

1st October – Wednesday

12noon Winterton Service of Healing & Wholeness

2nd October – Thursday

11am Rollesby Team Said Communion Service

5th October, Trinity 16

9am Repps Communion Service

9am Winterton Morning Prayer

9am Rollesby Communion Service

9am Ormesby St Michael Prayer and Praise

9am Thurne Harvest themed Communion Service

11am Martham Pet Service w. Communion Service

11am Ormesby St Margaret Harvest Communion

11am Fleggburgh Harvest Thanksgiving

6pm Horsey Harvest Evensong

8pm Online Night Prayer

9th October – Thursday

11am Rollesby Team Said Communion Service

12th October, Trinity 17

9am Winterton Harvest Communion Service

9am Rollesby Morning Prayer

9am Ormesby St Michael Morning Prayer

11am Martham Harvest Morning Worship

11am Filby Communion Service

11am Ormesby St Margaret Morning Prayer

11am Somerton Communion Service

11am Clippesby Communion

6pm Repps Evening Prayer

8pm Online Night Prayer

16th October – Thursday

11am Rollesby Team Said Communion Service

19th October, Trinity 18

9am Horsey Traditional Communion

9am Winterton Morning Prayer

9am Repps Morning Worship

9am Mautby Communion Service

11am Martham Communion Service

11am Ormesby St Margaret Communion Service

11am Fleggburgh Communion Service

8pm Online Night Prayer

23rd October – Thursday

11am Rollesby Team Said Communion Service

26th October, Bible Sunday

8am Ormesby St Margaret Traditional Communion

9am Winterton Communion Service

9am Rollesby Morning Prayer

9am Ormesby St Michael Communion Service

9am Runham Communion Service

11am Martham Family Communion Service

11am Somerton Family Service

11am Filby Communion Service

11am Ormesby St Margaret Morning Prayer

11am Clippesby Harvest Thanksgiving

8pm Online Night Prayer

30th October – Thursday

11am Rollesby Team Said Communion Service

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSHEET

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Minister's Message

Do you remember the old hymn with the chorus: "Count your Blessings, name them one by one. Count your Blessings, see what God has done.

Count your Blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done!"? We sang this recently at the Care Homes services I was leading in Martham and it was lovely to hear our older friends join in, some with great gusto, some very tunefully. As part of the services we were reflecting on childhood experiences of Church and Sunday School. Some people shared lovely memories of favourite Bible stories, people from Church and special events at Church, including Church Anniversary celebrations. We prayed prayers of thankfulness for all these memories as well as for the things that happened in the past at Sunday School that we couldn't remember.

Our younger friends in Martham have been thinking about thankfulness too and I was invited to speak to the Brownies on this topic this month. Studies show that thankfulness and gratitude are increasingly important in maintaining good mental health and wellbeing. In some schools, children and young people are encouraged to keep gratitude journals or diaries to help them with the practice of looking for the positives in life with a thankful heart.

Thankfulness is such an important practice and discipline for us as followers of Jesus. Scripture encourages us again and again to be thankful. For example, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances and Psalm 107:8 give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love. The ancient Christian discipline of thankfulness is the intentional, ongoing practice of giving thanks to God through conscious effort, recognising His blessings, and maintaining a grateful heart even in difficult circumstances. It is the practice of counting and naming our blessings each day.

I wonder whether practising thankfulness as an intentional discipline as the nights draw in winter is around the corner, will enable us to see God's blessings in unexpected places and encourage our hearts to be more aware of the love of God for us in the ordinary things of life.

Revd Debs

CLIPPESBY EVENTS

Harvest of a Quiet Eye Exhibition in Clippesby Church on the weekend of 4th & 5th October.
Theme: WW2 and 80th Anniversary of VE Day from 10am to 4pm
Free entry, free refreshments. Donations invited for Royal British Legion and Clippesby Church's Stained Glass Windows Fund.
Tombola, Raffle and other stalls. Everyone very welcome.

Coffee, Cake and Chat in Clippesby Church on 7th at 11am Free entry, everyone warmly welcomed.

Harvest Festival 26th October in Clippesby Church at 11am, followed by sampling of the Harvest Loaf.

STOKESBY EVENTS

St Andrew's Harvest Supper, Saturday 11th October
3 course meal £12.50. Dietary requirements can be catered for. Contact 07802200342 for more details and to book a table. (In aid of repair to holes in the thatch at St Andrew's)

Cake, Coffee and Craft and Chat

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

ORMESBY ST MICHAEL/ST MARGARET EVENTS

Ormesby St Michael Crafters Group
10th & 24th October 2025 2pm-4pm

ORMESBY ST MICHAEL AUTUMN SINGERS
Ormesby St. Michael Church at 7.00pm
2nd & 16th October. Rehearse the upcoming hymns. Refreshments included

ORMESBY ST MARGARET CHURCH
"Tea and Natter" every Wednesday 10.30-12noon.
Free refreshments. Free transport for Ormesby St. Margaret, Scratby & California for parishioners, call Simon at Check Cabs on 01493 295045.

Ormesby St Margaret Church Coffee Morning and Gift Day, **Saturday 11th October**, 10am-12pm.

MARTHAM EVENTS

Harvest Supper Saturday 4th October 6.30pm for 7pm start. £10 includes supper and homespun entertainment. To book: ring Linda on 748302

Fish 'n' Chips Quiz Saturday 11th October 7pm for prompt start at 7.30pm Village Hall, Martham. £12 pp teams of 6. To book ring Pauline on 543670. Bring own cutlery, condiments and drink.

FILBY EVENTS

Coffee Morning 8th October
10.00am -12pm. Bacon Butties and all the usual attractions

Filby & District WI - Filby Village Hall
Thursday 16th October at 2.00pm
"Flower Arranging Workshop"
Speaker: Christine Butler

LOOKING AHEAD.....

RUNHAM: Coffee Morning in Runham Village Hall on **Saturday 1st November** 10.00 – 12pm. Bacon butties, cakes and a raffle.

MAUTBY: Coffee morning on Saturday 8th November 10.00am-12pm

Rollesby: St George's Quiz at Rollesby Village Hall
on Friday 14th November. 6.30pm to 7pm start.
Teams of 6, £5pp, tickets from The Tacon's farmshop.

STOKESBY: "Christmas Fayre" Saturday 22nd November 10.00am – 2.00pm

Ormesby St Michael Church Coffee Morning.
Saturday 22nd November, 10am to 12pm.
All welcome.

FILBY: Filby Coffee Morning with a Christmas Theme **Wednesday 26th November** 10.00am – 12pm

FLEGGBURGH: The renowned Gorleston Community Choir will be performing their **Christmas Concert** in Fleggburgh Village Hall on **Saturday 6th December** at 7.30pm. A wonderful way to start your Christmas festivities. Tickets on sale in November. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of our village church.

ROLLESBY St. George's Christmas Craft and Gift Fair on Saturday 6th December, 10am to 2pm.
Quality gifts for everyone on your Christmas list
Plus: Kev's Puppets & Pipes Mechanical Music, Raffle, Tombola, Refreshments, and Free Parking!
Call for tables 07917 501349.