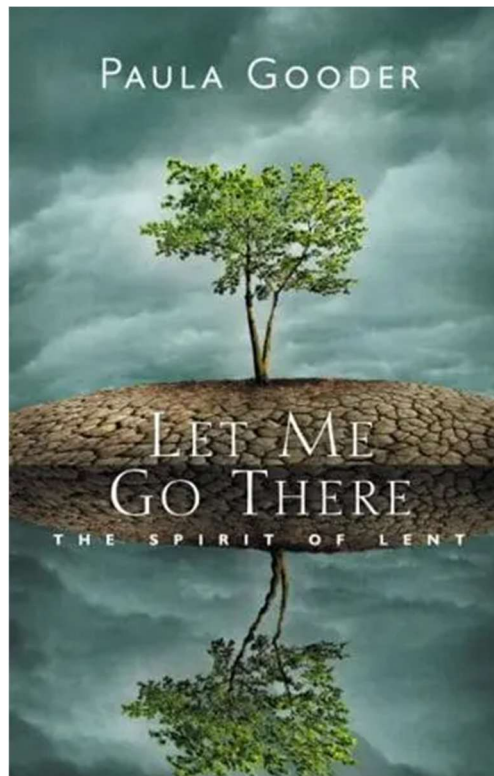
For more information and resources, click [here](#).

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.

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).

25<sup>th</sup> February; 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:susanmoore777@btinternet.com)

## Norfolk Churchyard Conservation Award



The poster for the Norfolk Churchyard Conservation Award features a dark blue header with logos for The Church of England Diocese of Norwich, The Norfolk Churches Trust, and Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Below the header, the title 'Norfolk Churchyard Conservation Award' is prominently displayed, followed by the subtitle 'Celebrating the Natural & Spiritual Heritage of Norfolk's Churchyards'. The main text describes the award, its purpose, and the opportunity for churches to showcase their efforts in protecting and enhancing biodiversity. It includes sections for 'Why Enter?', 'Who Can Take Part?', 'Prizes & Recognition', and 'How to Enter'. A QR code is provided for entry forms and full guidelines, and a note states that judging will take place in May 2026. The footer includes the website URL: [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/churchyard-conservation-competition/](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/churchyard-conservation-competition/).

**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 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 **28th 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](#). Deadline for applications: 28th February 2026.

## 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](#).

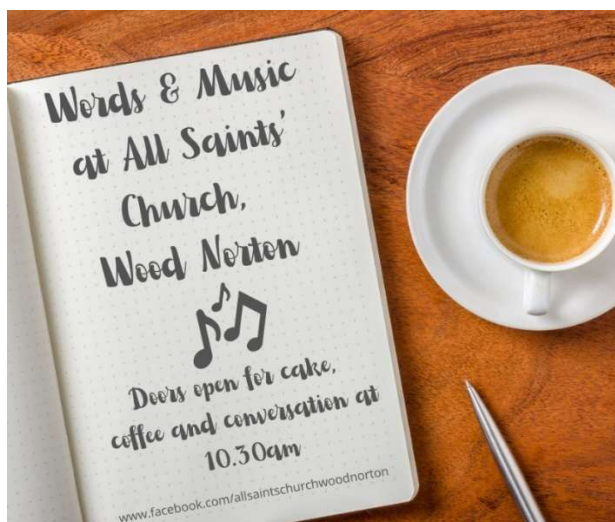
## News from the Parishes

**TOMORROW: 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!



### Sunday Service Plan: February

<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	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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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)
<b>World</b>	
<b>Community</b>	
<b>Sick</b>	
<b>Departed</b>	
Ian Nickerson (North Elmham)	Funeral & burial: Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 12noon, St Mary's North Elmham

### 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)