Parish of Great Yarmouth

Come as you are.

✝ GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER ✝ ST PAUL'S ✝ ST MARY'S

Sunday 15th November 2026 – Second Sunday before Advent

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 Choral Evensong

Reflection

Th Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of Talents

Everyone has something valuable to offer. Some talents are easy to recognise: singing, painting, writing or playing sport. Others are quieter but equally important: listening patiently, organising activities, solving problems or making someone feel welcome. Personal gifts do not have to attract applause to make a difference. Discovering our abilities begins with paying attention. What do we enjoy? What do others ask us to help with? Which activities leave us feeling interested and engaged? Sometimes a gift becomes clearer when we try something unfamiliar or accept a little encouragement. Talents also need nurturing - practice, patience and a willingness to learn. We need not compare ourselves with others or expect perfection. Small, steady steps matter, and mistakes can become useful lessons along the way. Most importantly, consider how your gifts might benefit someone else. Offer practical help, share a creative skill, join a community activity or encourage someone who doubts their own potential. This week, choose one ability to develop and one opportunity to share it. Our community becomes richer when each person has space to contribute. Your gifts matter, and there is room for them here.

Revd 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 16th Nov	10.00 14.00 17.00 19.00	Craft Group Place of Welcome Faith and Friends Finance Meeting	St Mary's Hall St Paul's Minster Rectory
Tuesday 17th	12.00 14.30	Lunchtime Holy Communion Hand Bell Ringers Practice	Minster Minster Vestry
Wednesday 18th	10.00 10.00 12.15 14.15	Midweek Holy Communion Small Sounds Wednesday Club Woman's Fellowship	St Mary's Minster St Mary's Hall St Paul's
Thursday 19th	10.00 16.45 19.00 19.00	Reflective Space Choristers Bell Ringers Practice Choir Rehearsal	St Mary's Minster Choir Vestry Minster Bell Tower Minster Choir Vestry
Friday 20th	10.00	Great Yarmouth Christmas Fayre	Minster
Saturday 21st	10.00 10.00 16.00 19.30	Great Yarmouth Christmas Fayre Vestry Hour ReNew Norwegian Christmas Carols	Minster Minster Vestry Minster Mission Minster
Sunday 22nd	10.00 10.30	Great Yarmouth Christmas Fayre Parish Worship with Holy Communion	Minster St Mary's

Notices

Norwegian Christmas Carols: Performed by the talented Lardal Kantori choir on 21st November at 7.30pm. Tickets (£10) can be purchase at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-lardal-kantori-christmas-concert-tickets-2002940112795

Volunteers Needed: Can you spare a few hours and help us with this year's Christmas Fayre on either 20th, 21st or 22nd November? If you can, there is a sign-up sheet in the Minster. Thank you.

Advent begins on Sunday 29th November: Please come and join the Advent Liturgy – a beautiful service with candlelight in the Minster at 6.30pm.

The Mothers' Union Seasonal Raffle: Tickets £1 a strip and available in all churches. Proceeds will be split equally between MU worldwide activities and the restoration of the Minster windows. The draw will take place at the Minster on Advent Sunday.

St Paul's Winter Fete: On Saturday 28th November between 11am and 2pm. In St Paul's Church Hall.

Small Sounds: A fun, friendly music group for children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers. Come and make new friends with singing, musical play, rhythm and movement. Wednesdays during Term Time. 10am at the Minster.

Faith House with Hope into Action: We have gratefully secured a grant from GYBC to complete the refurbishment of Faith House. We are looking for (1) a Friendship and Support volunteer https://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk/friendshipandsupportstory, (2) help with gardening, decorating and DIY and (3) help with furnishings. Please contact Pam on 01493 858332.

Harbour Words is a daily thought brought to you by various local Christian Ministers. Weekdays at 7.30am and repeated at 5.55pm on Harbour Radio | 107.4FM | www.harbourradio.co.uk Click "Listen Live" | Smart Speakers "Play Harbour Radio"

Minster Maintenance: Monday 23rd November at 18:00. Join us for some sweeping, tidying, and general upkeep. Everyone is welcome to lend a hand!

Parish Life Magazine: The November 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, Norman, Melanie, Dawn, Pauline, Carol, Christine, Amy, Lisa, Jackie, Jade, Simon and Yvonne. We remember before God the recently departed: Fred Simeon and Sybil King.