

Pickleball Court & Equipment available at Tunstall Community Hall

Looking for somewhere to play Pickleball?

Tunstall residents can hire the hall for a small regular weekly group booking, including use of the Pickleball court and equipment.

Pickleball court and equipment included for use in fees.

Suitable for a small private club, group of friends or family.

£25 hall hire for regular Tunstall group hire.

One-off hire rates apply as published on the website.

Please take a look at the Tunstall Community Hall website to check live hall availability and view the current one-off hire fees if you cannot commit to a regular weekly booking.

<https://tunstallparish.gov.uk/amenities/community-centre/>

Information:

Soft-soled indoor sports shoes are required.

Under-18s must have an adult in the hall with them at all times.

To book the hall for your regular weekly group hire, please email Carol at: tunstall.communityhall@gmail.com

Come along, have fun and enjoy a game of Pickleball with your friends!

Plants for sale

Sweet Williams

£2 each

Call at 2 CountryLife Cottage, Orford Road.

Diary dates

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday 22 October at Tunstall Community Hall.

The Mobile Library

Tunstall Green:
Wednesday 16 September
10.25–10.50
Tunstall Common:
Friday 18 September
15:50-16:05

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Please send or give all material to the editor: Tiffany Pollock 688 816, tiffpollock@hotmail.co.uk by **15 September 2026**



East Suffolk Disability Information Day

We are back for another year!

Join us for the East Suffolk Disability Information Day event to learn more about what services are locally available to you with our Information Stalls.

The event will start with guest speakers, and is open for all to attend, network with others and get support.

Free refreshments will be available.

 Tuesday 6th October

 9:30am to 12:30pm

 Felixstowe Trades and Labour Club

182 High Road West, IP11 9BB





Supported by



A Michaelmas Dinner & Dance

To celebrate harvest in our rural community and in support of Tunstall village and YANA (charity for mental health in young farmers)

Join us for A Michaelmas Dinner & Dance with raffle and auction.

Friday 2nd October at 7pm in Tunstall Community Hall

Please email: lesleycrewell@tunstallparish.gov.uk to reserve individual tickets or a whole table (10 people)
Ticket price: £25.00

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Tunstall Parish Council

Tunstall Questionnaire The Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Tunstall questionnaire, results can be viewed by visiting <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rZkukxcJ-9WRisgtExHudCBB4ziMbk8oRcGUssFbbZ4/edit?usp=sharing>

If you require a hard copy of the results, please contact the clerk by telephone: 01728 688816 or email clerk@tunstallparish.gov.uk

Tunstall and Wildfire Risk

With the fire on Dunwich Heath very much to the forefront of minds it is only natural that people have expressed concerns about the heath and forest within our own community. The parish council have been working on updating our emergency plan which is now available on our website. The subject of wildfire was also discussed at August's parish council meeting.

For those of you who frequent the Common you will have noticed new fire precaution signs which were erected recently.



We are very vigilant and aware of the risk of wildfire and deter overnight camping and fires.

The Parish Council recommend that:

1. Personal safety must always come first
2. Call 999 if you suspect a fire
3. Take advice from the emergency services
4. Contact the village emergency coordinator or deputy - numbers are on the emergency plan

As a community we need to be vigilant in order to protect this most precious of assets.

Tunstall Grapevine

Let us know your email address and we will keep you informed of the latest news.

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Demise of local landmark – Mill Lane post box

A much loved and valued village feature has gone.

A very large articulated lorry, attempting to reverse out of Mill Lane, took a short cut across the garden of Pillar Box Cottage taking the box with it.

Could this be SatNav at its best?

The Parish Council have contacted the Royal Mail and will provide an update as soon as they have any further information.





Harvest: Who do I thank?

Harvest can be such a great time of year around Suffolk, where we see hard-working local farmers gathering in the good things from the surrounding fields. But after the harvest is safely gathered in, who does the farmer thank?

Thinking of a farmer that I know: he thanks all sorts of people, but above all he thanks God. He thanks the God who made this world. And he thanks the God who sustains this world. As we read of in the Bible: “The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.” Psalms 67:6 NIV

It’s amazing really: across the centuries, across the world, God has provided food to feed billions of people, over and over again: harvest, after harvest, after harvest.

If you would like to give thanks to God this year, we’re having our harvest service 10.30am Sunday 27th September at Rendlesham Primary School. All are welcome.

Alternatively, there’s the option to join in our livestream on YouTube: Grace Church Rendlesham. For more information do check out our website: www.gracerendlesham.org Or email me at stevetitterton@Gracerendlesham.org

Join our Sunday morning services via our website, or come along to Rendlesham School, 10:30 am every Sunday.

STEVE TITTERTON
Assistant Pastor
Grace Church Rendlesham
www.gracerendlesham.org

Activities

Coffee Cake and Chat

For all, including toddlers
Every Wednesday during school term time at Tunstall Chapel
9:30am -11:30 am

Friday Club

For primary school children.
Every Friday during school term time at Tunstall Chapel
6:30pm-7:30pm

Youth Group

Secondary school young people.
Every Friday during school term time at Tunstall Chapel
7:45pm-9:00pm

Weekly Morning Service

We meet every Sunday at 10.30am in Rendlesham Primary School.

Repairing the river walls

Over recent months, the Alde & Ore Community Partnership, Alde & Ore Estuary Trust and East Suffolk Water Management Board have been working with the Environment Agency to find a way to progress works to repair and strengthen the river walls across the entire estuary. They have developed a programme which is achievable within current cost and planning constraints, and which will see work started in early 2027.

The programme is being funded jointly by the East Suffolk Water Management Board, the Alde & Ore Estuary Trust, and the Environment Agency, with additional fundraising to secure future activity. Currently, the East Suffolk Water Management Board are conducting an extensive survey of the state of all the river walls using all possible data from a wide range of sources and on-the-ground investigation. This work, which is almost complete, will inform the programme so that areas of greatest weakness are prioritised.

Public meetings later in the autumn will provide opportunities for all those affected to question and understand the detailed proposals. Dates will be announced nearer the time.

The Alde and Ore Community Partnership includes representatives from all the communities at risk from overtopping or breach. We welcome additional volunteers who might be interested in helping to progress this important project.

Details of the ongoing project can be found at www.aoetrust.org/progress-for-the-alde-and-ore-estuary

The Vicar’s Voice

As I write this, I can’t believe I am looking into September already, as the proverbial expression goes...”where is this year going and seemingly so quickly?”

The summer has been a different and difficult one for many, it has been hotter than we have experienced for a long time. Whilst enjoying a prolonged summer, it has meant that hose pipe bans have become the norm, making sure there is water for the birds and wildlife taking priority over the roses and hydrangeas, leading to many gardens looking pretty sad, and of course, farmers worried about their crops and animals.

We have also seen the devastation of wild fires not just here in Suffolk, but throughout Europe and beyond, with people losing their homes and possessions, and the local landscape and wildlife changing for many years to come, including our own Dunwich Heath and Minsmere. Our admiration and thanks have to go to all those who have worked tirelessly to bring these fires under control, and those who have opened their homes in hospitality.

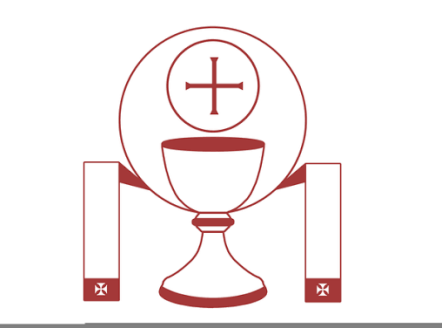
For many, the summer has meant school holidays and weddings. Time for leisure and celebrations.



One of the joyous things about this summer for me and the wider Wilford Peninsula Benefice, is being blessed by the Holy Spirit moving in this place, as two people, Andrea and Gillian have both been Confirmed by Bishop Joanne, (see photo opposite of Gillian’s moment of confirmation) and 3 people exploring their vocation, 2 currently working with the

Director of Ordinands having offered themselves for ordained ministry.

We also celebrate that Charlotte Gooch, who, after much testing and discernment by various selection panels, has been accepted for Ordination Training, beginning this September. We congratulate her and wish her well throughout the next stage of training, and we look forward to her Ordination in St Edmunds Cathedral.



It is so exciting and a rich blessing, having so many people from one Benefice responding to God’s call on their life and saying “Here I am Lord....I have heard you calling, and I am ready to say Yes”.

September is often seen as a time of new beginnings, moving forward with a refreshed and renewed outlook. I wish all those starting new schools and new vocations much love with a myriad of prayers and blessings.

We have a lot to look forward to, and a busy few months ahead, we will be entering our rounds of Harvest Thanksgiving services, Remembrance and then....well, we know what the count down will be for then don’t we..... I wonder how early the shops will begin playing Michael Bublé this year?

With love and blessings
Rev Mandy xx

Tunstall singers are back in the building.

After a packed first gig in Pat’s garden and a nice summer rest, the singers will be reconvening again from Wednesday 16th September, 7pm in St Michael’s church.

We’ll be learning ‘California Dreamin’” for the Harvest Festival in October and then turning our attention to the Christmas Eve service. We’d love to see new singers. No experience necessary and not that much commitment since we don’t run all year round.



Please bring £2 a week - only if you can - to cover a donation for the church funds, heating when needed and refreshments for the end of each block.

For more information, please contact Sarah: sarahvashti@hotmail.com or 07900 657780.