

Churchwardens' Chat

A very warm welcome to the Abbey today. The Abbey Choir is on holiday during August.

Tonight at 5pm: Evening Prayer with hymns: 388, 372, 331

Readings: Psalm 116, Exodus 4: 27 to 5:1, Hebrews 13: 16–21.

The Abbey will be closed to visitors on the morning of Tuesday 27 August.

The body of Mary Hudson (RIP) will be lying at rest in the church. The Abbey will re-open at 11:30am for Mary's funeral at 12 noon.

Saturday 31 August Abbey Cleaning Day from 9am til 1pm. Please can you spare some time to come and help spruce up your Abbey? Bring a vacuum and other tools and cloths if you are able to. Or just drop in to dust a corner – there are a lot of those and many hands would really help! Thank you.

Sunday 1 September at 3pm: Concert by Norwich-Brielle Voices – 'Music from Renaissance to Baroque – its twists and turns' directed by David Dunnett. All donations to the Abbey. Refreshments afterwards.

At Morning and Evening Prayers this week we will continue to pray for Father Andrew, the Wardens and the PCC as we prepare for a new phase of ministry in the life of our parish. Do join us if you can, or set aside time to pray at home that God will continue to bless and lead us in the time ahead.

Fr Christopher's last service will be on **Sunday 8 September** at 10.30am. There will be no Evening Prayer on that day. See green slip for information.

The Collation, Induction and Installation of Fr Andrew Hammond will be on **Thursday 12 September** at 7pm.

Churchyard: if you are able to offer occasional help looking after the churchyard Hilary Hunter would love to hear from you.

Please note that **Daily Bible Reading notes** will be available from the table in the refectory from next Sunday, 1st September.

Wymondham survey: Alex Perry, a member of the Public Realm Committee, invites anyone who lives, works, shops or visits the town to complete the survey regarding use of funds for town improvements. [Wymondham Town Centre \(Public Realm\) Improvements Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com)

Pastoral visits: If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Christopher know: canon@wymondhamabbey.org.uk
Tel: 01953 605671 (office) Mobile: 07543 593903 (direct).

Wymondham Abbey ❖ 25 August 2024 ❖ Sung Eucharist

TRINITY THIRTEEN

The hymns, readings and prayers for the day:

<i>Hymn</i>	<i>NHWS</i>	<i>338</i>	<i>To God be the glory!</i>	
<i>Gloria</i>			<i>Glory in the highest</i>	<i>Camberwell</i>
<i>Hymn</i>	<i>NHWS</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>One more step along the world I go</i>	
<i>Hymn</i>	<i>NHWS</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>I cannot tell</i>	
<i>Setting</i>			<i>Mass of St Thomas</i>	
<i>Hymn</i>	<i>NHWS</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>Soul of my Saviour</i>	<i>Anima Christi</i>
<i>Hymn</i>	<i>NHWS</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>Jesus is Lord!</i>	

The Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The first reading: *Joshua 24: 1–2a & 14–18*

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

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Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.

He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

Gospel reading: John 2: 1–11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we pray especially for:

The family and friends of Mary Hudson whose funeral is on Tuesday Maria and Jamie who are to be married here on Friday.

The sick: Pauline Culyer, Marion O'Connor, Julia Parker, Roy Pulsford, James, Zorina Bell

Recently deceased: Mary Hudson

All who have lost loved ones

Years Mind: Rosemary Bloomfield, Bernard Stutely

This week at Wymondham Abbey

Mon 26 Aug	10am	No Morning Prayer
Bank Holiday	3.45pm	Private Evening Prayer for Mary Hudson's family
Tue 27 Aug	10am	No MP – Abbey closed until 11:30am
	12pm	Funeral of Mary Hudson
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Wed 28 Aug	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	Crochet and Conversation
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Thu 29 Aug	10am	Morning Prayer
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Fri 30 Aug	10am	Morning Prayer
	12pm	Service of thanksgiving for Adam Vanweed RIP
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
	4pm	Wedding: Maria Louise Mills and Jamie Hayes
Sat 31 Aug	From 9am	Abbey Cleaning Day
Sun 1 Sept	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	3pm	Concert: Norwich-Brielle Voices
	5pm	Evening Prayer with hymns

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