



Buckrose Carrs Benefice Newsletter August 2026

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Thorpe Bassett, Rillington, Scampston, Wintringham, East & West Knapton,
East & West Heslerton, Yedingham & Sherburn.

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Rector's Reflection: Feeding Jesus' people, as his friend (John 21.17).

I write this first Rector's Reflection just before my installation service, but after the chaos of moving house. And at times, I'll be honest, I have asked myself, "what on earth am I doing?!" It comes from a place of frustration at the upheaval and uncertainty, rather than a reluctance to respond to the call to serve you, the people of Buckrose Carrs Benefice. But I imagine at times we all may feel like that, "what on earth am I doing?!", whether that be because you've had to enter a cold building to put the heating on for the congregation, or because you're baking yet another cake, or listen to your neighbour tell you that the church is dead anyway, so why bother.

Just as Jesus asked Peter, so Jesus asks us all, very simply: are we his friend, do we love him. Like Peter, we may not always feel equal to what Jesus asks of us, we may be reluctant to say yes in a way that commits us to his service. Yet, Jesus still has a use for us and a plan for us, even in our doubts and hesitations. How reassuring that we don't need it to be all sewn up but how great the bonus of being able to say emphatically that we do love Jesus and that love alone feeds his people. How wonderful a gift. So I have affirmed my love for Jesus. I am his friend, and I commit myself to feeding his people; people whom I am already beginning to love. And in return I ask that you remember I am human too, I don't have all the answers, and I don't have everything sewn up, but I hope in time you will love me too and feed me in return so that, together as friends of Jesus, we may feed one another, feed those around us, and discover that Christ himself has been feeding us all along.

Here are the details of services and events happening in the Benefice of Buckrose Carrs this coming month:

2 nd August	9 th After Trinity	9.00am St Andrew's Rillington 11.00am St John's Yedingham	Common Worship Communion BCP Communion	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Matthew 14: 13 -21
5 th August	Quiet Space in the Garden	4:30 -5:30pm 31 Low Moorgate Rillington	A quiet reflective time in Jo's garden in Rillington	
9 th August	10 th After Trinity	10.15am All Saints' Thorpe Bassett	BCP Communion	Psalm 85: 8-13 Matthew 14: 22-33
16 th August	11 th After Trinity	10.15am All Saints West Heslerton	Common Worship Communion	Psalm 67 Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28
23 rd August	12 th After Trinity	10.15am St. Hilda's Sherburn	Common Worship Communion	Psalm 138 Matthew 16: 13- 20

30 th August	13 th After Trinity	10.15am St Martins Scampston	BCP Communion	Psalm 26: 1-8 Matt 16: 21- end
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Prayer

We have lots of new opportunities to pray as a Benefice. Monday morning prayer walks with Revd Kate will be starting at a different church each week. Please contact Kate to find out the schedule. She will also be holding Tuesday-Thursday Morning prayer at 8.45am, for the month of August this will be at St Andrew's but we are looking to expand this. Judy and Lizzie will continue to meet at 7.30am for prayer on Friday's at St Andrews. Our monthly Benefice prayer group will still be on the 2nd Wed of the month at 5.30pm, hosted by Jo White on Zoom.

Blister Pack recycling

We now have a box in All Saint's Thorpe Bassett and St Andrew's Rillington to collect medicine blister packs, so they can be sent away for specialist recycling. Please make sure these are completely empty of all medication..

Walking Church

This month we will be meeting at St Andrew's, Rillington, Friday 14th August at **6.30pm**. This change of time is due to the heat in the hot summer month. Join us for a short time of worship, a gentle countryside walk of usually around 2 miles, and time to share coffee and cake after. Please wear suitable footwear and raincoat/sunhat/sun cream as reflects the weather.

Benefice email address and Facebook page

For those who use social media we now have a Benefice wide Facebook page, just search for 'Benefice of Buckrose Carrs'. If you have anything you would like advertising online please contact rev.katemitchell@gmail.com or beneficeofbuckrosecarrs@yahoo.com

Also happening in our Benefice.....

Rillington Community Café. The Community Café takes place each Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 11.00 in Rillington Village Hall.

West Heslerton Coffee Morning. Held on the first Monday of every month, this month 3rd from 10 to 11.30 am at the Village Hall

Little Fishes. Please note there is no Little Fishes during the school holidays.

Rillington Free Fridge. Every Thursday 10:30-11.45 at Rillington Church rooms. Part of the Community Fridge Network to help reduce food waste.

Coming up in September

MacMillan Coffee Morning on the 28th, 8.30 am at West Heslerton village hall.

September 20th harvest service with the Venerable John Dey, followed by a lunch (details TBC) at West Hes.

A message from Rex North

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