

Services and Events this week:

Mon 2nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Stepping Stones
	2.00pm	Church Porch Cleaning
Tues 3rd	2.00pm	Funeral of Dorothy Williamson
Weds 4th	10.00am	Support in Loss Group
	1.00pm	Funeral of Brian Wilson
Thur 5th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Refreshments & Stalls
	5.15pm	Choir Practice
Sat 7th	10.30am	Saturday Morning Music – The Essential Composers (Mozart)
Sun 8th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church Fulmodeston
	12.15pm	Christening of Corey Brewster
	6.30pm	Healing Service

Refreshments and Stalls on 22nd August:

Refreshments (net) £ 215.00, Stalls £ 180.78, Total £ 395.78. Thank you to all who helped out on the day.

Book & Jigsaw Fair

The fair held on 24th August made a very healthy £458.56. The breakdown is as follows:- Books £222.81. Jigsaws £155.75. Refreshments £80.00. Thank you so much to everyone who put this event together and to all those who helped out / supported the fair.

Christmas Tree Festival – Grand Draw

Proceeds from this year's draw will go towards future work on the porch and entrance. Cash prizes will be given – they are much easier to deal with if won by someone from away.

We need your help in identifying people or businesses we may approach to donate the prizes of £100, £75 and £25 (the £50 prize has already been agreed).

If you can help, please contact Roger Burbidge (01328 851848). The prizes can be given anonymously or named, as the donor wishes, on publicity. Ideas a.s.a.p. would be welcome.

Roger Burbidge on behalf of the C.T.F. Team

Sponsored Cycle Ride – Sat 14th September

Fakenham Church will be open as usual, but for this event we would like the toilets open, drinks available and to give a warm Fakenham welcome to the riders. We, therefore, need help from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

If you can help by simply being in church for whatever time you can spare, please see Roger Burbidge (01328 851848) or Judith Smyth (01328 864061).



1st September 2019 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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.

Francis Mason, Rector

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Today's Worship

Theme: **Sitting in the back row**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher: Francis Mason
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) Celebrant & Preacher: Francis Mason Leader: Linda Frost (Reader)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Christ Church Fulmodeston Preacher: Francis Mason

Please remember in your prayers:

We pray for:

- Bishop Graham, Bishop Alan and Bishop Jonathan;
- pray that our Mission Strategy 2021 may be an effective tool as we seek renewal and fresh inspiration for proclaiming the good news across this diocese;
- the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan: Archbishop Justin Arama;
- sports clubs, sports people and gyms;
- those who live or work in Salmons Way, Townshend Green North and East
- in the Deanery; Ecumenical Links within the Deanery, Churches Together and ways used to help foster links with Christians
- those who are unwell or in any kind of trouble including: Shireen, Mary, Sue & Andrew, Ken and Wynne;
- those known to us who have died recently & their families – Geoffrey Rose, Brian Wilson, Dorothy Williamson, Gerald Nelson and Lesley Clements.
- the anniversaries of the late Ronald Watson, Cecil Snowling and Rhoda Rose;
- the baptismal anniversary of Ethan.

Music today:

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

Hymns: (Green Book) – 467, Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour (see separate sheet), 227, 287 and 335

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

Music: to be advised

Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ

Amen

Readings today:

Proverbs 25.6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷ for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Luke 14.1,7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Next week's readings – 12th Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 30.15-end and Luke 14.25-33

Notices

The South Creake Lectures – St Mary's Church, Church Lane, South Creake

The South Creake Lectures are free, open to all and 'food for the soul and mind'. Speakers are of national renown and attract a wide audience from Norfolk and further afield.

The first lecture, on *Friday 6 September 2019*, will be delivered by Professor Andrew Holmes, Britain's leading Super Realist artist and architect. He will talk about his work 'Progress', a set of 10 large black and white drawings and texts, updating John Bunyan's allegory 'Pilgrim's Progress' into the 21st century.

This is followed on *Friday 27 September 2019* by Bishop Nick Baines, the Bishop of Leeds, whose talk is entitled 'Freedom is Coming'. This lecture will take us from exile to hope via imagination. Bishop Nick broadcasts on both Radio 2 and 4 and his blog 'Musings of a restless Bisop' has been viewed more than 2 million times.

This year's series of lectures will conclude with a talk by Patricia Casey, Professor of Psychiatry at UCD since 1992, on *1 November 2019*, entitled 'The Interface between Psychiatry and the Christian Faith'. The study of the relationship between mental health and faith has been gathering pace in recent years. This talk will explore the evidence that faith is beneficial to mental health and how this might come about. The possibility that it is harmful will also be explored.

For more information contact Sabine Leese on 07765 487702 or e-mail sabine.leese@gmail.com

Bible Course

Places are still available on this course which takes place Tuesday evenings commencing Tuesday 17th September until Tuesday 29th October at 7.30pm each evening. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

Each session will last 90 minutes, and the whole course will cost you £5.00 which includes a booklet for you to keep and make your own notes in for future reference. It's suitable for anyone wanting to know more about the Bible whether you are new to it or want to go deeper, the Bible Course is for you. It shows how all the books, characters and events fit together to form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation.

Please put your name on the sheet at the back of church, or reserve a place via the Rectory Office on 01328 862268 / admin@fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk

Steven Newing

Tomorrow marks the 50th anniversary of the disappearance of Steven from Fakenham. Please remember Steven and his family in your prayers. A booklet with information about Steven is in the Lady Chapel.

The Magazine

Copies of the Autumn edition of The Magazine are now available to collect from the back of the church.