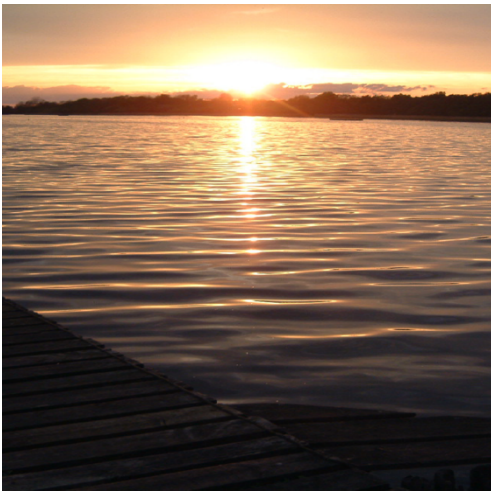


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Parish Profile



Team Vicar-designate
House for Duty



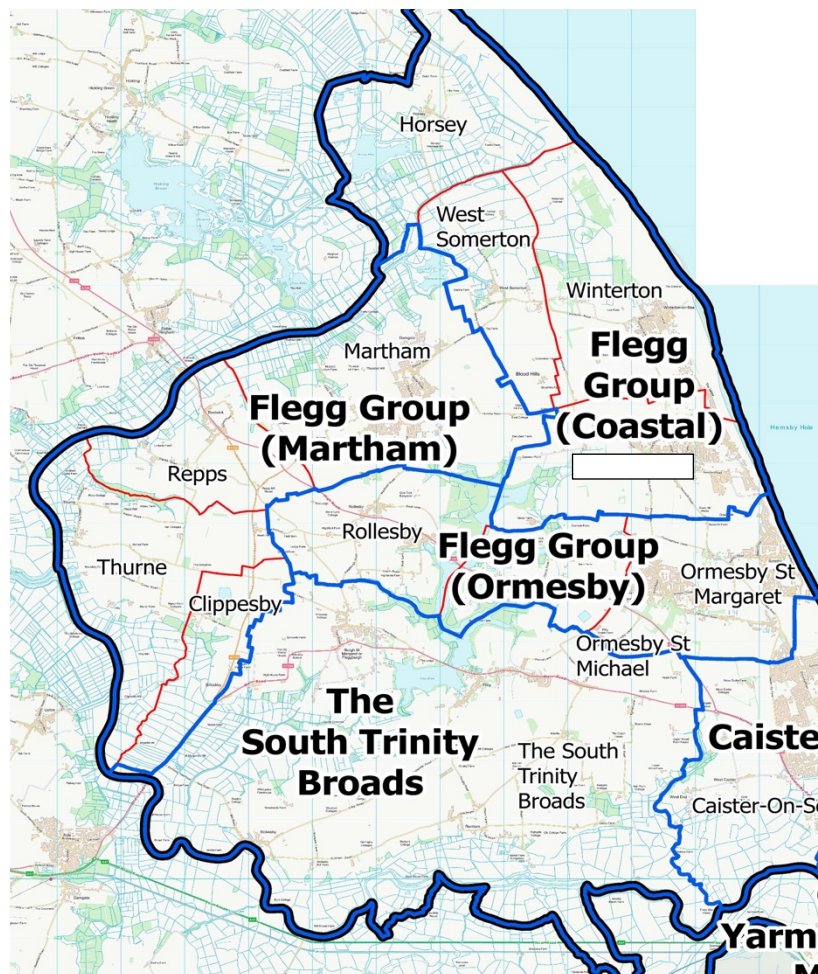
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‘Village Churches: One Church’

Thank you for taking the time to read this Parish Profile. We pray that the Holy Spirit guides you as you read through the profile to help you discern whether the Lord is calling you to this beautiful part of the world, the faithful here, and to share the transforming love of Jesus.

Who are we?

The Flegg Parish Churches Team Ministry is going to be a newly formed Team Ministry within the deanery of Great Yarmouth. The Team Ministry will be formed by the coming together of four benefices in the historic Flegg area of Norfolk bridging the coast and the broads - Flegg Group (Martham), Flegg Group (Ormesby), Flegg Group (Coastal), and South Trinity Broads.



What's the Future?

We are in the process of forming a new Team Ministry (one Benefice) across the historic area of Flegg in Norfolk, which is home to 17 parishes at present. The Team Ministry will be divided into three districts - Flegg North, Flegg East, and Flegg West - each being led by the focal ministry of an ordained minister. The team will consist of a full-time Team Rector, full-time Team Vicar, and this post.

It follows that we need someone committed to a collaborative style of working, enjoying giving strong leadership as well as trusting in the gifts of the lay and ordained leadership. Our new Team Vicar will want to embrace the many opportunities, rewards, and challenges rural parishes present and have a calling to build and grow God's kingdom among our communities. Across this newly formed Benefice, the church is a large part of people's lives in their villages, whether they attend church regularly or not. Our new Team Vicar will seek to make the time to become involved in the wider community, to grow God's church as well as cherish its traditions, and to deepen our engagement within our villages, schools, and wider community.

As part of the consultation process around the creation of the Team Ministry, we are in discussions with PCCs regarding its future governance structure. This will not be fully fixed until the Team Ministry legally comes into force following the usual pastoral re-organisation process and the new Team Vicar will have input into these discussions.

We are also in discussions with the parishes about the appointment of a Team-wide Administrator which will release some of the time usually taken up in admin back into ministry or self-care.

Like many churches, the global Covid-19 pandemic has been a disrupter in terms of mission and ministry, congregation size, and finances; now is the time to refocus on how the Lord is calling us to minister here and moving forward in hope and joy.

Our Vision for the Flegg Parish Churches Team Ministry

- We will deepen people's discipleship of Jesus
- We will enable people to come to faith in Jesus
- We will build the ministry of the whole people of God
- We as churches will be at the heart of our communities
- Our churches will be viable and sustainable

What's the Post?

We are praying for someone called to minister as Team Vicar - designate (House for Duty) in the team who will be ultimately responsible for the **Flegg West** district. The churches in this district will be –

St. Peter and St. Paul, Runham
St. Andrew's, Stokesby with Herringby
St. Margaret's, Fleggburgh
All Saints, Billockby
St. Edmund's, Thurne
St. Peter's, Cilppesby

In the intervening period, whilst the Team Ministry is being legally formed, the Team Vicar will be legally appointed to the current South Trinity Broads benefice, which is one parish. Not all the churches in the South Trinity Broads will be included in Flegg West; two will be in Flegg East and these are currently under the responsibility of a neighbouring priest and who will be the Team Vicar of Flegg East. Two of the parishes the Flegg West Team Vicar, Clippesby and Thurne, are not within the current South Trinity Broads benefice. It is anticipated that we will work towards the new reality of the Team Ministry rather than wait for the legal formation to catch up.

A new service pattern for the whole Team Ministry has been developed and begins at Epiphany 2023. Services will either be at 9am or 11am with c.l service per Sunday within the West Flegg district with the opportunity to support additional services in the wider Flegg Parish Churches team, with the pattern of services being worked out between the clergy in the team. Being part of a team also allows the other clergy to support in terms of occasional services and events, so that this post being a House for Duty post will not mean that the churches in Flegg West will not have a priest available at times of the week.

All the churches generally enjoy a similar churchmanship which centres around the Eucharist and are traditional in style, and Clippesby enjoys a regular service of Evensong which is led by either the priest or from the team of laity. As you can see from the vision, building up the ministry of the whole people of God is an important part of the role of clergy in this team, and will be key for each community having local focal ministers and being able to have more services than is possible if the churches relied solely on the ministry of its clergy.

In addition to the pattern of regular services, the team of ministers both ordained and lay will be seeking new ways of bringing Christ to people who do not yet belong to a church community.

Our Vision for our New Team Vicar

We seek our new Team Vicar to be someone who:

- centres their life on Christ and is a person of prayer
- is a team player and wants to be a part of a team, not only of clergy in this team of churches, but also with all parts of Christ's body.
- is an approachable person with humour, energy, compassion, vision, and commitment to help us carry our churches forward
- is well organised and an excellent communicator
- is fed spiritually by working with a church school, families, and children.
- loves people of all ages and will encourage and pastorally support them
- enjoys spending time with people in the communities
- will bring the word of God alive in preaching and teaching
- will get involved in the life and events of the local communities
- desires to grow a team of lay leaders and local focal ministers
- longs for people to grow in their discipleship of Jesus and will explore ways to engage people in the church in order for them to have the opportunity to get to know Him

In return, we will provide a supportive, collaborative, and prayerful environment for our new Team Vicar to carry out and thrive in their ministry. There is a real genuine sense of care for clergy wellbeing from these parishes for their clergy in this area; and as a team of ordained and lay colleagues we support and encourage each other, recognising that we all share in the one ministry that is Christ's. Clergy expenses will be paid centrally by the team, and a central finance team is being created to ensure the smooth running of financial matters and ongoing resourcing for the future.

We are blessed by a strong team who support the mission and ministry of the Flegg Parish Churches, which includes licenced clergy, retired clergy with PTO, Licensed Local Ministers, and Authorised Worship Assistants, and this team is growing. For example, we have only just commissioned four Authorised Worship Assistants within the team, and there are two more people currently exploring this calling. We believe that there are even more whom God is calling to minister, and that an important aspect of clergy is to release and encourage people to respond to God's prompting. We also fully support and engage in our diocese's vision, that we should be transformed by Christ: Prayerfully, Pastorally and Prophetically, and lead others to also being transformed by Him.

A word from the Team Rector-designate and Assistant Rural Dean



Thank you for discerning this far whether God is calling you to this beautiful part of the country. We are at a very exciting time in the life of the churches in what used to be the Isle of Flegg. We hope to benefit from being one church without losing the gift that church communities and their buildings bring in the villages here. The Team Vicar will be joining us at a time when we are forming a team ministry, although sisters and brothers in Christ have enjoyed good relationships from across these churches for some time.

The district that the Team Vicar will be the principal pastor of is a delightful area of the Norfolk Broads and is a popular area for tourists, yet the villages manage to maintain their community lives throughout the year. Although we are developing three districts within the team where people can identify their 'Vicar', we envisage that there will be a degree of fluidity between the districts. For example, the Open the Book team consists of people from the three different districts, and Revd Jo and I plan to take at least one service every year in every church in the team where possible. How much we minister across the district boundaries will depend upon which aspects of your and our ministry you and we mostly bear fruit in.

This post will come with its challenges; many of the churches have a small congregation. In some cases this is because the church serves a small community, but there are opportunities for growth. The Team Vicar will be based in Fleggburgh which has a small Church of England school. It is envisaged that the person who God calls to minister here will desire to look for God's leading to make the most of the opportunities that are here. Furthermore, we hope for a colleague who will meet and pray with us, and will form a team with us. I will be praying for you as you continue to discern, and please feel free to contact me should you wish to explore this post further.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven".

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A word from the Team Vicar-designate, Flegg East



Hello! I'm Jo Wood and I'm the Team Vicar-designate for Flegg East. I'm really looking forward to welcoming a new colleague into the team, getting to know you, and working together. I've been in post since September 2021 as Priest-in-Charge of the Flegg Group (Ormesby) benefice as well as ministering in Filby and Mautby. In that time I have come to love the people, the area, and the rhythms of life of here. The faithful here have a real heart and desire to see their churches grow numerically, their discipleship deepen, to share the good news of Jesus in their communities, and for their church buildings to be viable for future generations. It's an exciting time here! I'm praying for you as you discern where the Lord is calling you.

God bless,

The Churches of Flegg West and their communities

St. Peter and St. Paul, Runham

Church Lane, Runham, NR29 3EL

www.stbb.co/index.php/our-churches/runham



The church dates back to 1300 was almost derelict until it was restored some 30 years ago, largely by the enthusiasm of a group of villagers who wanted to save their church, with the help of English Heritage and the Norfolk Churches Trust. It has no fixed pews and so is a great space for all kinds of activities.

Runham village has a thriving bowls club and a village hall which hosts lots of community activities and can be hired out for a minimal fees. Villagers can hire the hall for a nominal amount at any time. A singing group meets there once a week and holds concerts at the church throughout the year.

The Electoral Roll currently stands at 10.



We are always looking for opportunities to invite our community to come into church, with events such as harvest, musical concerts, and carols around the village. As a church community we also got involved in the recent village-wide celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

St. Andrew's, Stokesby with Herringby

Runham Road, Stokesby, NR29 3ET

www.stbb.co/index.php/our-churches/stokesby



St Andrew's church, which dates from the 13th century, is in the pretty village of Stokesby and sits high up overlooking the village. The River Bure winds along past the edge of the village green and the Ferry Inn, the local pub, which is a pleasant spot to sit, watch the boats go by and have a drink. There is also a small shop at the Ferry Inn for the village



Stokesby has a population of around 300; Herringby is a small hamlet of only six dwellings. The Electoral Roll of the parish currently stands at 11.

In the last year St. Andrew's has faced some significant challenges concerning the church building – the building was temporarily closed by the Archdeacon Order due to safety works needing to take place on the West side of the building. The closure notice has since been removed and the church is now open, however there is much work to be done to ensure its longevity. During Autumnal storms in 2021 a large tree in the churchyard destroyed one of the church's commemorative windows and damaged nearby headstones. Tree felling and remedial work has since taken place and the area is safe for worshippers and visitors.

During the time of the church's temporary closure they held Remembrance Sunday and Christingle services outside on the village green. As a church community we also got involved in the recent village-wide celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee,

St. Margaret's, Fleggburgh

Main Road, Fleggburgh, NR29 3AG

www.stbb.co/index.php/our-churches/fleggburgh



St Margaret's, Fleggburgh is situated on the A1064 between Acle and Caister, and dates back to 11th century. The Electoral Roll is currently 13.

In recent times St. Margaret's has held a Jam Jar Flower festival and photograph exhibition to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee along with planting a tree as part of the Queen's Canopy and held an Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Morning on Holy Saturday. The Gorleston Community Choir recent held a concert in the local village hall in support of St. Margaret's.

Fleggburgh village traditionally is a farming community meaning that the larger working sector has to travel to Norwich, Great Yarmouth or further afield to secure employment. Fleggburgh is also known locally as Burgh St Margaret.

Fleggburgh offers many amenities: it has a thriving, modern Hall offering various activities for young and old; playgroups, keep fit classes, short mat bowls, badminton, craft fayres and much more. The King's Arms Pub is recently refurbished and very popular with the community and passing trade. The Broadland Sports Club provides membership with gymnasium, tennis, indoor swimming pool, squash and badminton. There is also a hairdresser and beauty salon. Broad Farm Caravan Park offers many amenities to visiting holidaymakers with camping and caravans. The nearby village of Filby is home to a general convenience store which helps to service the local area.

Fleggburgh Surgery is a small but busy medical practice with a GP, nursing staff and dispensary.

Fleggburgh Church of England Primary School

www.fleggburghprimary.org.uk



Fleggburgh Church of England (VC) Primary School is the local primary school in the area and the school serves Fleggburgh, Billockby and Clippesby. They draw children from a wide area, from Filby, Ormesby, Caister and Stokesby. The school currently has 52 pupils enrolled. The school is very keen to form strong relationships with the teachers and children, and we hope to continue and strengthen this relationship. Open the Book assemblies are enjoyed by the children and this, along with services at Harvest, Christmas, and Easter. There is also a local tradition known as 'Penny Loaves' during which loaves of bread are given out to the schoolchildren on Plough Monday.

All Saints, Billockby

Church Lane Billockby, NR29 3BQ



The charming small All Saints' church is a partly restored ruin. Due to its position in a field adjacent to Billockby Farms, worship only takes place from Easter until September. Despite the church being partially ruined following a lightning strike in the 17th century, the worship space is lovingly maintained as is the small churchyard that surrounds it.

St. Edmund's, Thurne

Church Road, Thurne, NR29 3BT

www.marthamchurches.org.uk/parish-churches/st-edmund-thurne



The village of Thurne is in The Broads National Park adjacent to the river of the same name. The population is approximately 100 adults and 25 children.



St. Edmund's church stands on a small hill just out of the village and overlooks the mouth of the River Thurne. It is believed to date from 13th century and is grade II listed with a reed thatched roof. There is a single bell which is 14th century. There is a small opening in the Tower Wall thought to be either a Lepers Squint or a place to put a candle to summon the monks from St. Benet's Abbey across the water, if there was illness in the village. There are several boxed pews and a boxed pulpit.



The focal point is the village staithe with its Mill, and The Lion Inn – an excellent local pub - has a small grocery outlet attached. There has been good relations with the Landlord hosting church suppers and events.

St. Peter's, Clippesby

Church Lane, Clippesby, NR29 3BJ

www.marthamchurches.org.uk/st-peter-clippesby



Clippesby a small village in the Broads National Park in the civil parish of Fleggburgh; it has around forty dwellings ranging in size from two bedroom cottages to modern barn conversions (not including holiday accommodation). The population has been fairly stable for centuries at roughly one hundred souls, although in the summer months this trebles with families staying at the Clippesby Hall Holiday Park.



The church of St. Peter is much-loved and forms the home base for local worship and outreach activities, including ministry to those at the local Holiday Park.



The Rectory



The Rectory is located in Fleggburgh (Main Road, Fleggburgh, NR29 3AG).

It is a spacious, detached home (4 bedrooms) with large, bright and airy rooms.

Set well back off the Main Road, it has a large, detached garage and plenty of parking.

It has a large, private garden, mostly lawn, with assorted fruit and vegetable areas.

Downstairs is an office/study/meeting room for the minister to receive visitors without impacting the rest of the household.

Also, downstairs, is a large lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room and cloakroom.



Our Prayer

**God our Father,
you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus Christ
and called us to be his body in this place.**

**Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change,
to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer,
that we may be true to our calling to bring new life
to our communities.**

**Guide with your heavenly wisdom,
those who are to choose a new priest for this post,
that the one whom we receive,
may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:
ready to serve us with joy,
to build us up in faith,
and to lead us by example in loving obedience
to your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**