

St John's Woodbridge and St Andrew's Bredfield

May 2026

Discovering God and Sharing the Love of Jesus

John 14: 1 - 14

4th Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me

Give thanks that we can bring our troubles to a God who listens. Bring him your concerns, now. Pray for Charles and Kate. Pray for peace negotiations for Ukraine and the Middle East and other areas of conflict. Pray for humanitarian aid to reach the people of Gaza. Pray for those in or affected by domestic violence. Pray for the Prayer Ministry Team. Pray for the Hub and for the Repair Cafe.

5th I am the way, the truth and the life

Pray that each member of our benefice will be 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 young people preparing for and sitting exams. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. Pray for the selection and appointment of a Youth Pastor, an operations manager and other decisions on staffing. Pray for the prayer meetings being held this week and that we will be faithful in prayer.

6th I am in the Father and the Father is in me

How can we communicate the love of God to those in our community? Pray for the world, the United Nations and national governments. Pray for wisdom for their leaders. Pray for deliverance for those caught up in human slavery and trafficking. Pray for the organisations tackling these problems.

7th Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing

Pray that we will be more open to what Jesus wants to do in us and through us. Pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet and organisations trying to help them. Pray for the Bereavement Journey. Pray for prison ministry in its various forms, for Hollesley, those who minister there and that those in prison will turn to the Lord.

8th You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it.

Pray for the strengthening of your faith. 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 that we will persevere in reading and learning from God's word, obeying and seeking his direction for our lives. Pray for Friday Night Youth and the leaders. Pray for the men's breakfast. Pray for the services on Sunday morning and evening.

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

John 14: 15 – 21

11th If you love me, you will obey what I command

We must demonstrate our love for Jesus by our obedience. 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 our churchwardens and the PCCs at St Johns and St Andrews, Bredfield. Pray for the efforts to combat climate change. Pray for those affected by conflict in many countries of the world. Pray for the Hub.

12th I will ask the Father and he will give you...the Spirit of truth

Pray that we will be open to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Pray for those who find it difficult to accept God's love. Pray for Christian Aid and its work throughout the world. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. Pray for our children and young people. Pray for families struggling to feed their children. Pray for our Life Groups.

13th Because I live, you also will live

Give thanks that Jesus gave his life for us on the cross and was gloriously resurrected, paving the way for our life with him in eternity. 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.

14th I am in my Father and you are in me and I am in you.

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.

15th He who loves me will be loved by my Father

Put your trust in him. Is the Lord prompting you to repent and seek his forgiveness? 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 architects advising us on how to develop the church buildings. Pray for the services on Sunday.

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

John 17: 1 - 11

18th "This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God..."

Ask God to show you how you can tell your neighbours and friends about him and his love. 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.

19th "I gave them the words you gave 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 our Mission Partners – David and Manuela, John and Gillian and their families. Pray for all our ministry to families and children. Pray for healing of any broken relationships. Pray for Just 42. Pray for the appointment of a Youth Pastor.

20th "They knew with certainty that I came from you"

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.

21st "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name"

Jesus is concerned about each of us, his followers. 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 Family Extravaganza. Pray for the Bible Society.

22nd "...that they may be one as we are one"

Sit for awhile 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 services on Sunday morning and evening.

Weekend: Pray for the protection of your family and friends

John 20: 19 - 23

25th Jesus came and stood among them and said "peace be with you"

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.

26th As the Father has sent me, I am sending you"

Let God show you how his word can guide you in your life and towards the life to come. Pray that we can share the love of Jesus with those around us, at home and in Woodbridge. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. 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.

27th "...I am sending you"

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. Pray for Alpha.

28th "Receive the Holy Spirit"

Give thanks that Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit, to guide us in all truth and enable us to spread God's word. 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.

29th "Receive the Holy Spirit"

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, those involved in agriculture and those involved in food production. Pray for the Sunday services.

All Bible Quotations are from the New international version (NIV)