

Sun 27th	Pray for John taking the services at Stratton St Michael and Aslacton; Rev Martin Smith at Bunwell; Bishop David at Stratton St Mary
Mon 28th	Thank God for the pictures we have received of the Kimbilio teenage mothers receiving their training. Pray that they will be able to complete it and lead lives which will prevent their children ending up on the street.
Tues 29th	Pray for our bishops Graham and Jane and especially for Rev Ian Bishop as he prepares to be consecrated Bishop of Thetford next month.
Wed 30th	Pray for Violet Ellie Wright on the third anniversary of her baptism at Stratton St Mary
Thurs 31st	Pray for Rev ?????????? The new rector of Long Stratton



This Month's Theme Julian of Norwich

This year is the 650th anniversary of the “Revelations of Divine love” by Julian of Norwich. What has that got to do with us? It’s a good opportunity to remind ourselves of the unimaginable love that God has for us and everything he has made. He revealed this to a young Norfolk woman in the time of the black death and the peasants’ revolt. Even the tower of Norwich cathedral had blown down!

We need that message as we struggle to pray for peace in Ukraine, Sudan and Yemen; for those suffering from the changing climate; for refugees in desperate need of compassion; for local people struggling with the cost of living; for our crumbling churches and our many failures to share our faith. Still, Julian reminds us, God loves us.

The August prayer calendar is full of baptism anniversaries. At every baptism service the congregation promises to pray for and encourage those being baptised. The only way we can be sure to do this, particularly for those we don’t know or who have moved away, is to include their names in the prayer calendar and pray in faith. Pray for Bozena who sends cards for each baptism anniversary.

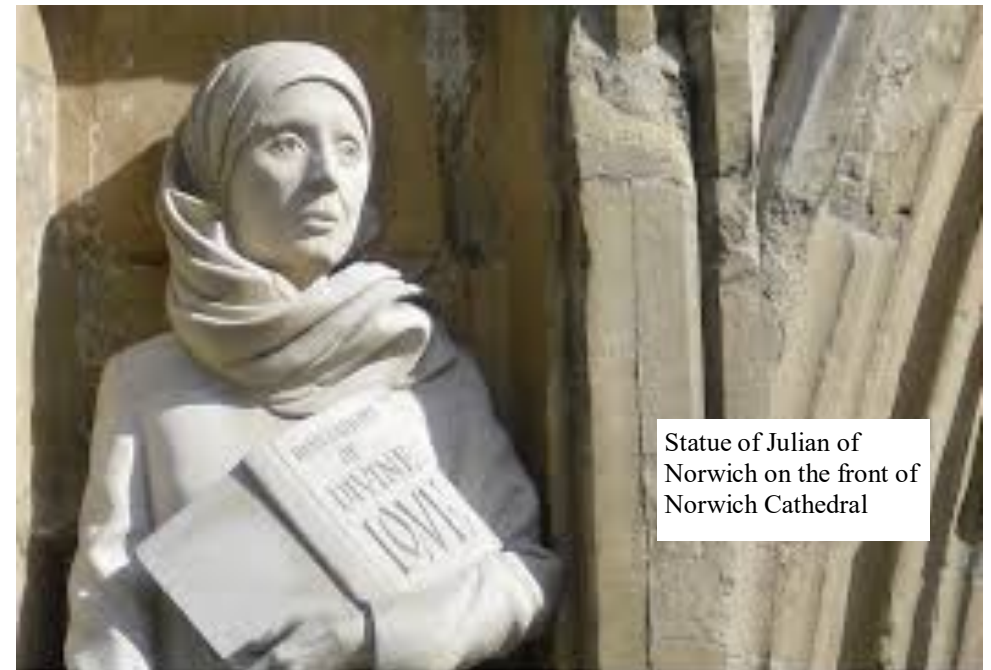
This month should see a step forward in the process of finding a new rector for Long Stratton. Keep praying! Thank God for the ministry team and pray for them and the church wardens always.

Items for the September prayer calendar need to reach louisewri@yahoo.co.uk by August 21st. Thank you to John, Elisabeth and Steve for information for this month.
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PARISHES OF LONG STRATTON AND WACTON

PRAYER CALENDAR August 2023

650th anniversary of Julian of Norwich




Statue of Julian of Norwich on the front of Norwich Cathedral

We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him.
1 John 4: 16

Tues 1st	Pray for Leo and Brandon Rayner on the anniversary of their baptisms at Stratton St Mary. Thank God for their help in tidying the churchyard.
Wed 2nd	Thank God for the United service at Bunwell last Sunday. Pray for the future of our benefices.
Thurs 3rd	When we pray for people on the electoral roll we include their families whose names can be included if requested. Today we add <i>Connor Eadle</i>
Fri 4th	Thank God for all who worked so hard to prepare the parish profile. Pray that the post of Rector of Long Stratton will be advertised soon and the right person be moved to apply.
Sat 5th	Pray for Caleb and Nathaniel Slade in the USA on the anniversary of their baptism at All Saints' Wacton. Aslacton church cuppa and chat this morning.

In one of Julian of Norwich's revelations God spoke "these sweet words:
 It is I - the power and the goodness of fatherhood.
 It is I- the wisdom and kindness of motherhood'
 It is I - the Trinity
 It is I -the Unity
 It is I the supreme goodness of every kind of thing
 It is I who make you to love
 It is I - who make you to long
 It is I the fulfilling of all true desires"


Quoted in "Julian woman of Norwich" by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard

Sun 6th 	Pray for Rev Jennifer taking the service at Carleton Rode today; Angie at Wacton and Great Moulton; Elisabeth at Stratton St Mary. Today we give thanks for the life of Pat Hubbard as we dedicate the flower stand and hymn books given in her memory as well as the cross stitch picture of St. Mary's, made and given by Pat.
Mon 7th	Continuing Stratton St Mary electoral roll: <i>Eileen Everitt; June Fisher</i>
Tues 8th	<i>Elizabeth and Graham Flatt</i>
Wed 9th	Zoom prayers continues every Wednesday morning. Thank God for the many answers to prayer.
Thurs 10th	<i>Jill Ford; Cecilia Garwood</i>
Fri 11th	Pray for the Food bank distribution at Stratton St Mary. Pray especially for families during the holidays. Pray for more food to be donated.
Sat 12th	Wacton coffee morning today. Thank God for all who faithfully make cakes, bring raffle prizes and serve drinks

Sun 13th	Pray for John taking services at Aslacton and Bunwell; Elisabeth at both the Long Stratton churches.
Mon 14th	<i>Mark, Martin and Susan French</i>
Tues 15th	Pray for Jayden Knights on the anniversary of her baptism at Stratton St Mary two years ago
Wed 16th	<i>Tania Gonzalez Duren; Sylvia Hammond; Freda Hawes</i>
Thurs 17th	<i>Ian and Rosemary Hetherington</i>
Fri 18th	The ministry team meet today. Pray for God's guidance for John, Elisabeth, Angie and Margaret and all who help run the services in the 8 churches.
Sat 19th	Pray for Brady and Grace Long on the anniversary of their baptisms at Stratton St Mary

The collect for Julian of Norwich day.

Triune God, Father and Mother of us all who showed to Julian of Norwich revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love, move our hearts like hers to seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all. Amen

Sun 20th	Pray for Margaret taking the services at Carleton Rode and Bunwell; Rev Bob Baker at Great Moulton; John at Wacton and Tibenham. Pray for safe travel between the churches.
Mon 21st	<i>Freda Hawes; Annie Kennett</i>
Tues 22nd	Both Let's Chat and the Tuesday house group continue throughout the summer holidays. Pray for both.
Wed 23rd	<i>Keith Harbrow; Garth Harrison.</i>
Thurs 24th	Pray for King Charles III and all in authority particularly for those trying to bring peace. Pray for honest and compassionate government.
Fri 25th	<i>Shirley Housden; Christine Kemp</i>
Sat 26th 	No Messy Church today but please pray for the plans for a restart next month incorporating the agreed changes. Thank God for the hospitality of the Madinda family inviting us to the Garden Party at Carleton Rode today. Pray for good fellowship.