

The year is going very quickly and Summer is here. We are thinking of holidays, school holidays and a break from routine. Most of us take for granted the idea of going on holiday, visiting new places and experiencing different things, museums, art galleries, historic sites and beautiful countryside either in the UK or further afield.

Where does the word Holiday come from? It comes HOLY DAY and we have these in our calendar, Christmas and Easter, a mixture of religion and family time. In some senses the idea of holiday, away from home links with HOLY DAY because we are able to look at different things, think about life and experiences and use the time for relaxing and seeing a variety of extra happenings and feelings. Holidays mean excitement, travel maybe an aeroplane for the first time, a ferry or a cruise ship.

Also having a holiday means a break in the usual routine, work, shopping, school runs and all the daily chores that need to be undertaken. So even if you decide to have a 'holiday at home' it is a good idea to think of different things to do, places to visit because in the daily routine there is no time to look at local sites, for example, a trip to Norwich to the Castle, or one of the National Trust sites in the county, or even opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside in which we live.

The holiday time is also an opportunity for families to be together, visiting relations in other parts of the country whom we do not see very often, perhaps some of the wider family members.

Looking close to home there is a pilgrim trail in the Way-marker benefice, with a pilgrim stamp for your 'passport' just like the international pilgrim route of Santiago a Compostela, the place where the apostle James is buried and there is a cathedral and a shrine dedicated to him.

In our area we can walk, cycle our local route stop at the churches to pray, admire the architecture and the peace of each place, in both the Upper Wensum and Way-marker groups, reflect upon God's creation and be thankful for all the good He does in our world.

Rev. Rhona McEune

~ Way-Marker Benefice ~

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August - September 2026
Way-Marker



Welcome
to the
Holy-Days!

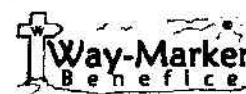


~ AUGUST 2026 ~

Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9	10.30 am	Barney	Communion (RMc)
	6.30 pm	Hindringham	Choral Evensong (RS)
Sunday 9th August Trinity 10	9.45 am	Hindringham	Matins (AS)
	11.15 am	Little Snoring	Communion (RMc)
Sunday 16th August Trinity 11	8.30 am	Barney	Communion (RS)
	9.45 am	Great Snoring	Communion (RS)
	11 am	Kettlestone	Prayer Book Communion (RS)
Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12	9.45 am	Hindringham	Communion (RS & AS)
	11.15 am	Little Snoring	Communion (RS)
Sunday 30th August Trinity 13	11 am	Kettlestone	Communion (RMc)
	4 pm	Thursford	Folk Service* (RS)
Fridays	9 am	Barney	Informal Morning Prayer

*Thursford 30th informal, guitar-led
On the theme of PEACE in the World.

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



~ SEPTEMBER 2026 ~

Sunday 6th Sept Trinity 14	10.30 am	Great Snoring	Communion (RMc)
Sunday 13th Sept Trinity 15	9.45 am	Hindringham	Matins (AS)
	10.30 am	Thursford	Communion (RMc)
	11 am	Kettlestone	Harvest Celebration*
Sunday 20th Sept Trinity 16	9.45 am	Barney	Communion (RMc)
	11 am	Kettlestone	Communion (RMc)
Sunday 27th Sept Trinity 17	9.45 am	Hindringham	Communion (RMc / AS)
	11.15 am	Little Snoring	Communion (RMc)
Fridays	9 am	Barney	Informal Morning Prayer

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER THURSFORD
HARVEST SERVICE 6pm HARVEST BRING AND SHARE SUPPER 7PM
Kettlestone Church

~ Grown & Made & Sold ~

Crafts, Art & Produce Festival
Friday 11th Sept 7 pm preview evening with Church Choir
Saturday 12th Sept 9 am – 4 pm
*Sunday 13th Sept 11 am Harvest Celebration Service (lay led)
Festival continues noon – 4 pm
All welcome!

Saturday 12th September
Churches Annual Sponsored Bike Ride Day