

Bewsborough Bulletin



13TH – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Please see the list of Sunday and mid-week Services on the next page for details of all Services across the parish in September. For other mid-week events see below. There is no **LET'S EAT** in September but it will resume in October.

Wednesday 16th and 23rd September

9.30am | Let's Chat | Whitfield Rec Ground

Friday 18th and 25th September

9.30am | **Let's Play** | Whitfield Village Hall

20th September

3.00-4.30pm | **Messy Church** | Shepherdswell Village Hall

St. Andrew's Livestream:

If you are unable to join us in person on Sunday, then why not join our livestream and worship with us from home!

<https://www.kentchurches.com/churches/st-andrews-church/>

Available on Sunday, 13th September at 10.30am.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the following people, all known to God, who need our prayers and for those who tend to them and show them love and care:

Tallulah, Ian M, Jill R, Ian, Marion G, Margaret C, Margaret S, Kelly W, David B and Molly. Please also pray for Derek, who has recently died.

We pray too for Lenny and his family as they prepare for his Baptism.

(If you know of anyone who would like our prayers, or who is on this list but no longer needs them, then do please let us know so that our list is kept up to date)

HOME VISITS AND HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If a home visit or Holy Communion at home would be helpful, please contact either of the Churchwardens or a Forum representative who can make the necessary arrangements with a member of clergy /ministry team. Contact details are at the bottom of this Bulletin.

SUNDAY AND MID-WEEK WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

3 rd September	Ss Peter & Paul, Eythorne	11.30am Holy Communion *
6 th September	St Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am Holy Communion
Trinity 14	St Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Morning Prayer
Green	Whitfield Village Hall	10.30am Let's Worship
	St Martin, Guston	6.00pm Evening Prayer
10 th September	Ss Peter & Paul, Eythorne	11.30am Holy Communion *
13 th September	St Pancras, Coldred	9.00am Morning Prayer
Trinity 15	St Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
Green		
17 th September	Ss Peter & Paul, Eythorne	11.30am Holy Communion * (<i>Hildegard of Bingen, religious, teacher</i>)
20 th September	St Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am Morning Prayer
Trinity 16	St Peter's Whitfield	10.30am Holy Communion with Baptism
Green	St Martin, Guston	6.00pm Harvest Festival with Holy Communion
24 th September	Ss Peter & Paul, Eythorne	11.30am Holy Communion* (<i>Embertide</i>)
27 th September	St Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Holy Communion
Trinity 17	St Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Harvest Festival with Morning Prayer
Green		

*An informal Holy Communion service is celebrated each Thursday at 11:30 for 30 minutes in Eythorne Church, which regular attenders describe as the calm point of their week. It usually includes a short reflection on the readings or the festival or holy person marking the day, as well as time for prayer and intercession. All are welcome.



LET'S CHAT AT GUSTON VILLAGE HALL

It is with heavy hearts that the decision has been made to discontinue Let's Chat at Guston Village Hall. Despite their very best efforts Glynis and her team have been unable to gather sufficient support to resume sessions this term. Thank you Glynis and Jacqui for all your efforts, they have been much appreciated.

ADVERTISING FOR OUR NEW PRIEST - UPDATE

We have been working hard on preparing the advertisement for a new parish priest for Bewsborough and the Parish Profile (the document telling any prospective candidates about us and our hopes for the future) has been completed and sent to the Diocese for advertising to begin. The advertisement went "live" at the beginning of September and the closing date for applications is 15th October with interviews taking place in early November. Jonathan Bates and Jenny Hunt have been asked by the PCC to represent Bewsborough Parish on the interviewing panel.

Please pray for all those involved in this process and that God is already calling the right person to come to us.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God,
Whose only Son has opened for us
A new and living way into your presence:
Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
To worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

Amen

Prayer from the Church of England

STAY IN TOUCH

Jonathan Bates – Coldred
Glynis Farthing – Guston and Whitfield
Jenny Groombridge – Ministry Team
Jane Hartridge – Shepherdswell
Jenny Hunt – Barfrestone
Peter Mackie – Eythorne and Elvington

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any of the Forum members above.

Bible Readings for 13th and 20th September

13th September 2026, Trinity 15 (Proper 19)

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Romans 14:1-12

¹⁴ Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not

judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

"'As surely as I live,' says the Lord,
'every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.'"

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

20th September 2026, Trinity 16 (Proper 20)

Jonah 3:10-end of Chapter 4

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

⁴ But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴ But the LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant^[a] and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰ But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

Philippians 1:21-end

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius^[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷ "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

