

Services and Events this week:

Mon 13th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Stepping Stones
Tue 14th	12.00 noon	Mothers' Union Goats Lunch
	7.00pm	Town Council Assembly
Wed 15th	1.00pm	Wedding Fair Meeting
Thur 16th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Refreshments & Stalls
	5.15pm	Choir Practice
Sun 19th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong



12th May 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to today's worship, especially if you are visiting us or here for the first time. You may simply wish to sit, pray, listen and observe and my guiding hope is for us all to feel God's presence alongside us today. We hope that you find our Orders of Service or Prayer Books easy to follow. If you are unsure of anything please do not hesitate to ask someone nearby. If you are a Communicant member in your own church you are welcome to come up to Communion. (If you wish to receive a blessing please keep your hands folded.) We do have communion wafers that are gluten free – please ask. Refreshments are served after the 10.30am service.

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Today's Worship

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher: Alan Elkins
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) Celebrant & Preacher: Patrick Foreman Leader: Elaine Burbidge (Reader)
11.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church Fulmodeston Celebrant & Preacher: Alan Elkins Leader: Amanda Sands (Reader)
6.30pm	Healing Service Leaders: Alan & Joy Elkins

Please remember in your prayers:

We pray for:

- Bishop Alan and Bishop Jonathan;
- Rt. Rev'd. Graham Usher, to be next Bishop of Norwich;
- on this Lulea Sunday, we pray for God's blessing on our link diocese in Sweden, for our mutual flourishing and particularly today for the Deanery of South Lapland and its Rural Dean Helen Lundberg. Today is also Vocations Sunday: pray that all Christians may be open to God's call upon their lives and imaginative in their response;
- the Anglican Church of Korea: Archbishop Moses Nagjun Yoo;
- the work of Christian Aid;
- those who live or work in Waterfield Avenue, Waterfield Close and Jubilee Avenue;
- in the deanery: the Holkham group of parishes – Rector, Revd Brenda Stewart;
- those who are unwell or in any kind of trouble including: Mary, Sybil, Kirsten, Sue & Andrew, Ethel, Ken, Stephen, Liz, Wilfred, David, Janet, Peggy, Ada, Joyce, Lesley Clements, Pamela Thomas Glenis and Wynne;
- those known to us who have died recently & their families;
- the anniversary of the late Gemma Best;
- the baptismal anniversaries of Layla and Jade.

Refreshments and Stalls on 2nd May:

Refreshments (net) £ 199.00; Stalls £ 180.56; Total £ 379.56. A big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day – another terrific total.

Messy Church

The smell of baking bread wafted from the kitchen at Messy Church last Sunday as decorated rolls were baked. Later the families and the Messy Church team between them ate about 120 sandwiches and delicious cake.

Our bible story, told with drama and activities, was "On the road to Emmaus". As you know Jesus was recognised when He broke the bread and blessed it at the disciples' home and they knew He was alive!

Mothers' Union – Goats Lunch

Please come and join us in the Parish Church this coming Tuesday (14th May) from 12 noon and support Mothers in crisis around the world. Soup and Ploughman's style lunches with the chance to choose goat cheeses at only £5.

Church Women's Guild

The Fakenham Church Women's Guild AGM takes place on Monday 20th May at 2.30pm at 1 Harp Close, Fakenham followed by tea and biscuits. Why not pop along and join this friendly group from all Fakenham churches and find out more about the Guild. Contact Moira on 01328 855874 for information.

Looking Ahead to June at Christ Church Fulmodeston

Two dates for your diaries:

1) An Ecumenical Songs of Praise for Pentecost. This takes place in Fulmodeston church on Sunday 9th June at 6.00pm. You can contact Stephen on 01328 878364 to make a hymn request.

2) In concert – the Purcell School (for young musicians) Impulse Outreach Team. Saturday 22nd June at 6.00pm. Free admission (no tickets required). There will be a retiring collection.

Music today:

Thank you to Jonathan Dodd who is playing for us today.

Hymns: (Red Book) 100, 234, The Lord's my shepherd (see separate sheet), 271 and 184

We have some large print copies of our hymn books available – please ask.

Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Readings today:

Acts 9.36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

Next week's readings 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11.1-18 and John 13.31-35

Notices

Next Bishop of Norwich Announced

Downing Street has announced that the Rt Revd Graham Usher will become the 72nd Bishop of Norwich.

Bishop Graham, 48, is currently the Bishop of Dudley. Prior to this he was Rector of Hexham in Northumberland, following his time working in Middlesbrough. He has also spent time living and working in Ghana, Africa.

On his appointment, Bishop Graham said:

"It's a great honour and somewhat daunting to be nominated as Bishop of Norwich. I'm excited to have been called to serve among the people of Norfolk and Waveney as together we seek to live out Jesus Christ's call to love God and our neighbours.

"A theme of God's calling in my life is that each new chapter has been to a new and unexpected place. The Diocese of Norwich is equally a new and unexpected place for me, and what a wonderful privilege it is to be called to serve here.

"I see the role of a bishop as encouraging others to live out their faith in Jesus Christ with a generosity of spirit and compassion, bringing people together to serve their neighbours in partnership with others."

The Acting Bishop of Norwich, the Bishop of Thetford, the Rt Revd Alan Winton said:

"As a senior staff team we are delighted with the nomination of Bishop Graham Usher to be the next Bishop of Norwich, and we look forward to welcoming him and his family to their new home in the Diocese.

"The new Bishop Graham brings significant experience, skills and enthusiasm from ministry in York, Newcastle and Worcester Dioceses. We look forward to working with him in supporting and developing the mission and ministry of God's church here in Norfolk and Waveney. Please pray for Graham and his family as they prepare for their move to Norwich this summer."

We welcome Bishop Graham's appointment, pray for him as he settles into his new role and look forward to his ministry among us.

