

Coffee and tea in Church after Mass – please stay.  
Today – Tour of Norfolk Churches. 2:30 Southburgh, Wood Rising, Cranworth, Shipdham

**This week - Divine office - Psalter Week 4**

- Mon:** 9.30 Mass. July Anniversaries (Is. 25 v.6-9. Matt 11 v.28-30)
- Tues:** 9:30 Mass. (Mic. 7 v. 14-15, 18-20. Matt. 12 v. 46-50)  
Int: Deepening our discipleship  
10.30-12.30 Coffee in Church
- Wed:** 9.30 Mass (Jer, 1 v. 1, 4-10. Matt. 13 v. 1-9)  
Int: Peace of the World  
6:00 Mass at West Tofts (Bishop Norman Celebrant and Father Harri Williams Preacher)
- Thurs:** 9.30. Mass. (Jer. 2 v. 1-3, 7-8, 12-13. Matt. 13 v.10-17)  
Int: The Suffolk and Norfolk Churches Trust.
- Fri:** **ST. MARY MAGDALENE (Feast)**  
8.00 am Mass. (II Cor. 5 v. 14-17. John 20 v. 1-2,11-18)  
Int: Walsingham.
- Sat:** **ST. BRIDGET (Feast)**  
10.00 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (Readings as on Sunday)  
Int. Ministry of Reconciliation  
4.00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Next Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> of Year C**

- 9.30am Parish Mass and Address  
(Gen 18v. 20-32; Col 2v. 12-14; Luke 11v. 1-13)  
11,30 P.C.C. lunch and Meeting

**NOTICES**

- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME OF 3 MASSES THIS WEEK from previously advertised times – Wed, Thur and Fri, as I have to go to a funeral on Friday.
- P.C.C. Members are urged to make every effort to be at the P.C.C. next Sunday. Important decisions to be made.
- The Guild of All Souls would value your presence at West Tofts next Wednesday. Refreshments after Mass.
- Ride and Stride Day to our historic Churches is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. Andi Elstone has details.
- You can now pre-order this year's 'Mendlesham's Best' Platinum Jubilee Edition 2022 Real Ale, ready for the festival on 12<sup>th</sup> August. List on bier.

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN MENDLESHAM**  
**16<sup>th</sup> of Year C**

**THEME:** So often we get anxious and bothered about whether we are doing the right thing for God and our faith becomes a burden. Jesus says it is not like that at all - what he wants is our love.

**Entrance hymn:** 60 v 1-3

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

- Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not prayed from our hearts.  
Lord have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**
- Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when too often we have failed to trust in your love. Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**
- Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, when we have been too busy to hear your words of life. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**  
*Celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.*

**GLORIA –St Thomas setting – words on paper**

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray to be kept faithful in the service of God.* Lord, be merciful to your people. Fill us with your gifts and make us always eager to serve you in faith, hope and love.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading - Genesis 18 v 1-10 A beautiful picture of spontaneous generous hospitality. Surprisingly it is God himself who is being entertained. God gives a blessing: Abraham's wife, Sarah, will have a son.

*The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'*  
*Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.*

*'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.*

**Responsorial Psalm - Ps14 © Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. ©

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord.®

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the  
innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever.®

® **Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?**

### Second Reading - Colossians 1 v 24-28

God visited Abraham but Christ is with us always.

*It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.*

**Gospel Hymn:** 60 v 4 & 5

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!**

The Gospel - Luke 10 v 38-42 Jesus teaches us that we must not let activity prevent us from listening to the Lord.

*Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'*

**Naming & Blessing: Kahlia Grace Broadley**

**Creed:** Page 7 of Hymn Book (Apostles' Creed)

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Celebrant: God reveals himself to men of faith in every age. Let us pray that the faith of Abraham may inspire God's people today.

Reader: Let us pray for followers of Jesus: that we may listen to him and be guided by his teaching.

Let us pray that we may be welcoming to strangers; willing to offer them friendship and hospitality.

Let us pray for all who are in positions of responsibility: that they may seek the guidance of God through prayer and reflection.

Let us pray that people of all faiths may be free to set forth their conviction with integrity and listen to one another in humility.

Let us pray for those families who would love to have children; for those frightened of bearing a child.

Father we pray for our homes: may they be places where our lives are enriched by the constant welcome we receive from family and friends. As we welcome new people into our homes may we recognize in them the face of Christ.

We pray for Kahlia Grace, named and blessed today; for her parents Emily and Luke. May their home be one of security and love.

Let us pray for Sam and Eliza; that the Lord may help them to be true to the solemn promises they exchange on their wedding day next Saturday.

Father we pray for young people: may they make a place for your son in their lives and may we make a place for them in our church.

Let us pray for the sick and their needs of peace, healing and forgiveness – we pray for Margaret Maundrell and Hazel Lockwood our house Communicants and we continue to pray for Lucy Muskett, Julie Gray, Jan Ross and Jan Robinson.

Let us pray for the departed - may they rest in peace, especially for Hector Buckle, Fr Fred Prebble, Hilda Muskett, John Lockwood, Amy Monksfield, John Hame, John Giffin, Jim Abbott, Bertram Roberts, Sally Juby, Ethel Wright, Helena Cleverly, Spencer Clarke, Allan Baker and Dorothy Fisher, whose anniversaries are this week.

Let us ask Mary to join us in prayer. **Hail Mary full of grace, The Lord is with Thee, Blessed art thou among woman, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray with us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

SILENCE

**All Lord God our Father, you are with your people at all times. Strengthen our faith, help us to understand your word to us, and hear the prayers we make to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: 35 v 1-3

Offertory Prayers: v 4 & 5

**Sanctus & Benedictus** – St Thomas setting **Mystery of Faith:** St Thomas setting  
**Great Amen** - St Thomas setting

**Blessed and Praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy sacrament.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in excelsis**

**Lord's Prayer** – P11 of Hymn Book.

**Agnus Dei** – St Thomas setting

Hymns at Holy Communion Please join in. 205, 259

Hymn at Ablutions – 449

Post communion Prayer Angelus (front of hymn Book) Blessing

Recessional Hymn - 7