

St John's Woodbridge and St Andrew's Bredfield

August 2026

Discovering God and Sharing Jesus

Matthew 14: 13 - 21

3rd Jesus withdrew...to a solitary place

Like Jesus we need to spend time quietly allowing God to speak with us, comfort us, encourage us. Pray for peace in this world, which is full of conflict. Pray for those in or affected by domestic violence. Pray for Charles and Kate. Pray for the Prayer Ministry Team. Pray for the Hub.

4th He had compassion on them and healed their sick

Pray that each member of our benefice will know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Pray that we can be effective in reaching out to young and old with the love of Jesus. Pray for the selection and appointment of a Youth Pastor and other decisions on staffing. Pray for the prayer meetings being held this week and that we will be faithful in prayer

5th You give them something to eat

One way we can communicate the love of God and his saving grace to those in our community is by supporting the food bank. Pray for the Salvation Army and other organisations that give practical help to those in need. Pray for the world, the United Nations and national governments. Pray for wisdom for their leaders especially our Prime Minister. Pray for deliverance for those caught up in human slavery and trafficking. Pray for the organisations tackling these problems.

6th Taking the five loaves and the two fish,,,he gave thanks

In the hands of Jesus whatever we offer can multiply and enrich other lives. Pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet and organisations trying to help them. Pray for prison ministry in its various forms, for Hollesley, those who minister there and that those in prison will turn to the Lord.

7th They all ate and were satisfied

Give thanks for all that God gives to us. Jesus shows us how deep is the love of God and asks us to tell others. Pray that we will be bolder in reaching out. Pray for the Young Adults Summer meeting. Pray that we will persevere in reading and learning from God's word, obeying and seeking his direction for our lives. Pray for the services on Sunday. Pray for the Sizewell holiday and all those taking part.

Weekend: Pray for your family, your neighbours and loved ones

Matthew 14: 22 - 33

Continue to pray for Sizewell all this week

10th] Jesus] went up on a mountainside by himself to pray

Spend some time, on your own if possible, in silence letting God whisper to you. Despite all that is happening in the world we trust that God is in ultimate control. Give thanks that all are welcome to come, receive his grace and forgiveness. Pray for the pastoral care within our churches. Pray for the efforts to combat climate change. Pray for those affected by the wildfires in this country and in Europe. Pray for those caught up in conflict in many countries of the world especially in the Middle East. Pray for the Hub.

11th Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid

Jesus wants to reassure us of his love and his presence. Pray for those who find it difficult to accept God's love. Pray for Christian Aid and its work throughout the world. Pray for our children and young people and their parents in this holiday period. Pray for safety in the sea and rivers. Pray for families struggling to feed their children.

12th Come, he said

Jesus calls us to fully trust in him. Give thanks and pray for those who preach the gospel. Ask our Father to help us listen to the concerns of those around us. Pray for those whose health investigations and treatment have been delayed. Pray for the doctors and staff in our hospitals and medical centres.

13th Lord, save me!

Bring your worries and concerns to the Lord. Pray that we will be open to God's guidance and be prepared to share his good news. Pray for those God has placed on your heart. Pray for our office staff and volunteers. Pray that we will continue to explore and use our spiritual gifts. Pray for Just42. Pray for the Children's Society.

14th Truly you are the Son of God

Put your trust in him. Do you acknowledge his Lordship? Is the Lord prompting you to repent and seek his forgiveness? Is there somebody you know who would like to know more about Jesus? Could you invite them to Alpha in September? Pray for the healing of relationships and hurts, some of these due to historic or current racial or domestic abuse. Pray for the emergency services.

Pray for the services on Sunday.

Weekend: Pray for your family, your neighbours and loved ones

Matthew 15: 21 - 28

17th Lord, Son of David...

Although she was not of Jewish heritage, the Canaanite woman recognised Jesus for who he is. Pray for those who are being stirred spiritually. Can we come alongside them in their quest? Pray that we will be a church that welcomes all. Pray for those caught up in conflict throughout the world. Pray for the efforts to secure peace. Pray for the work of The Children's Society. Pray for the Hub. Pray for our government and that decisions made will be for the benefit of all.

18th Have mercy on me

Pray that the world will come to recognise Jesus as the word of God. Pray that Jesus will be welcomed in our homes and those of our family and friends. Pray for all of our ministry to families and children. Pray for our Mission Partners – David and Manuela, John and Gillian and their families. Pray for healing of any broken relationships. Pray for Just 42. Pray for the appointment of a Youth Pastor.

19th Lord help me

Although we may suffer, we do have a hope for the future. Give thanks that Jesus opened our eyes to see God as the loving Father that he is. Pray that we will listen and obey our Lord. Pray that we will value and support one another. Pray for the hungry and homeless and those who seek to help them. Pray for those affected by war, earthquakes, forest fires, floods and other catastrophic events.

20th Woman, you have great faith

Quietly sit and let the Holy Spirit come and minister to you. Pray for those who are fearful for the future. Pray for those struggling with pain and disability. Pray also for those struggling mentally or financially that they will be able to access appropriate help especially for debt counselling. Pray for young people seeking employment. Pray for the Bible Society.

21st Your request is granted

Sit for a while and let Jesus fill your thoughts. Let him fill you with joy in his presence and the desire to share that joy with those around us. Pray for the members of the other churches and chapels in this area. Pray for yourself and the people of our benefice that we can step out in faith, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Young Adults Summer get together. Pray for the services on Sunday.

Weekend: Pray for the protection of your family and friends

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

24th Who do people say the Son of Man is?

There is confusion around us about Jesus, whether he was just a teacher, or a prophet, miracle worker. Pray that we can tell people about who Jesus really is. Pray for anyone you know who is sick in body, mind or spirit. Pray for those who live or work in residential or care homes in this area. Pray for those receiving end of life care. Pray for Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk District Council, for their work and that decisions made will be to the benefit of all. Pray for the CPAS. Pray for the Hub.

25th What about you. Who do you say I am?

Re-affirm your faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Pray that we can share the love of Jesus with those around us, at home and in Woodbridge. Pray for growth of the ministry in our benefice to children and young people. Pray for the NHS, social care and our medical centres. Pray for Open Doors.

26th You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church

The church is built on people. We are the building blocks of the church in this generation. Worship our Lord and Saviour. Where is he asking us to go to, to share his word and his love? Pray for the Wednesday congregation. Pray for action to be taken to reduce the impact of climate change. Pray for Ukraine and those from the Ukraine who are living locally.

27th The gates of Hades will not overcome [the church]

Give thanks that Jesus has the victory. Give thanks that Jesus gave us new life and his Spirit to live in us, Ask God to show you how you can share his love. Pray for the food banks and the Salvation Army. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being killed or persecuted for their faith. Pray for Tear Fund.

28th I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven

Pray that you and your loved ones will see God's glory. Pray that we will become an eco-friendly benefice. Pray that our love for one another will flow into the community. Pray for the ministry of healing and for sensitivity towards those struggling with long term ailments. Pray for our farmers and the difficulties they are facing especially through drought, for those involved in agriculture and those involved in food production.

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