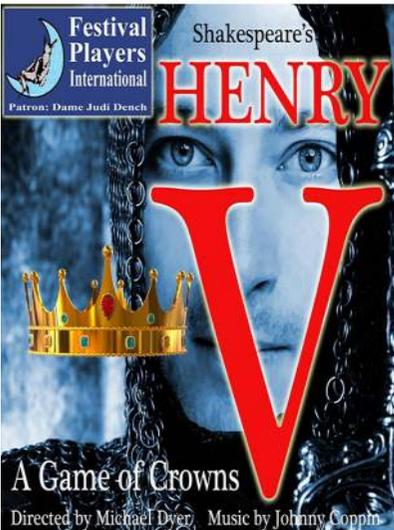


Choral Evensong at St Andrew's, Wood Dalling

Join us on Sunday 25th July at 6pm for Choral Evensong. Following the service, refreshments will be served with an opportunity to see the recent building improvements to the church. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday 31st July—Elsing Fun Day! Car boot from 9am, dog show, fete, teas, evening entertainment & more! See RWV website for further details. Contact Di Skipper (tdskipper@btconnect.com) for car boot pitches.



In Aid of Friends of Bawdeswell and Bylaugh Church

Bylaugh Hall

Byluagh, Norfolk, NR20 4RL

Sunday 1st August 2021 at 4pm

Tickets: £15 in advance only
Please bring your own chairs

Gates open at 2pm

Food & Bar available plus other stalls
Sponsored by www.quotatis.com

Tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Save the date! Following our successful **Away Day** in 2018, we are planning our next one on Saturday 23rd October 2021. Venue TBC and dependent on Covid Restrictions.



Saturday 11th September



Pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. ***PLUS** you can join with others in your parish to win £1,000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. **Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation** - find out more at norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride



REEPHAM & WENSUM VALLEY
TEAM CHURCHES

Pew Notes

Sunday 18th July (7th Sunday after Trinity)

9am	Wood Dalling	Holy Communion
9am	Sparham	Traditional Holy Communion
10.30am	Reepham	Picnic Church
10.30am	Lyng	Holy Communion
10.30am	Attlebridge	Holy Communion
6pm	Salle	Evening Prayer

Swannington Play Area Grand Opening and Table Top Sale

Saturday 14th August 10am-3pm at Swannington Play Area. Join us for a family friendly fun day to celebrate the new play area with games, refreshments, tombola and a table top sale.

Pitches are £5, contact swannington@btinternet.com to book a space. Donations of cakes to Mary Gurteen 01603 869324. All proceeds to Play Area and St Margaret's Church.

Sunday 25th July (8th Sunday after Trinity)

9am	Bylaugh	Matins
10.30am	Swannington	Whole Benefice Holy Communion
6pm	Wood Dalling	Choral Evensong

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Words of Light and Hope From Bishop Tony Foottit

It's St. Swithun's Day on 15 July. Not many people believe that if it rains on St. Swithun's Day, it will do so for the next forty days, but that is the old superstition associated with him. The weather informs our small talk and can affect our mood. Although we do not always understand his ways, we believe in a good and wise God. The weather may seem fickle, yet it does still have a pattern, despite climate change. There is the underlying pattern of the seasons. Every year there is spring, summer, autumn and winter, just as there is the pattern of day and night, light and darkness.

Swithun was appointed Bishop of Winchester in 852. He was a good and humble man and a trusty adviser to King Egbert. He expressed a wish to be buried in the churchyard of Winchester Cathedral which he had helped to build, undistinguished from others. His wishes were obeyed, but on 15 July 971, his body was exhumed and laid in a beautiful shrine in the cathedral. Pilgrims flocked to Winchester. But on that day the heavens opened and it poured for the next forty days. Most people have heard of St. Swithun, not because he was a good and wise bishop, but because of those 40 days.

The superstition about Swithun does lead us to think more about the rhythm of the seasons, and of day and night. Time is mysterious. We talk about buying time, or spending time, or wasting time, or giving time, even redeeming time, but you can't go to the shops and buy a bottle of time. Good Bishop Swithun surely practised a balance in his life – a balance that reflects the pattern of the seasons and enabled him to cope with the storms, and to live in peace, and make peace all around him.

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34. 53-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

IT'S BACK! Sparham Garden Party will be taking place on Saturday 7th August from 2pm, next to Sparham Church (NR9 5PR).

Join us for music, entertainment, homemade teas, traditional games and side shows, cake stall, flying toys and much more.

As part of the event, this beautiful crocheted blanket will be auctioned off to raise funds for the church. Handmade and kindly donated by Kathie Stewardson, to raise funds for the church, it is perfect for keeping of an evening chill or brightening up any chair!

Dimensions 90cm x 105cm).

Online bids via email Judith@pryke.co.uk are accepted until 10pm on Friday 6th August. Bids in person are accepted from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 7th August.

