

 ~ JUNE 2026 ~			
Sunday 7th June Trinity 1	10.30 am	Barney	Communion (PMc)
	6.30 pm	Hindringham	Choral Evensong (RS)
Sunday 14th June Trinity 2	9.45 am	Hindringham	Matins (AS)
	11.15 am	Little Snoring	Communion (RMc)
Sunday 21st June Trinity 3	8.30 am	Barney	Communion (RS)
	9.45 am	Great Snoring	Communion (RS)
	11 am	Kettlestone	Prayer Book Communion (RS)
Sunday 28th June Trinity 4	10.30 am	Thursford	Communion (RMc)
	11.15 am	Little Snoring	Communion (DH)
	6.30 pm	Hindringham	Choral Evensong (AS)
Fridays	9 am	Barney	Short Morning Prayer

 ~ JULY 2026 ~			
Sunday 5th July Trinity 5	10.30 am	Great Snoring	Communion (DH)
Sunday 12th July Trinity 6	9.45 am	Hindringham	Matins (AS) (See footnote*)
Sunday 19th July Trinity 7	8.30 am	Barney	Communion (RS)
	9.45 am	Great Snoring	Communion (RS)
	11 am	Kettlestone	Communion (RS)
Sunday 26th July Trinity 8	8.30 am	Thursford	Communion (RS)
	9.45 am	Hindringham	Communion (RS & AS)
	11.15 am	Little Snoring	Communion (RS)
Fridays	9 am	Barney	Short Morning Prayer



Singers accompanied by Alexander Wells

*Retiring collection
for Hindringham tower restoration fund*

All welcome

Everyone is welcome to any service.

RS - Revd Robin Stapleford
RMc – Revd Rhona McEune
AS – Lay Minister Amanda Sands

Guest reverends
DH – Revd David Head, PMc – Revd Patrick McEune

*Communion on offer 12th July in the Upper Wensum benefice –
8.30 am Horningtoft, 9.45 am Colkirk; 10.30 am Whissonsett;
11.15 am Brisley (Prayer Book)

There have been some great moments with us over the Easter period, including Little Snoring school piling into the church there for the first time in many years, a moving choral Good Friday service at Hindringham, pilgrims criss-crossing our parishes *en route* to Walsingham, a sunrise service and breakfast at Thursford, and a church-full on Easter morning at St Martin's, to name a few.

Also, a notable special event, a traditionally timed grand Confirmation Service at Norwich Cathedral. Thirty-something confirmees from across the county and diocese, including four from our own church family in the Way-Marker; Jolyon from Great Snoring, Tessa and Dom from Little Snoring, and Teresa who lives in Fakenham. I was privileged to be part of it. It was a service with full bells and whistles—adult baptisms first for some candidates, Bishop Graham presiding, choir anthems, a few hundred people present, and at the halfway point of the two-hour extravaganza the organ (humongous, with its almost 6,000 pipes) went berserk and thundered out its notes. That was the point at which, acknowledging the sun having set for the last time during Lent and anticipating the dawn of Easter, the bishop shouted at the top of his voice, 'Hallelujah, Christ is risen!' and the tone changed from reflective to celebratory.

Personally, I was raised a Christian, but I was not confirmed until my late 20s. I had put it off as no one had really explained the point of it. I had been asked the question by my parents when I was a teen, whether I wanted to be confirmed but they couldn't tell me why I needed to. I already knew I was a Christian, and I knew that God knew that I was a Christian, so why a special service? But later the penny dropped when I read a very simple comment: That word confirmation means confirming what was said for you as a baby when you were too young to speak for yourself. The godparents and parents say for the baby or infant, *I will follow Christ*. Confirmation is the chance for the infant, now grown up, to say with their own voice, publicly, *yes, I agree—I do wish to follow the Way of Christ*. And a moving moment comes when the bishop lays his or her hands on the head of the candidate and prays for them to be filled with God's Holy Spirit, as Jesus promised would happen. And we all need the Spirit for strength, guidance, reassurance and the sense of God's presence with us through it all.

Revd Robin

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Confirmations