



† GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER † ST PAUL'S † ST MARY'S
Sunday 30th August 2026 – Thirteenth 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

Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks with startling honesty about what lies ahead: he will suffer, be rejected and killed. Then he turns to his disciples and says that those who follow him must also be prepared to "take up their cross". It doesn't sound like the most enticing marketing approach for a new world religion!

For many Christians around the world, this is not simply a metaphor. Millions of Christians live with high levels of persecution or discrimination because of their faith in the world today. In Nigeria, hundreds of Christians have been killed, kidnapped or displaced, while the country remains among those where Christians face the most severe persecution. Yet suffering is not the whole story. Recently, more than fifty Muslim and Christian leaders in Nigeria signed an accord committing themselves to religious harmony and rejecting hate speech and extremism.

As we hear Jesus' call to take up our cross, let us remember our brothers and sisters in throughout the world today who bear crosses we can scarcely imagine. May we pray for their safety, for peace, and for the courage to remain faithful to Christ wherever suffering is found.

Fr Simon

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 31st Aug			
Tuesday 1st Sept	12.00 14.30	Lunchtime Holy Communion Hand Bell Ringers Practice	Minster Minster - Vestry
Wednesday 2nd	10.00 12.15 14.30 12.30 19.30	Midweek Holy Communion Wednesday Club Women's Fellowship Echos at the Minster - Christopher Engelsen Echos at the Minster - Loddon Band (Brass Band)	St Paul's St Mary's Hall St Paul's Hall Minster Minster
Thursday 3rd	10.00 19.00 19.00	Reflective Space Bell Ringers Practice Choir Rehearsal	St Mary's Minster - Bell Tower Minster - Choir Vestry
Friday 4th			
Saturday 5th	10.00	Vestry Hour	Minster - Vestry
Sunday 6th	09.30 10.30 11.00 12.30 18.00	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Baptism Choral Evensong	St Paul's Minster St Mary's Minster Minster

Notices

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.

St Mary's Craft Group: Is cancelled until September.

Volunteers Needed: Minster sides people/coffee helpers needed for Sundays. If you can help please let Wendy know. Thank you.

Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride: Saturday 12th September. **Volunteers Needed** to keep our churches open from 9am – 5pm on this day.

St Paul's Gift Day: On the 12th September between 9am – 3pm.

Volunteers Needed: Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September for the Heritage Open days. Can you help us keep the Minster open to the public? Even an hour or two would be a huge help. If you can help please let Sarah know. Thank you.

The History Fair: On Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September between 10am – 3pm at the Minster. Visit the ringing chamber. Learn about and try the art of bell ringing.

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 28th September. 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@gtymouthminster.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, Joanne, Dawn, Fred, Pauline, Eugenia, Ray, Mark.
 We remember before God the recently departed: Ruth Kightley