

MAY 2025 NEWSHEET

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Minister's Message is from The Revd Richard Lamey, Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry

I am about 8 months into my new job. Until July 2024 I was the Rector of a benefice of three churches in the market town of Wokingham and Area Dean of Sonning in Berkshire. I started work as the Director of Mission and Ministry in Norwich Diocese on the 1ST of September and have really not looked back since. I was a little anxious that I would miss the intensity and depth of parish life after 22 years but I have taken great comfort from the sense in which everything that I and the people I work with in the Parish Support Team do is about encouraging the local church in its mission and service. Three things have really stood out to me in my travels so far. One is the great beauty and long history of our churches and communities all across Norfolk and Waveney, how rooted and organic the church is in place, how naturally most of our churches sit in their location- both in terms of the physical building and in terms of the people who make up the church.

The second is how fortunate the Diocese and the local church are to have such a team of committed, generous and faithful people filling key roles which enables the local church to keep on keeping on. Faithfulness is an essential word in the way that individuals, many of whom have been in their role as Churchwarden or Verger or Treasurer for many decades, give so generously of their time and energy and life in order to make sure that the church building is still there as a place of encounter and holiness in the heart of their landscape. To everyone who is in that category of faithful service, thank you.

The third is how we help to put those faithful people and those rooted churches in the best position to share the love of Jesus with their community. We are consulting on a Diocesan Strategy at the moment which will be our strategy and a key question at the heart of it will be: What can the Bishops and Archdeacons and the Parish Support Team do or change in order to set the local church free to better be disciples and to have the confidence to invite others to be disciples of Jesus as well? We are rooted in our location- we have amazingly faithful people for which I give thanks- and together we need to explore how we better respond to the invitation of Jesus to be disciples in way which deepens and enriches our own life and also inspires others to find out more about who this Jesus is and why he is such Good News for the whole world and for every single person.

Richard

1st May – Thursday

11am Rollesby Team Said Communion Service

4th May, Third Sunday of Easter

9am Repps Communion Service with APCM

9am Winterton Morning Prayer

9am Rollesby Communion Service with APCM

9am Ormesby St Michael Prayer and Praise

9am Stokesby Communion Service

11am Martham Communion Service

11am Ormesby St Margaret Communion

11am Fleggburgh Morning Prayer

3pm Runham Pet Service

6pm Horsey Traditional Evensong

8pm Online Night Prayer

8th May – Thursday

11am Mautby VE Day 80 Service

11th May, Fourth Sunday of Easter

9am Winterton Communion Service

9am Ormesby St Michael Morning Prayer with APCM

11am Martham Morning Worship

11am Filby Communion Service

11am Ormesby St Margaret Morning Prayer

11am Somerton Communion Service with APCM

11am Clippesby Morning Worship

3pm VE Day 80 Songs of Praise

8pm Online Night Prayer

13th May – Tuesday

7pm for 7.30pm start Ormesby St. Michael Team Praise Night

15th May – Thursday

11am Rollesby Team Said Communion Service

18th May, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am Horsey Traditional Communion

9am Rollesby Morning Prayer – Rollesby & St. Michael's together

9am Winterton Morning Prayer

9am Repps Morning Worship

9am Mautby Communion Service

11am Martham Communion Service

11am Ormesby St Margaret Communion Service with APCM

11am Fleggburgh Communion

8pm Online Night Prayer

22nd May – Thursday

11am Rollesby Team Said Communion Service

25th May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am Ormesby St Margaret Traditional Communion

9am Winterton Communion Service

9am Rollesby Morning Prayer

9am Ormesby St Michael Communion Service

11am Martham Communion Service

11am Somerton Rogation Family Service

11am Filby Communion Service

11am Ormesby St Margaret Morning Prayer

11am Clippesby Communion Service

3pm Billockby Hall Farmyard Wild Church

6pm Repps Rogation Service in the Barn

8pm Online Night Prayer

29th May – Thursday – Ascension Day

11am Rollesby Team Communion Service

CLIPPESBY EVENTS IN MAY

3rd Fete at Basecamp, Clippesby Hall from 2pm to 4pm
6th Coffee, Cake, and Chat in Clippesby Church at 11am
9th concert for 80th Anniversary of VE Day with the lovely, lively Sara Mai in Clippesby Church at 7pm.
Booking essential. Tickets from Marie tel: 07802 562274. £10 includes light refreshments. Raffle and all profits in aid of Royal British Legion.
(Wild Church , 25th 3pm Is At Billockby Hall Farmyard)

FILBY VE DAY CELEBRATIONS MONDAY 5th MAY

There is to be a party in the park type event on the playing field in Filby. There will be live entertainment, a licensed bar and light refreshments, competition to design and make a cake appropriate to the event. The most original will win a small prize. If the weather is unpleasant then we shall be in the village hall, where Theatre East entertainment will be performing. Optional 40's dress /uniforms are encouraged.

STOKESBY VE CELEBRATIONS MONDAY 5th MAY

Evening of celebrations from 6pm prompt. Greeted by Acle Cadets. Songs Concert, Supper, Parade of Peace Lanterns, Rose given to the Fallen, VE Day proclamation, Words from the Vicar, Lighting of the Beacon., Last Post, Raising of the flags and party at 10.00pm Wartime/40's dress optional. Tickets £10. See Stokesby website for more details, stokesby.org.uk

MAUTBY CHURCH 8th MAY 11am VE DAY SERVICE

with Acle and Ormesby British Legion in attendance. All welcome.

ORMESBY ST MICHAEL

AUTUMN SINGERS, 1st & 15th May

Ormesby St. Michael Church at 7.00pm
Rehearse the upcoming hymns. Refreshments included.

Ormesby St Michael Coffee Morning,
Saturday 24th May, 10am to 12pm.

ORMESBY ST MICHAEL VILLAGE FRIENDSHIP & CRAFTERS GROUP

9th & 23rd May 2025 Ormesby St Michael Church
2.00pm-4.00pm

ORMESBY ST MARGARET CHURCH

Come and help us celebrate Tea and Natters' 1st birthday on the 7th May, 10.30am-12pm.

Free refreshments. Free transport for parishioners, call Simon at Checker Cabs on 01493 295045.

RUNHAM CHURCH COFFEE MORNING Saturday 3rd May from 10am-12noon in Runham Village Hall. In aid of Runham Church Roof. Bacon Butties and all the usual refreshments! Raffle, Bric a brac.
Come and join us at **Runham Church** for our **"Pet Service"** on **Sunday 4th May at 3.00pm** Everyone welcome!

MARTHAM EVENTS

4th & 5th May Scarecrow Festival

St Mary's Martham will be taking part with Scarecrow, refreshments, photo display, tower open and games for the children.

9th May 7.30 p.m. St Mary's Church Martham
Norfolk Broads Concert Band Concert
£10 includes refreshments

24th May - Village Green Martham 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon
Start of St Mary's Martham fortnightly cake stalls

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th – 17th MAY

Two events at Light of Life Baptist Church, North Road, Ormesby St. Margaret

Monday 12th May at 7.30 An evening of 'Music to Inspire' with the Martham Reedwarblers singers, plus Lois teaching African songs

Saturday 17th May between 10.00 and 3.00 Pop-up Cafe with charity shop and plants

FILBY CHURCH PLANT SALE SATURDAY 17th May at 10.00am – JOINT WITH FILBY GARDENING CLUB

- Refreshments: Bacon Butties & home made eats!

CINEMA CLUB FILBY VILLAGE HALL– Tuesday 20th May. "Maria" Starring Angelina Jolie.

Doors open at 2pm for 2.30pm showing.
Refreshments available

FILBY & DISTRICT WI - Filby Village Hall

Thursday 15TH May at 2.00pm
"NORFOLK BLOOD BIKES"

Speaker: Chris Longhurst

ST GEORGE'S, ROLLESBY EVENTS

St George's Quiz, Saturday 30th May, 6.30pm to 7pm start. Rollesby Village Hall. Teams of 6, £5pp, tickets from The Tacon's farmshop.

Strawberryzanza at The Grange (The Tacon's)

V E Day 80 Songs of Praise on Sunday 11th May at 3pm

Stokesby Cake, Coffee and Craft and Chat

Every Wednesday at 2.00-4.00pm in Stokesby Village Hall.

HELP A CHILD READ Want to help a child read in a school near you? Get in touch with The Norfolk Reading Project to volunteer. Details from Rita Bleasdale Tel: 07957792697 or info@thenorfolkreadingproject.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE.....

11th June, Filby Coffee morning 10 - 12. All the usual stalls

Friday 20th June Jeff Gallant concert at Ormesby St Michael Church, 7.30pm. £8 pp inc. tea and cake.
Call Carol or Martin on 01493 730762

Sunday 20th July, Ormesby Village Centre garden, 4pm - Rain or Shine Theatre Company present Sheridan's 'The Rivals' Why not bring your friends and family and have a picnic while watching the show. Doors open at 3pm. Tickets on sale via www.bit.ly/Rivals-Ormesby or call 07896 749117