

## Welcome to e-bulletin for 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026



See the table at the end of this bulletin for details of services for Pentecost Sunday.  
The 'Birthday' of the Church!

### A Short Story

Alice Richardson, Authorised Worship Assistant and resident of Billingford, has recorded a [short video](#) as part of a series of stories for the Diocese of Norwich. Here, Alice tells the story of St Peter's amazing transformation. (Also available on the HON website, [here](#).)

We hope these stories will inspire and encourage people, especially in our rural parishes.



Open wide the gates and let the King of Glory in!

### Norfolk Churches Trust – Bike Ride, Walk & Drive

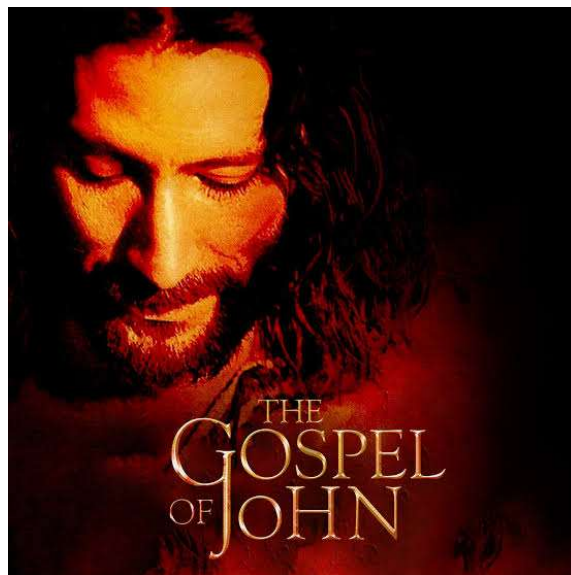
This year's bike ride is on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**.

It is Norfolk Churches Trust's biggest fundraising event, raising vital funds for our vulnerable historic churches. Last year, the total raised was £115,527.00 (matched by an amazing legacy, bringing the total to £230,000).



If you'd like to participate this year, please click [here](#) to register. If not, be sure to sponsor someone who is taking part! Or consider becoming [a member](#) of NCT, enjoying exclusive access to member-only events and early notification of the Trust's other events throughout the year.

## The Life of Jesus



Released in 2003, this film tells Jesus' story from the perspective of John's gospel. (trailer [here](#)).  
A 4-week programme to watch the film in 45-minute segments,  
with time to reflect and discuss.

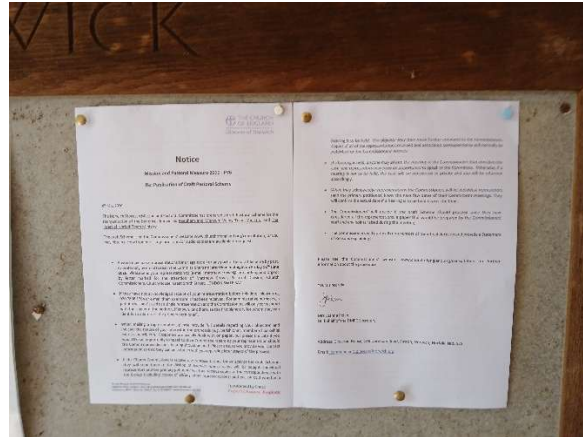
Each session is stand-alone – come as you can!

Tuesday evenings: 26<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.30-9pm.  
St Mary's Church, North Elmham, NR20 5JU.

## Pastoral Reorganisation

The draft Pastoral Scheme, which will formally create the Bawdeswell Group of parishes,  
is in the final phase of consultation.

Notices are being displayed at all of our parish churches until 12<sup>th</sup> June, giving people the opportunity to make representations for or against all of any part of the draft Scheme.



*Pic: Notice at Guestwick Church*

## Music at St Mary's – 2026

A wonderful afternoon singing with Lauren Dove on Saturday!



*Photo: Sue Ball*

The next Singing Workshop is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30-4pm, with [Linds Bestwicke](#).  
“Beautiful harmony singing celebrating summer and the nature that surrounds us.  
All taught by ear, no experience necessary. Come and join us!”

## 2026 Concerts

Dates for your diary – two concerts for a summer evening:

# Summer Music Season

## 2026

St Mary's Church



St Mary's Church  
Holt Road  
North Elmham  
NR20 5JU

St Cecilia, on a panel from St Mary's Rood Screen.  
Patron Saint of Musicians,  
Composers, Instrument  
Makers and Poets

## CONCERTS Fridays at 7.30pm

Visit Facebook MusicAtStMarys  
for direct links to the ticket site  
or use the QR Codes below.

For further information about  
any event please contact:

Jenny Cunningham  
01362 668224  
jennycunningham@mac.com

Also on Facebook:  
MusicAtStMarysChurch



### August 21st - The Iceni Consort

A distinguished Baroque and early  
music ensemble.

Tickets £10 in adv. / £12.50 on door.  
[www.iceniconsort.com](http://www.iceniconsort.com)



### September 11th - Chaos Collective

Renowned ensemble playing Mozart  
to Roger Eno and much in-between!

Tickets £12.50 in adv. / £15 on the door.  
[www.chaos-collective.com](http://www.chaos-collective.com)



Booking:

The Iceni Consort: <https://heartofnorfolk.churchsuite.com/events/rljf4zve>

Chaos Collective: <https://heartofnorfolk.churchsuite.com/events/3vydnvil>

## Proverbial Prattle, 27<sup>th</sup> May

**PROVERBIAL  
PRATTLE**

An ecumenial discussion group on the proverbs,  
held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.  
All are welcome.  
Refreshments provided.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm  
Stibbard Methodist Chapel**

For more information contact: Norman Johnson  
[nwjohnson@btinternet.com](mailto:nwjohnson@btinternet.com) or 01362 683344

Apologies – Proverbial Prattle is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May (not 20<sup>th</sup>, as posted last week).  
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## From Bach to Broadway – Bawdeswell Festival Choir, 30<sup>th</sup> May

Another chance to see and hear Bawdeswell Festival Choir, if you missed them at Reepham earlier in the month!



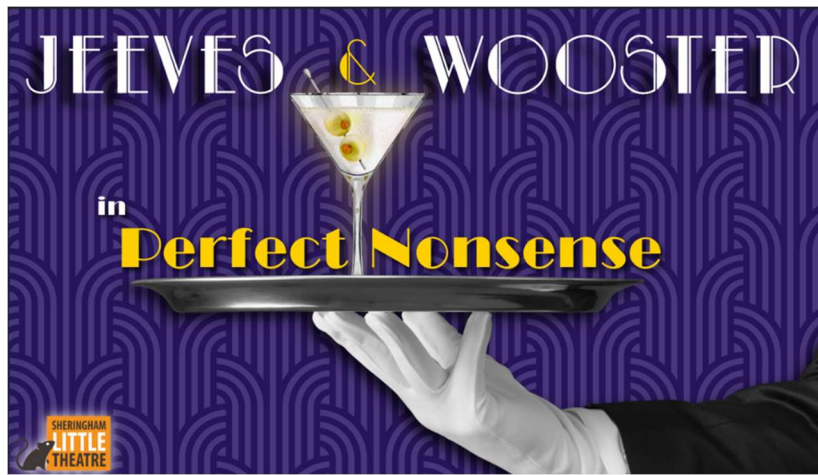
### Group Holy Communion, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 10:30am



Organist: Jason Lane with The Trinity Choir.  
Refreshments will be served after the service.  
All welcome!

### 'Perfect Nonsense', 26<sup>th</sup> July, Bylaugh Hall

Following the great success of 'Three Eyed Elephant' last year at Bylaugh Hall, we are delighted that Sheringham Little Theatre will be returning to present this professional production of "Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense".



In this zany adaptation of one of P.G. Wodehouse's classics, three performers take on 12 roles!

We have the Boathouse Blues band joining us, along with retail stalls to tempt you, food stalls, bar and a very special raffle.

Tickets available [here](#), book early to avoid disappointment (£20 pp). Gates open at 12pm for a 2pm performance.

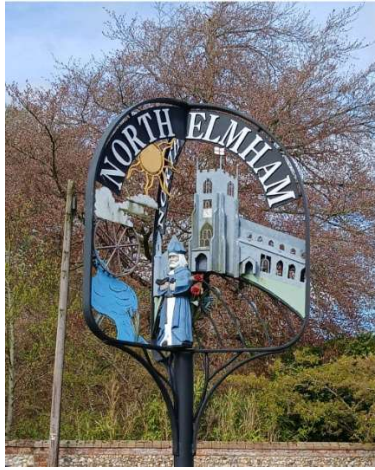
## News from the Parishes

### North Elmham Garden Fete, 17<sup>th</sup> May



Do check out [www.facebook.com/northelmhamchurch](http://www.facebook.com/northelmhamchurch) for fabulous photos from the Elmham Garden Fete on Sunday. With thanks to Dale Edward Buttolph of The North Norfolk Morris Minor Owners Club.

### North Elmham Prayer Meeting, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June



## Village Prayer Meeting

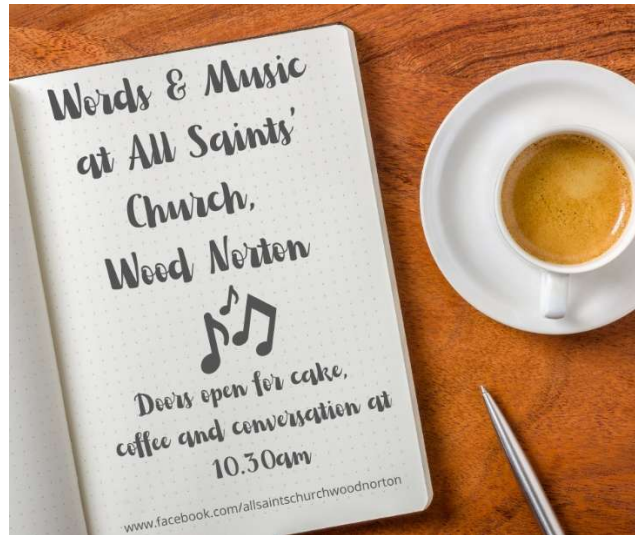
Join us in prayer for North Elmham and surrounding villages.

First Monday of the month, 8pm.

More info from  
[appleton.dave@googlemail.com](mailto:appleton.dave@googlemail.com)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 8pm at Elmham House, NR20 5JY.

### **Wood Norton, Words & Music, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**



All are welcome to come along and participate by bringing a favourite piece of music (or requesting, via Neil, 01362 684357), or a reading of your choice. Otherwise, just come along and enjoy the interesting miscellany that the event produces. Doors open for cake and coffee at 10.30am and the event commences at 11.00am.

### **Wood Norton: Plant, Book, Art & Craft Sale – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 10am-4pm**

# PLANT, PAPERBACK, ART and CRAFT SALE



Plants galore, hundreds of good quality paperbacks, jigsaws and original, unique local art and craft, all in one rather special location!

**All Saints' Church,  
Wood Norton.  
NR20 5BB**

**Saturday, June 6th 10am-4pm**

Raffle Light refreshments

This is a cash only event although some artists and crafters may have card payment facilities

Proceeds to support All Saints' Church, Wood Norton

**North Elmham: T@2 – Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**

*INVITATION*

Come and join us for  
**'TEA AT TWO'**

*Dates for your Diary*

Wednesday  
June 10th  
July 8th  
No T@2 in August  
September 9th  
Bring yourself, a  
friend and a neighbour.  
Like a lift? Call Tish  
01362 668 678

Afternoon tea from  
2~4pm  
cake, sandwiches,  
savouries & a little  
music. At the  
North Elmham  
Institute on 2nd  
Wednesday of the month  
Any questions? Call Jo  
07796 493 495  
Costs covered by  
St Mary's Church

Come and join us at the North Elmham Institute for Afternoon Tea with convivial company and music!

**Wood Norton, Café Pew, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**



Come and join us between 12.30 and 2.00pm for a light informal lunch in the church and an opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours.

**North Elmham Village Walk: 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**Walk through a millennium of history on a summer evening**



The two oldest buildings in North Elmham are the church and the ruins beside it.

At the half-way point in the calendar year, spend an evening learning about Elmham's unique story from Saxon times to the present day, with a guided walk led by local historian, Susanna Wade-Martins.

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**  
 Meet at the gates to the ruins

The evening will end with refreshments in the church

**Sunday Service Plan: May & June**

<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
10:30am	Guist	Holy Communion

10:30am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Morning Praise
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	2 Corinthians 13:11-end; Matthew 28:16-end
10:30am	Stibbard	Heart of Norfolk Group Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Bawdeswell Group Holy Communion
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>First Sunday after Trinity</b>	Romans 4:13-end; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
9:00am	Worthing	Holy Communion
10:30am	North Elmham	Holy Communion
10:30am	Stibbard	Holy Communion
10:30am	Wood Norton	Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Word & Praise
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b>	Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8
10:30am	North Elmham	Iona Holy Communion
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	Holy Communion
10:30am	Foulsham	Holy Communion
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b>	Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39
10:30am	Wood Norton	Holy Communion
10:30am	Worthing	Iona Morning Praise
10:30am	Bawdeswell*	The 10:30
11:00am	Billingford	Morning Praise
6:00pm	Foulsham	Said Evensong
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>	Romans 6:12-end; Matthew 10:40-end
10:30am	North Elmham	Morning Praise
10:30am	Guist	Holy Communion
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’.

## 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)

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