



† GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER † ST PAUL'S † ST MARY'S
Sunday 16th August 2026 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Services Today:

09.30 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at St Paul's
 10.30 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at the Minster
 11.00 Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at St Mary's
 18.00 Ecumenical Seafront Service at Anchor Gardens

Reflection

Scripture Focus: Matthew 15:28 - "Woman, you have great faith!"

Matthew 15:28 brings us to the climax of a remarkable encounter. A Canaanite woman approaches Jesus on behalf of her suffering daughter. Though she meets silence, delay, and words that test her resolve, she does not turn away. She remains humble, persistent, and confident that even the smallest gift of Christ's mercy is enough.

Jesus honours her faith and grants her request. This passage reminds us that genuine faith is not merely strong emotion; it is trust that keeps reaching towards God when answers seem delayed. Her persistence was not presumption. It was confidence in the compassion and authority of Jesus.

Today, do not let disappointment silence you. Let humility shape your words, perseverance steady your heart, and grace guide your response to others. Great faith is not faith without struggle; it is faith that continues to trust the One who is gracious. Hold on to faith—God is still working, even when you cannot yet see the result.

Rev'd Jassica

This Week's Diary

Minster open daily 10am-12pm. Morning Prayer is said daily Monday - Thursday in the Minster at 9am. All welcome

Date	Time	Service/Event	Church/Location
Monday 17th Aug	10.00	Craft Group	St Mary's Hall
	14.00	Place of Welcome	St Paul's
	17.00	Faith and Friends with the 'Vox' course for 11 - 18yr olds	Minster
Tuesday 18th	12.00	Lunchtime Holy Communion	Minster
	14.30	Hand Bell Ringers Practice	Minster – Vestry
Wednesday 19th	10.00	Midweek Holy Communion	St Paul's
	12.15	Wednesday Club	St Mary's Hall
	12.30	Echos at the Minster – Matthew Hardy & Jennifer James	Minster
Thursday 20th	10.00	Reflective Space	St Mary's
	10.00	St Mary's Gift Day	St Mary's
	19.00	Bell Ringers Practice	Minster - Bell Tower
Friday 21st	12.00	St Mary's Garden Sale	St Mary's
Saturday 22nd	10.00	Vestry Hour	Minster – Vestry
	11.00	The Portuguese Way	Minster
	12.30	St Mary's Bingo	St Mary's
	14.00	Gospel on the Beach	Britannia Pier
	18.00	Gospel on the Beach	Minster
Sunday 23rd	10.30	Parish Worship with Holy Communion	Minster
	13.30	Liz's Licensing in New Catton (Meet up for the Coach)	Minster

Notices

There is still space on the coach to see **Liz's licensing** on the 23rd August. Please let Sarah or any of the clergy know if you would like to come. The coach will leave at 1.45pm. Thank you.

Hymn Books: The Minster stock of red hymn books has dwindled! If you happen to see one looking lonely please reunite it with its friends.

Vox at Faith and Friends: Starting on Monday 3rd August at Faith & Friends, we will be offering participants the 'Vox' Course from Christianity Explored. This is an interactive course that explores who Jesus is and what he means for us. Based on Luke's Gospel. It lasts about 45 minutes each session. It is aimed at 11 - 18yr olds. The course will run each week through August and will start after games, food and fun.

Ecumenical Seafront Service: Will be held at Anchor Gardens near Britannia Pier on 16th August.

St Mary's Garden Sale: Friday 21st August from 12noon. Stalls, Lunches and a BBQ.

The Portuguese Way: Another chance to hear Fr Simon talk about his recent journey on the Camino from Porto to Santiago de Compostela on Saturday 22nd August at 11am in the Minster. All welcome.

Gospel on the Beach. 22nd August at 2pm at Britannia Pier. Come and enjoy a free presentation of gospel Music. There is also an evening concert at 6pm at Great Yarmouth Minster. Tickets cost £10 and available from Eventbrite.

Echos at the Minster: Weekly lunchtime concerts from 3rd June to 30th September at 12.30pm. Free admission!

Echos at the Minster Evening Concert: 2nd September at 7.30pm. Loddon Band (Brass Band). £10 per ticket with refreshments.

Parking Reminder: Please stay vigilant by keeping all valuables (or anything that could be seen as valuable) out of sight in your car or take them with you. Thank you.

Minster Maintenance: Monday 24th August. Join us for some sweeping, tidying, and general upkeep. Everyone is welcome to lend a hand!

Parish Life Magazine: The August issue is out now. Send your articles to patstringer1840@gmail.com

Do you have a safeguarding concern? Email: safeguarding@gtyarmouthminster.org or call Nerys Dodds on 07739 166078

PARISH PRAYER LIST. Pray for those who are sick or in need, all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit or in need of God's loving care: Kevin, Len, Rosemarie, Norman, Melanie, Veronica, Joanne, Dawn, Fred, Pauline.

We remember before God the recently departed: Margaret King and Andy