The Parish Church of
St Nicholas, Wells-next-the-Sea
Benefice of Holkham, Warham, Wells-next-the-Sea and Wighton

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

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25th October 2026 Bible Sunday, last Sunday after Trinity

TODAY
9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints Wighton
11am Holy Communion, St Nicholas Wells
6.30pm Celtic Worship, St Nicholas Wells

This week we pray for:
those among us: Mary Woolgar, Evelyn Waits, Revd Trevor Shannon, Revd Tony Douglas, John and Pauline Miller, Wendy King-Underwood, Margaret Barnes, Liz Lamb
those who have died recently: Tom Sands, Revd Peter Bowles
and at this time in years past: Russell Fowle, Janette Pointer and Mary Tuck

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
Mon 26th 10am Weekly Prayer Group, St Nicholas church
" " **12noon** Community Lunch, Congregational Church Hall
" " **4pm** Bible Study Group, Katrina's home
Tues 27th 7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice
Wed 28th 10.30am Prayer & Praise, Methodist Church
Thurs 29th 2-4pm Churchyard Maintenance Gang
" " **5 -5.30pm** Quiet Worship, Quaker Meeting House

NEXT SUNDAY November 1st All Saints Day
9.30am Holy Communion with baptism of Hugo Baxter-Maxwell, St Withburga Holkham
11am Holy Communion, St Nicholas Wells
4pm ALL SOULS SERVICE Wells Churches Together @ St Nicholas. All are welcome to this Service of Remembrance of loved ones. Refreshments served following the service.

NB Clocks go back this weekend

Remembrance Sunday Services 8th November
9.15am Holkham Village War Memorial Act of Remembrance followed by **9.30am** Morning Service at St Withburga
10.15am Wighton Memorial Act of Remembrance followed by Morning Service
10.50am Wells St Nicholas Act of Remembrance followed by Morning Service
2.15pm Wells War Memorial followed by parade and Remembrance service at St Nicholas Church Remembrance Sunday Service

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ECO CHURCH
Heritage Fund

Please see over for links to Safeguarding Training for all church-related volunteering

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Tues 3rd Nov 1pm - 3pm St Francis Church, Heartsease Estate NR7 9UQ. An afternoon from the Hazelnut Community Advice and support for creating eco-communities that deepen worship, welcome local people, and care for creation. Booking essential: speak to Alison 07494 749999
Thurs 12th 2pm Funeral of Tom Sands followed by burial
Thurs 12th 6pm for 6.30pm Supper and Quiz Evening Congregational Hall. Tickets £8. Join a team of up to 6 people. Raffle(prizes gratefully received). Bring your own drinks. Please spread the word and sign up at back of church or call Kate 07826 280915

Sat 14th 10am - 11.30 Saturday Social St Nicholas. For the 0's to 90's! Come and enjoy a chat, coffee, bacon rolls and fun.

Supporting St Nicholas, the Community and Environment
The Rector and Churchwarden are looking for more readers, intercessors, communion assistants, welcomers and pastoral visitors. Please speak to Sharon if you'd like to find out about these roles or volunteer.
Food Bank Gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries are always welcome and can be left at the back of church.
First Aid Are you a trained first aider with a current certificate? We would love to hear from you if you would be happy to be called upon in an emergency.
Heritage House Caring Group Ltd is looking for more volunteers to help with delivering hot lunches to local people. Please contact Jodie 01328 711333 if you can offer your time.

This week Amanda Hart from Fakenham was appointed as Eco Chaplain for our area. Her brief will be to help us and our churches to 'live in harmony with nature, reduce our carbon footprint and improve our sense of wellbeing. And by listening and learning together we can turn away from destruction of our God-given beauty world and make a difference.'

On this blessed day, we come to you with hearts full of gratitude. Thank you for the breath of life, the beauty of creation, and for the joy of finding new life in your presence. We rejoice as young and old discover through your Word and grow daily in faith and love. Keep us humble in your service, ambitious for your glory and open to new opportunities. For your name's sake.
Amen

Readings for Bible Sunday

COLLECT

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks

Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Important message about SAFEGUARDING and SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Everyone at St Nicholas who volunteers in any way (and that's probably most of us!) is required to do the minimum of Basic and Foundation training by December. *But do not be alarmed - there is help at hand. Most of us have probably already met the requirements, but if you're in doubt please speak to Revd Sharon.*

For those people who would like to complete their safeguarding training online, here is the link. You just need to set up an account on:
Home | Safeguarding: Training Portal

Here is the link for the INEQE safeguarding survey Church of England – Norwich - Ineqe Safeguarding Group -click on 'Parish Workforce for the correct survey'.

This is important work that we do all what we can to make sure that people can come together, worship together, and thrive in an environment that is safe and secure for all-comers.