

Services and Events this week:

Mon 16th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Stepping Stones
	2.30pm	Churchwomen's Guild
Tues 17th	11.30am	The Funeral of Keith Evans
	7.30pm	The Bible Course
Thur 19th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Refreshments & Stalls
	5.15pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat 21st	1.00pm	The Marriage of Ian Brown and Samantha Lane
Sun 22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Christ Church Fulmodeston

Refreshments and Stalls on 5th September:

Refreshments (net) £ 260.00, Stalls £ 143.70, Total £ 403.70. Another impressive total! Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.

Churchwomen's Guild

Resumes its monthly meetings on Monday 16th September at 2.30pm in the Trinity Room with tea and chat and details of the year's programme. Do come and join this group of women from all denominations in Fakenham.

Harvest Tea

We begin Harvest Festivities this year with a Bring and Share Tea at 4.00pm on Saturday 28th September in the Parish Church. We share this event with the other churches in Fakenham, but we shall be providing tea, coffee and soft drinks. We need 2 or 3 helpers for dispensing these, and clearing up afterwards, and Moira Morley would be delighted to hear from you! Please ring her on 01328 855874.

Tree Festival Grand Draw – A Thank You

Thanks to the generosity of members of the congregation, we have now covered the Grand Draw prizes of £100, £75 and £50. This wonderful news means that the vast majority of the money taken at the draw will go to the porch project. There will be some expenses for the tickets and display. If anyone feels able to donate the £25 prize this will put the icing on the cake!

Roger Burbidge on behalf of the CTF team

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Many thanks to those people who took part in the sponsored cycle ride – or tractor drive for Tony Gent – and Judith Smyth who was a welcoming face in church for the visitors. For those who took part, if you would like the finance team to deal with the sponsor money raised please would you let Roger Burbidge have it as soon as possible. Cheques should be made out to the 'Norfolk Churches Trust'

Roger Burbidge & Keith Osborn



15th September 2019 Thirteenth 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.

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Today's Worship

Theme: God loses the plot

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Alan Elkins
10.30am	Holy Communion (CW) Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Joy Elkins Leader: Linda Frost (Reader)
6.30pm	Choral Evensong Leader: Elaine Burbidge (Reader)

Please remember in your prayers:

We pray for:

- Bishop Graham, Bishop Alan and Bishop Jonathan;
- the Salvation Army: Commanders of the Anglia Division, Derek and Susan Jones;
- the Anglican Church of Tanzania: Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa;
- day centres and community services;
- those who live or work in Smiths Lane;
- in the Deanery; the Creakes Benefice – Rector, Fr Clive Wylie and Reader, Peter Gray – Authorised Worship Assistants, Chris Lewis, Barney Wordsworth and Richard Elliott;
- 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 – Keith Evans and Geoffrey Rose;
- the anniversaries of the late Mike Bridges, Derek Barber and Pauline Thurgill;
- the baptismal anniversaries of Naython and Jessica.

Music today:

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

Hymns: (Green Book) – 394, Take this moment, sign and space (see separate sheet), 27, 220 and 484

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

Music: to be advised

Collect for 13th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings today:

Exodus 32.7-14

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Luke 15.1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has

found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Next week's readings – 14th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 8.4-7 and Luke 16.1-13

Notices

Choral Evensong Tonight

Please join us at the Choral Evensong Service this evening at 6.30pm.

Bible Course

We are thrilled with the response received for this course which commences this week. The course is now full but we are starting a waiting list for the next course (dates to be decided). If you would like to add your name to the waiting list, please contact the Rectory Office on 01328 862268 or e-mail admin@fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk.

Contactless Giving

You may have noticed that at the back of the church, our contactless giving terminal has now been installed. For those of you used to using your debit card contactlessly, the procedure is exactly the same, just present your card and the donation will be taken. An acknowledgment of your donation will then be displayed. The donation is set at a base amount of £3, but this may be increased if you wish. If you would like any help using the terminal or have any questions, please speak to Keith, who has already successfully made a test donation! The terminal also takes payments by phone via Apple Pay and Google Pay. It's worth noting that we are a pilot site for the Diocese and as a result have been able to set up the terminal at a significantly reduced cost.

Standing Orders

People can also make regular donations to our Church by Standing Order. There are forms at the back of the church that can be used to set up a standing order on-line or can be taken into your local bank/ building society branch. The form also includes a Gift Aid Declaration for those who are UK taxpayers and who wish their donations to be treated as Gift Aid (which means that we can claim back an extra 25p from the Government every time an individual donates £1).